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54th ANNUAL NORTHEASTERN YOUTH CONFERENCE

Theme: Faith Over Everything!

Dear Minister and Congregation:

We are delighted to invite you to attend this year's **54th Annual Northeastern Youth Conference** at the Newark Church of Christ **April 12-14, 2024**. After a lapse for 3 years, we relaunched the NEYC in 2023. We had an amazing turnout from New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts congregations. We added some new features and made some adjustments to the structure of the conference. All of these changes were met with overwhelming excitement and enthusiasm. As a result, we have decided to continue in the same format this year. The theme for this year is: **Faith Over Everything! Matthew 17:20**. Based on the responses from last year we are expecting a large attendance this year. The NEYC has been a premier event for young people for over 50 years and we would like you to be a part of this outstanding event. **Please review the following details regarding the format of the conference and how to register. Please contact your assigned conference liaison for any questions.**



Friday APRIL 12th

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

- **BASKETBALL GAMES & CHEERLEADING COMPETITION:**

Times and schedule will be as follows:

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| ➤ 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 | |



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

SATURDAY APRIL 13th

(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 to speak on one of the various topics that will be provided. A congregation may have two speakers if you have a male and a female who are interested in participating in this event. Mr. & Miss Northeastern Youth Conference will be selected solely based on speeches.

***YOUTH SPEECH TOPICS: (To be provided at a later date)**

Speeches will be judge on the following criteria:

- Time (no longer than seven minutes)
- Theology /Information
- Biblical Passages
- Application
- Presentation

- **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. The workshop will be related to the conference theme.

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

Lunch will be provided for 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.

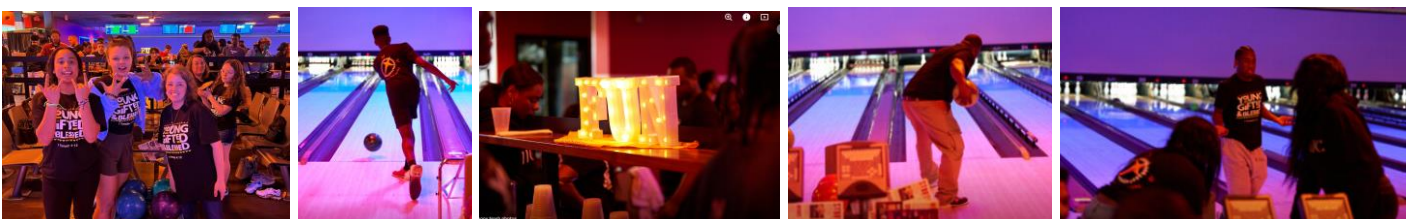
- **ADULT / COUNSELOR WORKSHOP: -- 4:00pm**

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, spoken word, poetry, or other talents.

- **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 14th (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:

Online Registration ONLY. To register go to www.newarkchurchofchrist.net . Click on the Youth Conference TAB. 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)	
Registration with Bowling *	-----\$75
Registration without Bowling*	-----\$55
Friday Basketball Game Only	-----\$5
Vendor Tables**	-----\$60



*(*Bowling Outing includes, Shoe rental, 2 hours of bowling, food, and unlimited beverages)*

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

Registration includes the following: basketball games, workshops, youth sessions, t-shirt, souvenir bag, souvenir program booklet, and lunch Sat. & Sun.)

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 the youth are to be in their 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.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:

Arrangements have been made with the following hotels at a discounted rate during this weekend. Please go to <https://www.newarkchurchofchrist.net/hotel> and click on the preferred hotel below to reserve your room.

- **Embassy Suites by Hilton Newark Airport 95 International Blvd Elizabeth NJ 07201**
\$189.00 Per Night 1 King, Sofa Bed (sleeps 4)
- **Hampton Inn Suites Newark Airport Elizabeth 100 International Blvd Elizabeth NJ 07201**
\$169.00 Per Night 2 Queen, Sofa Bed (sleeps 4)