

Rocky Mountain Synod Middle School Youth Gathering

January 13-15, 2012, Colorado Springs, CO

2012 BANNER IDEAS AND INSTRUCTIONS

One of the traditions for the MSYG is that each congregation is invited to construct a banner which expresses the theme of the 2012 gathering. Youth process into the MSYG assembly space with the banners at the opening and closing of the Gathering and for worship. Congregations are encouraged to take their banners home at the conclusion of the gathering and add them to their own worship space. It is one way to connect the MSYG experience with the congregation.



The theme for 2012 is Drenched in Grace...Poured Out in Love based on Revelation 22:17.

Take time to read this Biblical text and discuss the ideas, thoughts, images that come to you from these words in your Bible.

1. An inexpensive background for your banner is from a flat, twin sheet. Cut the sheet to size (3'x 6') with the following steps:
 - a. Spread the sheet out so it is longer than it is wide.
 - b. Measure from the top to the bottom of the sheet and cut off enough from the bottom so you have a 72" long piece.
 - c. Locate the top of the sheet with the wide 3" or 4" hem. Mark in 1" and cut away the long side seam. This will reveal an opening in that 3" casing.
 - d. Measure 36" across and cut the excess away.
 - e. You now have a banner background with a rod pocket at the top and which is 3' wide and 6' long.

(NOTE: Banner poles and stands are provided at the gathering. You only need to bring your completed banner with you to the gathering.)

2. Choose one idea and create your banner. Remember, the banners will be hung around the ballroom. Pictures or letters should be large enough to be seen from 100 feet or more. Use the grid provided to figure out where your design elements should be placed before you begin decorating the banner background.
3. Before you begin, write the name and city of your congregation on the lower bottom, on the back of the banner background. Use a permanent marker.
4. Place a plastic tablecloth on the table to protect the table from glue, marker or paint bleed through. Put your banner background on top of the plastic tablecloth. The banner has a rod pocket. THIS IS THE TOP OF THE BANNER. You have several ways to decorate your banner: Use the fabric markers or permanent markers.
5. Paint the banner background with fabric paint. Using scrap fabric, cut out the images and glue them to the banner.
6. Bring your banner to MSYG registration with you. SELECT ONE OR TWO PEOPLE FROM YOUR CONGREGATION TO PROCESS IN WITH THE BANNER at the LARGE GROUP Gathering on Friday evening. They will line up with your banner 15 minutes before the start of the gathering.
7. If you choose to make the banner at the gathering, your two people will line up and process with the banner when it is finished, either SATURDAY MORNING, SATURDAY EVENING OR FOR GATHERING WORSHIP. The recessional at the close of the gathering allows an opportunity for the banners to be taken home and back to your congregation. Let it be a reminder of the MSYG event and story.
8. If you have questions please e-mail Kayla at pblavinlutheran@yahoo.com