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The Spirit of Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

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Young Adults...

Being who God created you to be!



Young adults are eager to do ministry!

Just take a look at **Samantha Marquart**, a young adult member of St. Paul, Dallas, who went to Senegal to work with 10,000 Girls on her winter break from college this past January. Samantha shared her reflections on her journey on our synod blog (www.tinyurl.com/28s6kez).



Kristen Opalinski (Trinity, Reading) is currently in South Africa as part of the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission program (www.tinyurl.com/y9d7b2i) – a one-year international mission service and learning program for ELCA young adults between the ages of 21 and 30. You can follow Kristen's experiences on her blog: www.opieinafrica.blogspot.com/.



Just recently, **Amanda Tompkins** (St. Paul, Tannersville), learned that she, too, was accepted into the Young Adults in Global Mission program. She will be serving in South Africa as well!

Young adults are eager to explore theology!

The Kutztown Tavern is the site for "**Theology with a Twist**" – a group that gathers for "faith and theological



exploration, exploring contemporary issues of spirituality and much, much more." While other adults attend this gathering, "Theology with a Twist" is very popular among young adults. Check out the Facebook page for further information: www.tinyurl.com/2fsw7mm.

Young adults are eager to be who God created them to be!

If you are a young adult, check out the links to explore these opportunities. If you know some young adults, pass this information along to them. Also be sure to check out the synod blog that addresses ministries with youth and young adults:

www.tinyurl.com/22nzks3.



Ask Yourself:

- What do I like to do?
- What am I really good at?
- What am I passionate about?
- What is needed in my community?
- How does my faith live and breathe every day?

Imagine Yourself...
Being who God created you to be!

Check out the ELCA's Young Adult Ministry pages at www.tinyurl.com/23dadmy. Explore all the ways to connect with young adults!

Upcoming Events

God's Work. Our Hands.
Around the Corner & Around the World. 


2010 Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly, June 18-19, 2010 Mohegan Sun Arena, Wilkes-Barre, PA

Come to the assembly! Check out the displays, hear our special speaker, and greet your fellow Lutherans! Day visitors may attend for free.

The assembly begins officially at 1:00 p.m. at the Mohegan Sun Arena. Registration opens at 9:00 a.m. in the arena.



Forums: Learn about the ministries of the synod and church at large during two forum sessions on **Friday morning**. These forums, scheduled from 9:30-10:30 a.m. and 10:45-11:45 a.m., will be held at the Woodlands, just a few minutes from the arena.

Meals: All assembly meals are on-your-own. A tailgate picnic is available on Friday night on the arena plaza for \$19 per person. More information may be found at <http://www.nepsynod.org/calendar/assembly.htm>. 

Bulletin of Reports: The Bulletin of Reports for the assembly is being distributed online. A link to the Bulletin of Reports is available on the assembly page.

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Mark Allan Powell, professor of New Testament at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, OH, will offer three presentations during the assembly around the theme, *The Bible as Our Book of Faith*. Dr. Powell was well-received when he spoke at the 2009 LIFT event.



More information, including biographies of those celebrating 50 years of rostered ministries, the tentative agenda, forms for requesting forum time and display space, the resolution submittal form, and housing information, may be found at <http://www.nepsynod.org/calendar/assembly.htm>.



Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Women of the ELCA 21st Annual Convention

Building to Last Forever

Christ United Lutheran Church, Ashland

June 12, 2010

For more information and a registration form, click the link on the calendar on the synod website at www.godslove.org/calendar.



Listen to Jesus: NE Region Youth Gathering July 22-25, 2010—West Chester University

Gathering Theme Scripture: Matthew 17:1-9 (The Transfiguration). Come with Jesus and others at the gathering; be transformed.

The gathering is open to youth 14 years old or older or who have completed grade 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12 by June 2010. Adults participating as "primary leaders" must be at least 21 years old.

Speakers include—

- ✓ Anne Muhlum
- ✓ Nicolette Faison
- ✓ Bishop Stephen Marsh
- ✓ Rev. Nancy Connor
- ✓ Rev. Dennis Sepper



Artists

Agape
Rachel Kurtz

Youth MCs

Andrew Contreras
Kelly Wallace

Read about these folks on the gathering website at <http://www.youthgathering2010.org/totalcomm.htm>

The registration fee for youth and adults is \$350. Register online at www.youthgathering2010.org.

Check out the gathering on Facebook

