

**ASSISTANT TO THE  
PRESIDENT / BISHOP**

March 21, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for your service to the people of God you are called to serve or the ministry you are currently involved in! This letter of invitation is being shared with all our District pastors because each of us, no matter which ministry we serve in or stage of life we are at, have some form of connection with the youth of the District. This letter is an invitation for these youth to be involved in the wider church. It is an opportunity to see and experience God's people working together for the strengthening of mission and ministry.

Our English District 2025 Convention is meeting at Concordia University, Ann Arbor, MI from June 26-28, 2025. This is a wonderful opportunity to select, encourage and support a high school youth to attend and serve as one of our District youth delegates.



Living our Baptized Life in Christ

## English District Convention

Thursday, June 26, 2025, to Saturday, June 28, 2025

Concordia University, Ann Arbor, MI

All high school aged youth (ages 14-18) are invited to apply to attend as youth delegates along with our voting delegates, advisory delegates, and guests.

Quickly, I want to confirm that travel, lodging, and meals are all covered for each youth delegate, so we hope cost will not be an issue.

What will the youth experience this year? Good question! Our youth delegates will explore what it means to be a disciple in 2025 by diving deep into the theme "Living Your Baptized Life in Christ." The program will include a strong servant component, an overview of the convention, engaging breakout sessions, late-night camaraderie, and a youth group celebration before we conclude our time together.

Why are we writing to you? For the simple reason that your personal encouragement of the youth will inspire them to think outside the box and hopefully open them to explore a different aspect of

church life which is vital for sustaining a cherished tradition that enriches the lives of young Christians.

What will the youth take away from the experience? It is our prayer that post-convention youth will understand discipleship can be a beautiful collaboration between baptized believers, the Holy Spirit, and God's word, guiding us toward transformative action on our life journey.

Our leaders are DCE Emily Leising from Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Medina, Ohio, and DCE Rod Lane from Redeemer Lutheran Church in Lincoln, Nebraska. Mr. Lane considers it a privilege to answer your questions. He can be contacted by email at [dcero@redeemerlincoln.org](mailto:dcero@redeemerlincoln.org) or 402-499-0807. He is looking forward to speaking with you.

**The attached form, when sent in, will provide us with the information needed to send the youth the convention registration link for housing, food, and travel.**

Sincerely yours in the name of Jesus,

*Rev. Derek Mathers*

Assistant to the Bishop/Mission Executive

# English District 58th Convention

Youth Delegate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State/Province Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Return by Tuesday, April 22, 2025**