

Resolution for the Formation of a Rocky Mountain Synod Youth Council

Whereas there is a geographic challenge in the size of the Rocky Mountain Synod and whereas the involvement of young leaders in the Rocky Mountain Synod is vital to the mission and vision of the Rocky Mountain Synod to continue to be better together by living our mission to proclaim and embody God's unconditional love for the world, the five states that encompass the synod need a structured avenue for youth leadership and voice in the Rocky Mountain Synod.

Whereas, youth leadership in the planning of youth events is a critical and currently missing component in the Rocky Mountain Synod.

Therefore be it resolved that Youth Council of the Rocky Mountain Synod be formed: be responsible for synodical youth ministry programming; being formed at the outset of one high school youth and one adult from each of the ten conferences; include the office of the bishop through the assistant to the bishop for faith formation, and; report to the Synod Council as an outstanding committee.

Furthermore be it resolved that the youth council explore models for a youth leadership council, including financial support, to be presented to the Synod Council or the 2019 Assembly, and develop documents of structure and operation to be approved by the synod council, and be made available at the next synod assembly.

Implications of Resolution:

The financial impact of this resolution on the synod would be to the extent that the Rocky Mountain Synod explore models for a youth leadership council. Financial support of the sum of \$1000 has already been requested by Rev. Leslie Welton for preparation of this board for the year between the 2018 and 2019 Synod Assembly. We suggest increasing the fee for registration for the youth gathering by a small amount (about \$15-20) in order to cover costs of programming and flying in the council early. Also let it be known that the council would cost about \$5000 per year to cover one annual meeting and the yearly programming. This would have to be included in the Rocky Mountain Synod budget.

Reverend Leslie Welton, assistant to the bishop for Faith Formation and Candidacy would be assigned the task of implementation and coordination with synod council, conference deans, the Youth Discipleship Team, the RMS Youth Gathering team, and the Faith Formation coordinators for formation, implementation and supervision of the Youth Council.

The formation and implementation of Rocky Mountain Synod Youth Council would enhance the mission of the synod by providing a structure for youth voice, leadership, and accompaniment for youth that would encourage, equip, and support their gifts, passions, talents and voice in the synod. It would provide conferences and congregations with a clear process and avenue for support, resources, and communication for youth leadership and ministry. A RMS Youth Council would embrace our calling to be better together and open doors for leadership amongst the generations of youth to better serve our life together.

Signers:

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