

The Episcopal Diocese of West Missouri Youth Ministry Report 2010-2011

Bishop's Ball January

The annual Bishop's Ball is our chance to celebrate the previous year's youth events and participation in our diocese with food, dancing and special recognitions. January 30, 2010 – St. Paul's, KCMO. Estimated Attendance: 180+ The next Bishop's Ball is this coming **January 29, 2011 in Carthage.**



Happening

March and November

Happening is an opportunity for youth to experience church in a whole new way! Happening is for high schoolers and led by high schoolers - and one of the most important events we offer in terms of spiritual growth and faith awareness. At Happening, youth participate in small group discussions, listen to faith directed talks given by their peers. Happening also features unique worship opportunities designed by other teenagers. Happening #61 – March 5-7, 2010, Carthage. November 19-21, 2010: **#62 St. Andrew's, KC; February 25-27, 2011** - Southern Deanery; November 18-20, 2011; TBA



Junior High Event

April/May

Everybody's got questions. Even Jesus spent time in the temple asking the Rabbi's to answer some hard ones. This retreat gives youth an opportunity to explore what they wonder about God and build community. We've outgrown our previous location (April 30 – May 2, 2010, St. Francis Retreat Center – Attendance: 49) and are in the process of looking for a new one. **April 29 - May 1, 2011**



Mission Trip, Pilgrimage and EYE

(A three-year rotation exists between these events)

2010 – Pilgrimage

2011 – Episcopal Youth Event

2012 – General Convention

Each event in this three year rotation emphasizes the growth of our personal faith and how we live that out as part of the larger community. August 2010 we traveled to Washington, D.C. which was Part II of Exploring Our Anglican Roots (attendance: 27). The theme for EYE 2011 is Come Together: *Intimately linked in this Harvest Work.* The Episcopal Youth Event (EYE) was begun in 1982 and embraced by The 67th General Convention of The Episcopal church as an international event in which "...the energy of the youth of the Episcopal Church can continue to be utilized in active ministry as members of this part of the Body of Christ;" Core Values are Focusing, Striving, Celebrating and Embracing. **June 21 – 26, 2011 St. Paul's, Minnesota**



**Junior/Senior High
Camp**
June

This is new! Where we previously held an annual Senior High Retreat (June 25-27, 2010), we have broadened the vision to include Jr. High/Middle School age youth and expanded the time to three days. Strong faith building content will be the backbone of everything – from canoeing to crafts to small groups. Next year camp will be held **June 9 – 12, 2011** at Windemere Conference Center near Camdenton, Missouri.



Missionpalooza -
July

This annual event exemplifies our call as Christians to “seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself. Strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.” The theme for 2010 was Mystery Revealed-Proclaimed-Lived (West MO attendance: 38, KS: 31) Youth and adults from both the Dioceses of West Missouri and Kansas are involved. **July 19 – 24, 2011 - St. Paul's, KC**



Diocesan Youth Event
November

A time to meet new people and see old friends. DYE runs parallel to Diocesan Convention each fall and includes a weekend full course of activities for youth grades 6th – 12th. 2009 – Tan-Tar-A, Attendance 61. **November 5–7, 2010, St. Paul's, KC**



Youth Action Council
January, April, August
and October

The Youth Action Council meets quarterly for meetings and retreats. They are responsible for planning and implementing youth events. Meetings are lead by youth chair persons, vice-chairs, time and record keepers. There are currently twenty youth representatives from three deaneries (*we'd welcome applications from the Central Deanery*) and ten adult chaperones.

**Province Youth
Network**
April

West Missouri's representative on the PYN is Emilie Bridges, from Christ Church, Springfield. One meeting is scheduled each year for the purpose of building community beyond the borders of West Missouri, networking for ideas we can bring back to our diocese and leadership training.