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53rd ANNUAL NORTHEASTERN YOUTH CONFERENCE

Theme: YOUNG, GIFTED, & BLESSED



Dear Minister and Congregation:

Excitement is in the air; anticipation is in the hearts of many young people as they await the return of the **53rd Annual Northeastern Youth Conference**. Due to the pandemic over the past 3 years, we have been locked down, shut down, masked up, and required social distancing. We have experienced a lot over the years, from the loss of loved ones to the change in how we live. We feel it's time to get back to a level on normality. Through the grace of God "Were Back"! The Northeastern Youth Conference is back and better than ever! On **April 14-16, 2023**, we are expecting young people to come from various places across the northeast such as Boston, Washington DC., Philadelphia, Buffalo, Rochester, Connecticut, Baltimore and the New Jersey-New York area. The NEYC has been a premier event for the young people for over 50 years and we would like you to be a part of this outstanding event. The theme for this year is: **Young, Gifted, & Blessed 1 Timothy 4:12**. Please contact your liaison for any questions.

This is going to be our greatest conference ever. At the request of our young people, we have made some changes to the conference to improve their experiences. Please note all the events, workshops, and activities for weekend in the detailed schedule below.

Friday APRIL 14th

(Friday events will be at Weequahic High School 279 Chancellor Ave Newark NJ 07112)

- **BASKETBALL GAMES & CHEERLEADING COMPETITION:**

This event will start at 6:30pm. The gym will be open at 6:00pm and the first game will start at 6:30pm (EST).

Times and schedule will be as follows:

Game 1	6:30pm	followed by 1st cheerleaders
Game 2	7:25pm	followed by 2nd cheerleaders
Game 3	8:10pm	followed by 3rd cheerleaders
Playoff Game	8:55pm	followed by 4th cheerleaders
Championship Game	9:30pm	



We will be provided basketball / cheerleading rules and time slots well in advance for preparation. A separate letter will be sent to selected team coaches with all necessary information and requirements.

SATURDAY APRIL 15th

(Saturday events will be at the Newark Church of Christ 894 S.14 St. Newark NJ 07108)

- **YOUTH SPEECH SESSION: -----10:00am**

Each congregation is encouraged to have one speaker representing your young people on the topics listed below. A congregation may have two speakers if you have a male and a female who are interested in participating in this event. This year we will select Mr. & Miss Northeastern Youth Conference solely based on speeches. There will be no pageant.

Speeches will be judge on the following criteria:

1. Time (not to be longer than seven minutes)
2. Theology /Information
3. Biblical Passages
4. Application
5. Presentation



YOUTH SPEECH TOPICS:

1. Young, Gifted and Blessed to conquer mental health struggles (Philippians 4:6-7)
2. Young, Gifted and Blessed to be different than the culture. (Philippians 2:15)
3. Young, Gifted and Blessed to overcome the temptation of this world (1 Cor. 10-13)
4. I'm living my blessed life (Psalms 1:1-3)
6. # to blessed to be stressed (Math 6:34)
5. I'm not too Young to know my identity (1 Peter 2:9)
7. Young by his Nature Blessed by his Nurture (Proverbs 22:6)
8. The gift that keeps on giving (1 Peter 4:10)
9. Using my gift to Glorify God (Rom 12:6-8)

- **YOUTH WORKSHOPS: -----12:15pm & 2:45pm**

Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in two youth workshops. They will be able to select two workshop topics from the list of four. Workshop will be related to the conference theme.

- **LUNCH: ----- 1:30pm**

Lunch will be provided to all participants of the youth conference

- **YOUTH PANEL DISCUSSION: ----- 4:00pm**

Youth will participate in a **(youth only)** panel discussion. Several young people will be selected to be part of the panel. Youth in the audience will be able to contribute as well. Topics will be related to our theme.

- **ADULT / COUNSELOR WORKSHOP: -- 4:00pm**

Adults and counselors will participate in a separate workshop during the youth panel discussion. This workshop will be centered around how to reach and connect with the youth in current times.

- **OPEN MIC/ GOSPEL SINGING: -----5:00pm**

An opportunity for individuals or groups to share in gospel singing.

- **BOWLING OUTING: -----7:00pm**

(Bowlero Belleville – 679 Washington Ave Belleville NJ 07109) Youth will have the opportunity to attend a bowling outing. *(This activity includes 2 hours of bowling, shoe rental, food, & drinks.)*

SUNDAY APRIL 16th

(Saturday events will be at the Newark Church of Christ 894 S.14 St. Newark NJ 07108)

- BIBLE SCHOOL SERVICE-----10:00 AM
- WORSHIP SERVICE -----11:00 AM
- LUNCH -----1:00 PM
- SONG FESTIVAL-----3:00 PM



REGISTRATION PROCESS:

This year we are doing online registration ONLY. To register go to www.newarkchurchofchrist.net/youth-conference. There you will be able to register each attendee by completing the required information. You can select the registration package that you prefer and use the various payment options made available.

(REGISTRATION & EVENT COST)

Full Weekend Registration with Activity* -----	\$75
Full Weekend Registration without Activity* -----	\$60
Saturday Only Registration without Activity* -----	\$50
Friday Basketball Game Only -----	\$5
Vendor Tables** -----	\$60

(*Activity referenced is the Bowling Outing)

(**Vendor tables are available for Friday night event only)

Full registration includes the following: basketball games, workshops, sessions, T-Shirt, and lunch Sat. & Sun.)



HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:

Arrangements have been made with the following hotels at a discounted rate during this weekend. Please click on the links below to reserve a room.

- **Courtyard Newark Elizabeth 87 International Blvd Elizabeth NJ 07201**
<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1672529930002&key=GRP&app=resvlink>
\$139.00 Per Night 1 King, Sofa Bed (sleeps 4)
\$159.00 Per Night 2 Queens (sleeps 4)
- **Residence Inn Newark Elizabeth 83 International Blvd Elizabeth NJ 07201**
<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1672530012161&key=GRP&app=resvlink>
\$155.00 Per Night 1 Queen, Sofa Bed (sleeps 4)
\$205.00 Per Night 2 Bedroom Suite (Rm 1) Queen (Rm2) Queen & Sofa Bed (sleeps 6)

DRESS CODE ATTIRE:

Friday and Saturday: Dress Code is Casual

**T-Shirts will be provided to wear on Saturday*

Sunday: Dress Code is Sunday Best/ Modest Apparel



Group leaders and counselors please encourage your group to follow the dress code while attending the Northeastern Youth Conference. All fashions worn should be conservative and professing Godliness in appearance. Throughout the youth conference, participants are discouraged from wearing shorts, sweatpants (*can wear Friday only*), pajamas, no spaghetti /strapless / halter/ or backless tops, miniskirts, crop or off the shoulder tops, ripped jeans, no clothing that is too tight or transparent. No clothing that contains references to drugs, alcohol, or sex; nor should they contain offensive language or images.

DECORUM EXPECTATION OF YOUTH:

Below is the detailed decorum expectation at the Northeastern Youth Conference. Each counselor is expected to share this information with each youth who plans to attend BEFORE coming to the youth conference. **Don't bring young people who will not follow our decorum rules.**

1. All youth will be under the guidance of a counselor.
2. Disorderly conduct, such as pillow fighting, profane language, playing on elevators, running up and down stairs or halls, or talking out of windows will not be tolerated.
3. The use of alcoholic beverages, drugs, smoking, or vulgarity will not be permitted. Violators will be sent home.
4. All youth are to be in the rooms by 12:00 o'clock midnight.
5. All youth are expected to attend all sessions.
6. **Badges should be worn at all times.**
7. All participants are expected to respect authority.
8. Destruction of property is prohibited.
9. No parties after the sessions or at any other time.



EXPECTATION OF COUNSELORS:

1. Thoroughly brief their young people on all of the rules and **regulations before going to the conference.**
2. Assume responsibility for youth during the entire conference, attend all sessions, and see to it that their youth do the same.
3. Set an example for the youth in faithfulness and all other Christian graces in their local congregations and at the conference.
4. No smoking, drinking, drugs or vulgarity.
5. **See that all youth for whom they are responsible are in their assigned rooms before retiring at night.**
6. Be aware of any youth illnesses or allergies and have emergency contact information/ health cards.