

# AFFIRM REGISTRATION PACKET



WELCOME TO AFFIRM 2010     June 20-25 at Berry College in Rome, GA

AFFIRM 2010 is a six-day 5 night youth event of faith, fellowship, and friends sponsored by the ELCA Southeastern Synod. Grounded in Scripture, this event offers youth the opportunity to develop discipleship and leadership skills. We worship everyday and receive Holy Communion.

AFFIRM 2010 will be held at Berry College in Rome, Georgia. AFFIRM 2010 begins on Sunday, June 20 at 3 pm, and concludes on Friday, June 25 at 12 pm.

The cost includes lodging, all meals from Sunday supper through Friday breakfast, an event T-shirt, and all program costs. This year the cost is **\$350.00**. If you register after May 1, the cost goes up to \$400. After June 1, please contact the register to see if there is space available.

## Things to remember:

- Each unit has a maximum number of participants, and the units will fill quickly - Go to [www.sesyouth.org](http://www.sesyouth.org) and register online now!
- Use the forms attached if you do not have access to a computer..
- ALL registrations MUST be postmarked by June 1, 2010. Please contact the registrar after this date to see if there is space available.

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

(Please read carefully to insure your registration will be processed at the earliest date)

1. Review the Unit descriptions and decide which one you would like to participate in this year. Make a first and second choice (do NOT leave this blank!). You cannot repeat a unit.
2. Fill out the registration form COMPLETELY. Make sure you review all information about the event with your pastor and **have her/him sign your form**.
3. Complete, with your parent(s), the medical treatment form and event community guidelines - **MAKE SURE THEY ARE SIGNED. We can NOT process a registration until ALL FORMS are filled out completely and signed.**
4. Return the form with a **\$200.00** deposit to the address on the registration form, payable to "ELCA Southeastern Synod." You can also pay the deposit online if you register online. **\$50** of this fee is a NON-REFUNDABLE processing fee. **\$150.00** can be refunded if you withdraw your registration **BEFORE May 1, 2010**. After June 1<sup>st</sup>, **NONE** of the deposit is refundable if you cancel.
5. You will receive a letter of confirmation. The confirmation letter, any updated information (change in medical history, insurance, etc.), and the **remaining fee SHOULD BE SENT IN BY MAY 1, 2010 or PRESENTED AT REGISTRATION AT THE EVENT ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON.**
6. **IF YOUR CONGREGATION IS PAYING PART OR ALL OF YOUR REMAINING BALANCE THE CHURCH CHECK MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE REGISTRAR BY MAY 1, 2010**. Please check with your pastor or youth advisor regarding this matter.
7. Check with your church youth advisor for congregational scholarships and/or transportation planning for this event. Some limited scholarship assistance is available from AFFIRM. If you are interested in this assistance please fill out the scholarship form attached or can be downloaded at [www.sesyouth.org](http://www.sesyouth.org) or [www.elca-ses.org](http://www.elca-ses.org)

## **UNIT DESCRIPTIONS 2010**

### **GENESIS - for youth who have completed 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade**

Genesis (a new creation) is a high energy, fun, "feel good" unit, designed to help seventh graders see that they are special and unique children of God who can have fun being Christians. They will be able to see how fellow Christians can work together to share the Good News. They will see themselves as God's work of art, creates to live the Good Life through Jesus Christ and the Church. LIMIT-72 youth

### **MISSIONARIES - for youth who have completed 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> grade**

Missionaries will provide youth the opportunity to explore issues of Christian living as they relate to service and witness. Youth will be invited to see themselves as an integral part of God's family and to see every person as someone whom God loves. We hope youth will grow in their understanding of God's call to be missionaries in their daily lives. Youth will be participating in off-campus service projects in the local Florence community. LIMIT-60 youth

### **JOURNEYS - for youth who have completed 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> grade**

Journeys will provide youth with the opportunity to be led to the intersections where their lives will meet Christ's in a radical new way. The Gospel story will come alive as youth engage in creative communication and small group activities. Youth will leave with a better knowledge of Jesus' journey and what meaning it has for their lives. LIMIT - 36 youth

### **SHEPHERDS – for youth who have completed 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> grades**

Shepherds is an introduction to Christian Leadership. The Shepherd is the one who tends to and cares for the group. This unit will help individuals identify leadership styles and skills, enabling them to develop a greater understanding and confidence in their role as leaders. LIMIT – 48 youth

### **BRIDGES - for youth who have completed 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades**

Bridges will provide an opportunity for high school youth to learn and experience the history and culture of all Americans - their music, spirituality, and struggle - as a gift. Bridges explores how barriers separate cultural groups from one another. Drawing on multi-media--MTV, popular movies, and cutting-edge music--participants will also learn creative ways to "build bridges," seeking to discover that which unites, rather than divides. LIMIT - 24 youth

### **EXODUS - for youth who have completed 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade**

Exodus is "A journey within the boundaries of God's love; a trip through theology and through your own heart and mind to the foundation of who God is and who we are." (Written by a 1991 participant at the end of the week) LIMIT-48 youth

### **WORSHIPTIVITY- for youth who have completed 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade**

Worshiptivity =Worship and Creativity. This unit is designed to help individuals faithfully combine their gifts of music, drama, and art to create the worship experience for the AFFIRM community. Through planning and leading worship during the week, individuals will grow in their own spirituality and gifts. LIMIT - 20 youth

### **REVELATIONS - for youth who have completed 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade**

Revelations is an experiential lab in daily living. We seek to discover revelations and creative insights to help Senior High youth identify the many forces -- both good and bad-- which influence their lives. The primary objective of this unit is to help the participants experience spiritual and emotional growth in a positive and affirming community of grace. LIMIT- 36 youth

### **CRUCIFORMITY – for youth who have completed 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> grade**

Cruciformity is designed to enable individuals to gain insight and understanding that ministry embodies and bears witness to the cross of Christ. It is through this cruciform existence that we will explore our call to mission and our Lutheran identity in Disaster Preparedness and Response. LIMIT – 12 youth

### **YAYMI – Young Adult Youth Ministry Institute who have completed their freshman or sophomore year of college**

YAYMI is a small group experience for young adults who are called to be youth leaders. This unit uses an internship model whereby youth will work with mentors and units at Affirm to develop their skills in small group leadership, peer ministry, leading games, Lutheran perspectives, creative Bible Study and discussion, and much more. Limit-12 young adults

## AFFIRM 2010 REGISTRATION

Cost - \$350.00 if received by May 1 - \$400.00 After May 1  
\$200 deposit due with Registration

**PLEASE NOTE:** To avoid the disappointment of not getting your first choice of the Unit you want to attend, register early and make sure all **3 forms are completely** filled out or they will have to be returned to you for completion and re-submission.

### PARTICIPANTS INFORMATION

PLEASE PRINT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Your email: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade completed by 6/15/10: \_\_\_\_\_

Home congregation: \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmed?

Communed?

Baptized?

Check Units you have attended:

\_\_\_\_ NONE

\_\_\_\_ GENESIS (GR. 6-7)

\_\_\_\_ MISSIONARIES (GR. 8-10)

\_\_\_\_ JOURNEYS (GR. 8-10)

\_\_\_\_ SHEPHERDS (GR. 8-10)

\_\_\_\_ CRUCIFORMITY (GR. 10-11)

\_\_\_\_ BRIDGES (GR. 10-12)

\_\_\_\_ EXODUS (GR. 10-12)

\_\_\_\_ WORSHIPTIVITY (GR. 10-12)

\_\_\_\_ REVELATIONS (GR.11-12)

\_\_\_\_ YAYMI (College Freshmen & Sophomores)

Your selection for this year:

First Choice: \_\_\_\_\_ Second Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt size: (Circle one) S M L XL XXL

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date received: \_\_\_\_\_ Payment Rec'd: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_ Paypal

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Name on check: \_\_\_\_\_ Dep. Slip # \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENTAL OR LEGAL GAURDIAN CONTACT INFORMATION**

Youth's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Legal Guardian name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Legal Guardian email: \_\_\_\_\_

Best phone number to reach you: (*Home, Cell or Work #*)

(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Please list an additional Emergency contact in case we are unable to reach you:

Additional Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**MEDICAL INFORMATION**

**LIST MEDICAL PROBLEMS, MEDICATION, ALLERGIES, DIETARY REQUIRMENTS** (diabetes, asthma, etc.):

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**MEDICATIONS:**

- No Medications Taken at this Time
- Will Self-Administer the following Medications \_\_\_\_\_
- Nurse needs to administer the following Medications \_\_\_\_\_

**LIST ANY EDUCATIONAL OR PHYSICAL DISABILITIES** (learning disability, ADHD, etc.):

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**Parents Registration Check list**

\_\_\_\_ All pages are completed including signatures    \_\_\_\_ Ins. Cards included    \_\_\_\_ Deposit check included  
\_\_\_\_ Paid online and amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable ELCA Southeastern Synod** (Min. Deposit \$200)

**Mail to:**    **Affirm Registrar C/O Sarah Smith**  
                  **2020 Franklin Limestone Court**  
                  **Nashville, TN 37217**

**Questions:**    **Sarah Smith**  
                          **(615) 428-9634**  
                          **affirm2010@gmail.com**

**THESE FORMS MUST HAVE ALL NECESSARY SIGNATURES AND BE MAILED TO REGISTRAR BEFORE YOUR REGISTRATION WILL BE PROCESSED**

**MEDICAL TREATMENT PERMISSION**

We do hereby authorize the adult leaders of AFFIRM 2010 to consent to any x-ray examination, anesthetic, medical or surgical diagnosis or treatment and hospital care to be rendered to our minor child under the general or special supervision and on the advice of any licensed physician or surgeon. We also consent to any x-ray treatment and hospital care to be rendered to our minor child under the general or special supervision and on the advice of any licensed dentist. We assume financial responsibility for such treatment and/or hospitalization. It is my understanding that, time permitting, I will be contacted before any treatment is preformed by a doctor, dentist, or hospital.

Childs name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**INSURANCE INFORMATION**

**PLEASE ATTACH A PHOTOCOPY OF BOTH SIDES OF YOUR MEDICAL INSURANCE CARD**

**NO INSURANCE** – Name & Social Security # of person financially responsible this minor is required.  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_

## AFFIRM COMMUNITY GUIDELINES

As a Christian Community, grounded in Scripture, striving to give and receive affirmation, each member of the community will:

*Assume Full Responsibility for Your Own Behavior by:*

1. Being present for the entire event and participating in ALL activities with unit and AFFIRM community and remaining within the boundaries of the AFFIRM community
2. Being inside your dorm, on your hall, at evening devotion time
3. Wearing an I.D. at all times
4. Not bringing alcoholic beverages, drugs, cigarettes, firearms, fireworks, knives, or other inappropriate items (i.e. skateboards, bikes, roller blades, hair clippers, walkie-talkies, etc.) There is a 100% no-smoking policy for this event!
5. Giving a deposit for your room key and name tag --- this deposit will be refunded when you return your key and meal card
6. Keeping your room locked at all times (AFFIRM cannot be responsible for lost or stolen items)
7. Demonstrating maturity by wearing clothing that is appropriate for the Christ-centered event at all times, including shirts and shoes (NO OPEN TOE SHOES) at all times except when at the pool or in your room
8. Not using pagers, cell phones, and iPods (or other MP3 Players) during unit, small group, or worship only in dorm rooms or during free time only

*Be Respectful TO and OF Others by:*

1. being in your room, music off, quiet, and lights out at midnight (12:15 on Thursday)
2. boys not going onto the girls' dormitory floors and girls not going onto the boys' dormitory floors
3. taking care of property and equipment not belonging to you and reporting any damaged items to the AFFIRM staff immediately (you will be charged for damages you cause)
4. not inviting outside guests or leaving the campus without permission from the AFFIRM Director

*Be Supportive of All AFFIRM Staff, Participants, and Campus Personnel by:*

1. Modeling our Christian beliefs through your behavior
2. Arriving on time
3. Not switching rooms - as a matter of safety
4. Reporting all sickness or injury to unit leaders or the Director
5. Staying for the entire event

*To provide clear boundaries to promote a SUCCESSFUL event, one or more of the following responses will be enacted for violations of the established rules:*

1. Warning to participant - clarification and review of the guidelines (a form will be signed and dated at this meeting)
2. Take fair and appropriate steps to rectify the problem
3. Participant sent home - to be picked up by parent or sent home at parent's expense

**OBSERVING THE AFFIRM GUIDELINES** will help our time together to be more effective and safe, allowing each of us to receive maximum benefit from this event. By signing below, we signify that we have read and understand the AFFIRM GUIDELINES and agree to observe them while attending AFFIRM.

**PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT'S SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below, I signify that the above youth is an active participant in this congregation or its youth ministry and would be an appropriate participant for this event and the unit, which he/she has chosen.

**PASTOR'S SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

**DOES THIS YOUTH HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS WE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT?**

We want to make sure your youth gets put in the best unit and small group that will strengthen their faith and grow as a disciple. You may also email Sarah at [affirm2010@gmail.com](mailto:affirm2010@gmail.com).

## Affirm Scholarship Process

Time Line:

Applications available from January 1 –March 1, 2010

Applications must be postmarked by March 1 to be considered for a scholarship.

Scholarships awarded by March 15, 2010



Please mail application to:

Rachel Alley, ELCA Southeastern Synod, 100 Edgewood Ave NE Suite 1600, Atlanta, GA 30303

Factors that will be considered in granting scholarship (Please address these in your application):

- 1) All applications must be filled out and signed by participant, and signed by parent/guardian, and pastor serving their home parish.
- 2) First priority will be given to those with financial needs, especially those who participation is dependent on receiving a scholarship
- 3) Consideration will also be given to: diversity, extra cost to participant (such as travel to the event), family size, first time participants

### 2010 AFFIRM SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Postmarked by March 1

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home Congregation \_\_\_\_\_ City, State \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

1) Please help us understand your reason for wanting to attend AFFIRM 2010.

2) Please explain the financial needs or other circumstances that support your request for scholarship support:

3) What amount of financial support will you receive from your congregation?

4) What amount are you requesting from AFFIRM 2010?

Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Young Adult Youth Ministry Institute

## INTERN APPLICATION

Postmarked by May 1, 2010

Please complete this application prayerfully and thoroughly.

Please include a letter of reference with your registration fee of \$200. Participants accepted into the Young Adult Youth Ministry Institute will receive a \$150 scholarship for the balance of the registration fee. Please complete a medical form and a covenant form.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Summer Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Congregation and City: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's Endorsement signature: \_\_\_\_\_

What gifts and talents would you bring to the Young Adult Youth Ministry Institute? If you know your spiritual gifts please include them.

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Describe your youth ministry experience.

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What attracted you to the Young Adult Youth Ministry Institute and what do you hope to gain from this experience?

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With what age youth do you prefer to work? Why? (i.e. Middle School/ High School)

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How will you share this experience with others upon your return?

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# **Young Adult Youth Ministry Institute at Affirm**

Participants accepted into the Young Adult Youth Ministry Institute will receive a \$150 scholarship to be applied to their balance.