

NEWARK CHURCH OF CHRIST

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55th ANNUAL NORTHEASTERN YOUTH CONFERENCE

Theme:





Dear Minister and Congregation,

We are delighted to invite you to attend this year's 55th Annual Northeastern Youth Conference at the Newark Church of Christ April 11-13, 2025. We had an amazing turnout of youth spanning from congregation in New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Massachusetts. Our young people were uplifted, encouraged, and left with a stronger faith in dealing with the theme Faith Over Everything! The theme for this year is: "Created with a Purpose" taken from Ephesian 2:10. 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 55 years and we would like you to be a part of this outstanding event. Please review the details below regarding the format of the conference and how to register. Please contact your assigned conference liaison for any questions.

Friday APRIL 11th BASKETBALL GAMES & CHEERLEADING COMPETITON

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

Please let us know if your congregation wants to participate in either of these events. 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.







Times and schedule will be as follows:

▶ Game 1 6:30pm followed by 1st cheerleaders
 ▶ Game 2 7:15pm followed by 2nd cheerleaders
 ▶ (Reunion Game) 8:00pm followed by 3rd cheerleaders

(Old school players vs. New school players)

> Championship 9:00pm followed by 4th cheerleaders

SATURDAY APRIL 12th Youth Conference Activities

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

• YOUTH SPEECH SESSION: ------10:00am - 12:00pm

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. The Mr. & Miss Northeastern Youth Conference will be selected solely based on speeches.







YOUTH SPEECH TOPICS:

- 1. Created with a purpose beyond what social media is telling me. 1 Peter 2:9
- 2. Created with a purpose, yet still trying to figure it out. Jonah 2:1-10
- 3. Living in your purpose even if your friends don't respect it. Matthew 13:55-57
- 4. Aligning our lives with the purpose God has for us. Philippians 3:8-10
- 5. Understanding the purpose of our Identity and accepting it. 1 Corinthians 9:20-22
- 6. Overcoming Challenges to fulfill your purpose. **Genesis 50: 15-21**
- 7. Created to be in this world but not of this world. Romas 12:2
- 8. Living within your purpose in a world filled with distractions. 2 Peter 2:6-11
- 9. Using the gifts God has given us to fulfill our purpose. Math 25:19-22
- 10. Adding to your faith to live out your purpose. 2 Peter 5-9
- 11. The Journey in finding my purpose in Christ. Act 9 3-6

Speeches will be judged on the following criteria:

*Time (no longer than seven minutes)

*Biblical Passages

* Application

*Theology /Information

*Presentation

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

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: ------ 1:00pm 2:00pm
 Lunch will be provided for all participants of the youth conference.
- YOUTH PANEL DISCUSSION: ----- 3:15pm 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: -- 3:15pm - 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 – 6:00pm

An opportunity for individuals or groups to share in gospel singing, spoken word, poetry, or other appropriate talents.

BOWLING OUTING: -----7:00pm-9:00pm

Youth will have the opportunity to attend a bowling outing. (*This activity includes 2 hours of bowling, shoe rental, food, & drinks*) (Bowlero Belleville – 679 Washington Ave Belleville NJ 07109). (Transportation to bowling event should be provided by your counselors or congregation)



SUNDAY APRIL 13th Church Services

(Sunday 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 * -----\$60 Registration without Bowling -----\$40 Friday Basketball Game Only -----\$5 Vendor Tables** -----\$60



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

(*Bowling Outing includes, Shoe rental, 2 hours of bowling, food, and unlimited beverages) (**Vendor tables are available for Friday night event only)

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:



Arrangements have been made with the following hotels at a discounted rate for 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
 \$199.00 Per Night 2 Room Suite 1 King, Sofa Bed (sleeps 4) Group code CESCYC
 Newark Church of Christ Youth Conference Booking Link for Embassy Suites Newark Airport
- Hampton Inn Suites Newark Airport Elizabeth 100 International Blvd Elizabeth NJ 07201
 \$169.00 Per Night 2 Queen, Sofa Bed (sleeps 4) Group code CHH912
 https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/ewrithx-hampton-newark-airport/
- Crown Plaza Hotel Newark Airport 901 Spring St, Elizabeth, NJ 07201
 \$129.00 Per Night 2 Queen Beds (Sleeps 4)
 Newark Church of Christ Youth Conference Group Code YTH

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 profess Godliness in appearance. Throughout the youth conference, participants are discouraged from wearing high 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, 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.

