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Ephesians 2:19-21

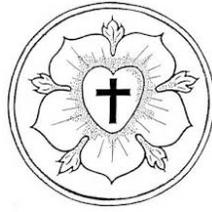
Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.

**ELCA Southeastern Synod
Youth Assembly
March 9-11 2018
LUTHERRANCH
342 McGinnis Rd
Tallapoosa, GA 30176**

SESLYO Assembly Packet for 2018

The Southeastern Synod Lutheran Youth Organization (SESLYO) Assembly is a gathering of youth leaders from all the congregations of the Southeastern Synod. This year our assembly will be at Lutherranch in Tallapoosa GA. Your SESLYO board has planned a full weekend of discussion, workshops, and mission!

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What is the Southeastern Synod Lutheran Youth Organization (SESLYO)?

The vision of SESLYO is to empower youth to serve as leaders, to encourage growth as disciples of Christ, and to provide a voice for youth within the Southeastern Synod. The primary purpose of the annual assembly is to deal with issues confronting youth, to inform youth concerning the work of the Church, and to encourage their participation in ministry as well as train and equip them in a particular topic relevant to their faith.

In 2005, the Synod Assembly passed a resolution, created by the youth, recommending that all congregations send two youth to SESLYO Assembly each year. It is important that youth from all 160 congregations are represented at the SESLYO assembly. The SESLYO assembly gives the youth of our synod a place to lift their voices as leaders in this church and a place where they can learn how to lead in their congregations, their conferences, the Southeastern Synod, and the ELCA.

The Theme:

Ephesians 2:19-21. *“Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.”*

Voting Delegates to the Assembly

Delegates should be active members of their congregation. They can be in **9th-12th grades**. Each congregation should elect 2 voting delegates (unlimited number of youth *visitors* are allowed). The delegates shall attend all the sessions of the assembly, prepare and present a report on the actions of the SESLYO Assembly to their home congregations, and act on any resolutions submitted by youth delegates.

Youth Visitors and Adults at the SESLYO Assembly

The SESLYO Assembly is an open meeting of the church, as are all board meetings and events. This means that youth and adult visitors are welcome to come and observe the SESLYO members in action. Youth visitors may be in **6th-12th grades**. Adult visitors are welcome to observe and participate but will have to bring proof of a background check run by their church. Adult visitor’s costs are the same as the youth delegates and youth visitors, SESLYO board, and SESLYO adult advisors.

How will Registration work in 2018?

- Registration opens on **November 1st 2017** and ends February 10th 2018
- Register online at www.sesyouth.org
- Cost is **\$120** per person. **Make checks out to ELCA Southeastern Synod.**
- This includes two breakfasts, one lunch, and one dinner plus all lodging, and program fees, snacks, and an awesome T-shirt
- Mail your signed paperwork, nomination form, and check in to Kari Pitchko **PRIOR TO** the assembly

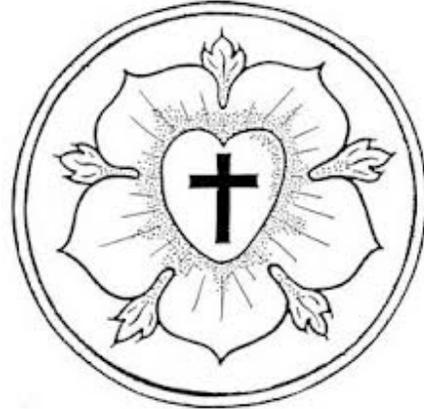
2018 SESLYO Assembly Registration
Kari Pitchko
132 Parkview Drive
Meridianville AL 35759

*If you have registration questions please email, call or text
Kari Pitchko tkpitchko@gmail.com or (256) 698-1868*

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Packing List

- Bible
- Flashlight
- Casual Clothes – appropriate for the weather
- Paint Clothes – that can get dirty
- Work Gloves
- Walking Shoes
- Rain Gear
- Personal Items
- Sleeping Bag and Pillow
- Towel
- Snacks to share with the group
- Hawaiian Shirt



Schedule 2018

Friday, March 9, 2018

- 8:00-9:00 pm: Registration
- 9:00-10:00 pm: Introduction to SESLYO, Ice breakers
- 10:15-10:30 pm: Closing Devotion
- 10:00-10:30: Music and Closing Devotional
- 11:00: Lights Out

Saturday, March 10, 2018

- 8:30-9:00 am: Breakfast
- 9:15-9:30 am: Devotion
- 9:45-10:15 am: Business Session 1
- 10:15-10:45 am: break
- 10:45-12:00 pm: Workshop 1 (Love)
- 12:00-1:00 pm: games
- 1:00-1:45 pm: lunch
- 1:45-2:30 pm: Business Session 2
- 2:30-4:30 pm: Workshop 2 (Work and Service)
- 4:30-4:45 pm: Election Forms Due
- 4:45-6:00pm: Free Time
- 6:00-6:45 pm: Dinner
- 6:45-7:45 pm: Elections
- 7:45-8:15 pm: Workshop 3 (Worship)
- 8:15-9:00 pm: Worship
- 9:00-9:30pm: New Board Meeting
- 9:30-11:00 Luau
- 11:30 pm: Lights Out

Sunday, March 11, 2018

- 8:30-9:00 am: Breakfast – Pack Up and Clean Cabins BEFORE breakfast
- 9:00-10:30 am: Closing Business and Pictures

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Directions to Lutheranch- McKanna-Sandrock Retreat Center



- From Atlanta, proceed WEST on I-20.
- From Birmingham, proceed EAST on I-20.
- Take Exit 5 off of I-20.
- Go north on Georgia Highway 100. Follow Highway 100 to Tallapoosa.
- After you enter Tallapoosa, Georgia Highway 100 turns left at West Alabama Street (this street name is unmarked) just before the railroad tracks.
- Go one short block. Take the first right which is Georgia 100. Cross the railroad tracks. This is Head Avenue (this street name is unmarked).
- Turn left immediately after crossing the railroad tracks. This is Georgia 100, GA 78 and GA 8. Go two blocks to the stoplight.
- Turn right at the Shell station. This is GA 100, which is also Robertson Avenue and Veterans Memorial Highway (again, these street names are unmarked).
- Continue through Tallapoosa. GA 100 for 3.4 miles.
- Look for Lutheranch sign (and Salem Baptist Church sign). Turn left on Salem Baptist Church Road. Go .7 miles to Lutheranch, where there is another sign.
- Turn left. Follow signs to the McKanna-Sandrock Retreat Center.

For assistance, call Rachel Alley (770) 235-7339.

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Interested in Running for a Board Position?

2018 SESLYO Assembly ELECTIONS

Conference 1-9 Representatives – 1 Year Term
Multicultural – 1 Year Term
Definitely Abled – 1 Year Term
Vice Chair – 2 Year Term (2nd Year as Chair)
Secretary – 1 Year Term
Director of Communications – 1 Year Term
Chaplain – 1 Year Term

The SESLYO Board consists of 17 youth, representing the entire youth population of the South Eastern Synod. Board Members are responsible for planning, organizing and hosting the SESLYO Assembly each year, representing SESLYO at local, state, and national church events, and encouraging active participation of youth within the Synod.

Board Member Nominees must be in the **8th – 11th grades** at the time of the election. The term of office is 1 or 2 years from installation at Synod Assembly. Maximum grade for 1 year term would be rising Seniors at time of election and maximum grade 2 year term at time of election would be rising Juniors You can run again for your same board position or a spot on the executive board for up to 4 years. Board members must be *active, baptized* members of a congregation of the Southeastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

What is involved?

- The SESLYO Board meets at least **THREE** times a year.
- Board members are responsible for their transportation to and from board meetings. Members are encouraged to coordinate transportation to ride together or with SESLYO adult advisors.
- A member's place on the synod youth board shall be declared vacant if that person fails to meet the requirements established by the constitution or is absent from three successive meetings of the board without cause.
- **Costs:** We try to stay at homes, churches, or camps with showers where there is little cost for lodging and meals. However, some travel and participation costs will incur if elected to the board.

The first board meeting is already scheduled for **May 31 - June 3rd** at Southeastern Synod Assembly in Chattanooga, TN. The board will meet together as well as volunteer and serve at the Assembly meetings. Cost will be **\$150** per board member to cover hotel and food at the Synod Assembly. Please ask your congregation to help with this cost. Even ask them to consider sending you as their voting delegate from your church. You can do both.

A nomination form is included in this registration packet. It must be filled out and sent in with your other registration documents. If you are running for a position, please discuss with your parents before coming to the assembly.

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SESLYO Board Nomination Form

Must be in 8th-11th grade to run for a board position.

Please CHECK Nominated Position:

- Conference Representatives – 1 Year Term** (*circle your conference*)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

- Secretary – 1 Year Term**

- Director of Communications – 1 Year Term**

- Chaplain – 1 Year Term**

- Multicultural – 1 Year Term**

- Definitely Abled – 1 Year Term**

- Synod Council Representative – 2 Year Term**

- Vice Chair – 2 Year Term** (*2nd Year as Chair*)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Conference # _____ and Conference Name (if known) _____

Email Address: _____

Current Grade: _____ Graduation Year _____

Congregation and Location: _____

In your opinion, what five things qualify the nominee for the board?

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____

*There are **costs** associated with becoming a Board Member. Board Members are responsible for their transportation to and from board meetings, throughout the Synod. If you are running for a position, please discuss with your parents before coming to the assembly.*

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Our Covenant

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A covenant is an agreement between God and God's people in which God makes certain promises and requires certain behavior from them in return. Our Covenant is our promise to each other.

I understand that part of my responsibility of attending this event is to act in a way that adds positively to this Christian community and the church. Participants/Adults who break any of the following guidelines will be asked to leave. Parents, Pastors, and Youth leaders will be notified.

Therefore as a participant in the 2018 SESLYO Assembly I understand and I will:

1. **Participate** fully in all aspects of the life of the 2017 SESLYO Assembly, including large and small group activities, meals, worship, and sleep.
2. **Share** my gifts through active participation.
3. **Not** devalue anyone or call anyone names. I will not curse or use offensive language. I will respect and appreciate the different gifts, cultures, and perspectives encountered at this event.
4. **Maintain** physical and mental well being through adequate diet and rest and to respect "quiet hours."
5. **Not** bring or participate illegally in the use of alcohol, or other non-prescription drugs, smoking or lighters. (prescription drugs must be written on the release form)
6. **Not** bring or possess any form of weapon including knives, firearms, or fireworks.
7. **Not** abuse my own body or strike or hit anyone or anything at any time.
8. **Stay** within designated areas of the above-mentioned event.
9. **Respect and Care** for leaders and other participants as sisters and brothers in Christ.
10. **Not** visit the designated living areas of the opposite sex. I will sleep in my designated bed.
11. If I drive my car, **will park** in the designated area, and turn in my car keys to an adult leader upon arrival to the event. No youth is to drive during the course of the event.
12. **Not** have sexual relations with anyone, youth or adult. Inappropriate displays of affection (flirting, etc.) will not be tolerated.
13. **Dress** appropriately for a Christian event. Participants will be asked to change their clothes if the SESLYO Board deems their attire in appropriate. If you're not sure, don't wear it! Casual is recommended.
14. **Respect** the property of others, including fellow participants, and the camp. I will pick up trash, clean up, and do my best to be a good steward of God's creation.

I agree and have read the above covenant. Should I break this covenant, I agree to accept the consequences determined by the SESLYO Board. If it is determined that my behavior warrants my leaving this event, travel to my home will be at my own expense or that of my parents or guardians.

Participant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

SESLYO Assembly Packet 2018 Adult and Youth Medical Release Form

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Please Print Clearly

Name of Participant _____ Age _____ Date of Birth _____

Parent/Guardian/Emergency Contact Names and Numbers who can be reached in the event of an emergency:

Allergies: _____

Restrictions on diet or exercise: _____

Special needs or problems? If so, please list: _____

Is the participant on regular medication? If so, please list the drugs, dosages, frequency and any instructions:

RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS

In consideration of being accepted by the Southeastern Synod, ELCA for participation in youth ministry events, I (we) do for myself (ourselves) and on behalf of my child/participant do hereby release, forever discharge, and agree

to forever hold harmless the Southeastern Synod, ELCA, the employees, and agents thereof, from any and all liability, claims and demands for personal injury, sickness and death, as well as property damage and expenses of any nature whatsoever which may be incurred by me or my child/participant resulting from said child's participation in the synod- sponsored youth events, including travel, recreation and all associated activities.

Further, I (we) (and on behalf of our child/participant under 18 years of age) hereby assume all risk of said personal injury, sickness, death, damage and expenses as a result of participation as above set forth. I also understand that staff and volunteers are not responsible for the administration of prescribed medication and I (we) have made private arrangements for any medication taken on a daily schedule by my child/participant.

I (we) am (are) the parent(s) or legal guardians(s) of this participant, and hereby grant my (our) permission for him/her to participate fully in said youth events, and give my (our) permission to take said participant to a doctor or hospital, share the above medical information and authorize medical treatment, including, but not limited to emergency surgery or medical treatment, and assume responsibility of all medical bills incurred by my child.

I (we) give permission for my child to receive over the counter medication such as Tylenol, ibuprofen, antidiarrheal medication, antibacterial ointment, throat lozenges, eye wash solution, and the like.

I (we) also release the participant's name as part of an information database for the Southeastern Synod and ELCA related entities, and grant the Southeastern Synod and ELCA unrestricted rights to use, alter, and reproduce any images (still and video) from the event, in any medium without compensation.

Parent's/Guardian's signature: _____ Date: _____

Participant's signature (if over 18): _____ Date: _____

Insurance company: _____ Policy Number: _____

Insurance company phone # _____ Policy Holder Name: _____

Member #: _____ Group #: _____

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Youth Delegate and Visitor Registration Form

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Please Print Clearly

Name _____ Gender _____

Age _____ Date of Birth _____ Grade _____

T-Shirt Size _____ Cell Phone _____ Phone # _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Email Address _____

Parent/Guardian Email Address _____

Home Congregation _____ City _____

Pastor's Name _____

Emergency Contact Name _____

Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Please check: _____ Youth Voting Delegate (2 from each congregation and in grades 8th-12th)

_____ Youth Visitor (Grades 6th-12th)

*I give permission for my child (youth participant) to participate fully in all activities relation
to the SESLYO Assembly, March 9-11, 2018, Lutherranch*

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

I recommend this youth to participate in the 2018 SESLYO Assembly.

Pastor's Signature _____ Date _____

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Adult Visitor Registration Form

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It is the responsibility of your congregation to complete this prior to the event. www.safegatherings.com is an option for your congregation; it is both an online boundary training as well as conducts a background check. You or your congregation can pay for the training and check online. Please mark below if you are using safegatherings.com. If not, please bring a copy of your current background check.

Please Print Clearly

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____

Gender _____ T-Shirt Size _____ Cell Phone _____

Current Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Email Address _____

Home Congregation _____ City _____

In case of an emergency contact

Name _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

I agree to participate fully in the 2018 SESLYO Assembly, March 9-11, 2018. I will be vigilant to avoid even the appearance of impropriety and will, if at all possible, always have another adult present when working with a single youth. Neither I nor any youth under my responsibility will use alcohol, illegal drugs, weapons, tobacco, obscenities, or threats, nor engage in physical violence or sexual activity. I will cooperate fully with other adults, parents, the SESLYO Board, or other appropriate authorities to deal with violations.

Signature _____ Date _____

Yes, I have gone through the online training and background check at www.safegatherings.com

OR

Yes, I am attaching a copy of my background check to this form.

I recommend this Adult to participate in the 2018 SESLYO Assembly.

Pastor's Signature _____ Date _____