



Lutheran Youth Organization

February 2013

Dear Pastors and Youth Ministers,

In order to become more intentionally diverse, the Lutheran Youth Organization board has added two board positions. Recognizing that the election process can sometimes unintentionally exclude people who have gifts to serve, these two positions are not elected but rather are appointed by the out-going board. The intent of these positions is to bring diversity and a balanced mix of gifts and skills to help further the mission of the LYO board. Special consideration will be given to youth of color and youth who have a physical, mental, or developmental disability. It is the hope of the LYO board that over time, these board appointed positions will help encourage diversity of many kinds in regards to the makeup of the board. After appointment, board appointed members are considered at large members of the board with full speaking and voting privileges. They are eligible to be elected to officer positions.

Students must be:

- Currently in grades 9-11
- Able to attend summer training, 2 weekend meeting/retreats, and leading the Jr. and Sr. High Gathering. Dates for these commitments are printed on the LYO application form.
- Exhibit leadership skills, maturity, and a desire to grow in and share one's faith

Since you know the gifts of the youth in your congregation, we are asking your help in identifying youth that might qualify and also be interested in these positions.

Please send the application on the back of this page to Sarah Hausken as directed on the application.

Thank you for your help in raising servant leaders in our church!

In Christ,

The SW MN Synod LYO board



Board Appointed Positions Southwestern Minnesota Lutheran Youth Organization

The LYO Board is responsible for planning and leading the Jr. and Sr. High Youth Gatherings and representing the voice of youth on a synod level. The LYO is a leadership team that requires leadership skills, a significant investment of time, and a desire to grow in and share one's faith. Board members receive training to grow in their skills and serve in this ministry.

Following are the meeting dates the 2012-2013 LYO board is committed to attending and serving. If you know you will be unable to attend more than one meeting or will not make your participation in the LYO board a priority, please consider letting someone who is able to make the commitment and be present for more meetings have the chance to serve on the LYO Board. Thank you.

LYO Training June 21-23; September 14, 2013; November 21-24, 2013; January 17-18 2014; March 6-8 (tentative), 2014

Name _____ Gender _____ Birth date _____ Grade _____

Mailing Address _____

Email Address _____ Home Phone Number _____

Cell Phone Number _____ Do you text? _____ Parent's Name(s) _____

Home Congregation and Town/Location _____

1. In 30 words or less, please state why you are interested in serving on the LYO Board. (What motivated you to apply? What do you hope to accomplish for youth in the Southwestern Minnesota Synod by serving on the LYO Board?)

2. In 30 words or less, please state some strengths, gifts, abilities or perspectives you would bring to the LYO Board.

3. In 30 words or less, please state any activities have you been involved with at school, church and in your community that may give you experience that would help you serve on the LYO Board.

Please send to:

Sarah Hausken, 1101 W. Chestnut Ave., Olivia, Mn 56277, sarah.hausken@swmnelca.org, 507-430-2273

Sarah will contact you via email or text to let you know she's received your application. If you do not hear from her, please contact her to make sure she received it.