



Youth + Family Ministry

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YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS AT THE 2015 DE-MD SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The Church is one of the few places in our society where people from across the generations are welcome and valued as part of the wider fellowship of God's people, and our Synod Assembly should be no different. So **thank you** for your church's commitment to encourage the youth and young adult community to be a part of the leadership representing your church in Ocean City this year!

This sheet will answer some of the frequently asked questions about the participation of the younger generation at Synod Assembly. If questions remain, please contact Ed Kay using the above contact info.

What will the youth & young adults actually do during Synod Assembly? They will be full Synod Assembly participants with voice and vote on all issues and resolutions presented at the Assembly. While there will be additional gathering opportunities for them on the Thursday & Friday evening (see below), they are expected to sit with and participate fully with the rest of the voting members from your church.

How will youth & young adults be housed during the Assembly? They are welcome to stay with the voting members from your church and still fully participate in the Assembly and evening gathering opportunities. For those churches who need or would like to have their youth & young adults stay with their peers, this opportunity is available as well. There is a block of rooms available at the Comfort Inn Gold Coast on 112th Street, but space is limited. Participants will be housed in single or double rooms, with Synod-provided adult advisors in adjacent rooms for any overnight emergency needs. Each participant will have their own bed.

To make a reservation, please do not contact the hotel directly - please be in touch with Ed Kay (contact info above). The room rate is \$74.00 total for a double room or \$148.00 total for a single room, all-inclusive of taxes and fees for both Thursday and Friday nights. Additional nights before and after the Assembly are available for an additional cost. When you reserve your space, please specify the number of nights you will need. Payments can be made by check only, made out to "The DE-MD Synod" with "Youth/Young Adult Housing" and the participant's name in the memo line, mailed to the Synod office to the attention of Ed Kay (or brought directly to Synod Assembly). Payments cannot be made by credit card at this time.

Additional information will be sent directly to youth & young adult participants and their congregation's rostered leaders about the final details for check-in as the Assembly approaches.

What additional gathering opportunities are available? Youth & young adults are invited (but not required) to come and debrief the day with their peers in a time of prayer, conversation, and fellowship. Currently, this opportunity is going to be centered at the Comfort Inn Gold Coast on 112th Street, which is where the block of housing is reserved for those who are using it. We will be happy to create groups at the other Assembly hotels if there is the critical mass - please contact Ed Kay if you are staying at one of the other hotels and would like us to look into creating a group at your hotel.

The groups will meet on Thursday night after the main business and worship of the day have concluded. More details will be in the registration packets when you arrive and at the front desk of your hotel. These groups will be facilitated by Synod adult leaders also attending the Assembly.

How else will these Youth & Young Adults be supported? By you! This is an excellent opportunity for rostered and lay leaders of your church to be able to mentor these younger people about an important time in the life of the Church, and they will need your help! We oftentimes forget that Roberts Rules of Order and budget hearings are not something that we learn through osmosis, but by someone walking alongside to mentor and assist in better understanding the business of the Church. This is one more way they will be encouraged as a full participant in the Assembly and as a leader in the Church!

All new voting members should also plan to attend the voting member orientation at the beginning of the Assembly on Thursday afternoon.

Certainly help is also available from Ed Kay and the Synod staff should the need arise - please do not hesitate to ask!