



Bishops' School 2020

June 14-19

University of West Alabama

Livingston, AL

Bishop-In-Residence:

Bishop Kevin Strickland

Bishops' School Nomination Form

We are now accepting nominations for Bishops' School 2020 hosted by Joint Ministries of Region 9 and the Southeastern Synod of the ELCA! Please prayerfully consider nominating a youth to attend and complete the google nomination form no later than April 30, 2020. (Nomination form link is at the end of this document.)

This nomination process includes information about the nominator and nominee, your letter of recommendation and a written reflection from the nominee answering the following questions: *"As someone who follows Jesus, how do you experience God? Also, how do you understand your call to live a Christian life?"* (Completion of this process is required for each youth.)

Criteria for nomination:

- Youth who have completed grades 10th, 11th, or 12th in 2020;
- member of an ELCA congregation;
- are willing to commit to serious biblical and theological study (meaning that academic ability is important, not necessarily grades);
- are willing and able to work on their own to complete reading assignments and projects and participate in small group reflection and dialogue;
- can be confronted with the Gospel in significant ways;
- and who would tend to benefit by and use the experience in their daily life, no matter their future vocation.

Although this is an event which presents young persons with an opportunity to discern a sense of calling, this doesn't mean only a call to rostered leadership. Bishops' School is designed to provide a way to discern how to live the vocation of the Christian life regardless of occupation or profession. Active participation in synodical or congregational youth ministry programs isn't required. This may appeal to youth who aren't currently involved precisely because it is a different kind of event. Please encourage any youth who meets the criteria above to attend.

You, your bishop, and the nominee will receive notification as to whether or not your nominee has been accepted to the 2020 Bishops' School around May 15. If your nominee is accepted, there will be a non-refundable fee of \$450 per person to attend Bishops' School. It is requested that payment of this fee be divided equally into three installments of \$150 paid by the synod, congregation and individual. This fee covers all housing and meals during the event. Transportation costs are not included. For those who are chosen to attend, the first installment will be due at the time of acceptance.

If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Michael Jannett @ mjannett@elca-ses.org, or Ms. Tiffany Pieters in the Joint Ministries of Region 9 Office @ tiffany@scsynod.com or 803-509-8319.

We look forward to receiving your nominations.

Peace,

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NOMINATION FORM is a Google Form. The link is:

<https://forms.gle/TsXmJLton7C1i7pv5>

For more information on 2020 Bishops' School, go to:

<https://www.sesyouth.org/2020-bishops-school>