

Dear Friends,

It is time to plan the Metro NY District Youth Event Calendar for 2008-2009. In an effort to make sure the events are scattered over the course of the year, and geographically around the District, the Metro NY YAC (Youth and Adult Committee) has the responsibility for setting this calendar.

We want to take this opportunity to thank the congregations that hosted events this past year:

<b>Location</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
Stony Brook	I Think I Con	October 5-7, 2007
Hastings-on-Hudson	Rock and Run for Justice	December 28-30, 2007
Lincroft	Never Never Land Con	January 18-20, 2008
Mohegan Lake	LDC	February 1-3, 2008
Summit	Con-Existent-Non	February 29-March 2, 2008
Shelter Rock	Bridging Planning Con	March 28-29, 2008
Lincroft	Junior Youth Con	April 12-13, 2008
Shelter Rock	Con	June 6-8, 2008
Westport	Con	July 11-13, 2008

We also thank the many congregations that hosted YAC meetings!!!

We would like to take the opportunity to clarify YAC's role and responsibilities in regards to District Youth Programming. We see our major contributions as:

- **Leadership Training** – we plan training events – Leadership Development (LDC), Spirituality Development (SDC), Chaplain Training, Social Action CONs, and Groundwork (anti-oppression) Trainings.
- **Calendar Coordination** – as noted above, making sure events are well-distributed throughout the district and throughout the year. We strive to schedule events in the most accessible locations, and to have them, as much as possible, scheduled as the **ONLY** event at a congregation during the CON weekend. We have this as our goal to protect youth – to limit interactions between youth and adults not in covenant with our community.
- **Registration** – in order to keep good records and facilitate bookkeeping, we have consolidated the registration for events into a centralized system. Registration is online, and con expenses are paid out of proceeds. Part of the proceeds of CONs goes to fund YAC meeting expenses, travel for the outreach coordinators, cost of our Youth Council Representative to go to the national conference, and to support training for youth, chaplains and advisors.
- **Energy Coordination** – ensuring that District events are positive, community-building opportunities. This also includes processing occasional events where the covenant is broken.
- **Chaplain Coordination** – making sure there are trained youth and adult chaplains to help build community and help individuals in crisis at events.
- **CON support** – assisting your youth group plan and implement CONs. We see each CON as the responsibility of the individual congregation's youth group. It's great leadership-building experience to see the CON grow from an idea to reality. We are there to serve as guides along the way and to publicize the event as widely as possible. It is not our role to plan entire events, make sure every detail runs smoothly or assume liability for those events. The District can only assume liability for conditions and events over which the District has control. We would be responsible, for example, for the actions of trainers that we hire to lead events. We cannot be responsible for the safe operation of your building, accidents that occur on your property or the wholesomeness of the food prepared by your volunteers. In discussion with our insurance carrier, it was pointed out that most congregations have access to a considerable amount of no-fault medical payments insurance for minor accidents, and liability insurance for serious mishaps. Actions of individual advisors that might result in an unfortunate result would be covered by their home congregation's insurance. We honor congregations that are willing to assume

liability for these events in turn with other congregations in order to provide the opportunity for district-wide youth programming to happen. You have our sincere gratitude.

- **Outreach** – to youth groups in formation, those who want to build their numbers, or those who want to be more involved in District and National events. We also provide outreach to marginalized segments of our youth population and to newcomers to the CON population.
- **Social Action** – to promote awareness and action toward a more just world. We encourage all CONs to have social action workshops, and are willing to provide workshop coordinators if necessary.
- **Website and publicity** – we maintain a District YRUU website at [www.metroyac.org](http://www.metroyac.org) and a listserve at [metroyruu@yahoogroups.com](mailto:metroyruu@yahoogroups.com)

**Here are the members of your YAC:**

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**Please feel free to be in touch with us!!**

**Metro YAC Conference Application Form 2008-2009**  
**Please return ONE form for your congregation by June 10 to Beth Dana!!!**

This application process will help assure that Cons will be distributed throughout the district and the calendar year.

**Please make sure that no other events will occur at your congregation on your chosen weekend.**

This is necessary for the safety of our youth. It is very difficult to monitor the interactions of youth with individuals and groups who are not in covenant with the youth community.

Congregation Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_

DRE/Lead Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

DRE/Advisor Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Youth Group Information**

Please estimate the number of youth who will be in youth group next year – (leaving off the graduating seniors and counting the rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders)

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of active youth (*those who attend youth group on a regular basis*)

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of active youth that have already attended at least three conferences

Describe any help your youth group might need in planning this conference:

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(Note: This allows us to understand how best to support you, and has no bearing on whether or not you will be chosen. Inexperienced youth groups might need help with registration or food planning, for example.)

**Size of CON** – Please list the maximum number of youth+adults you are willing to host: \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of CON** (List those you are willing to host in order of preference, #1, #2, etc.)

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| _____ Leadership Development       | _____ Spirituality Development |
| _____ Social Action                | _____ Chaplain Training        |
| _____ Groundwork (Anti-Oppression) | _____ Themed social CON        |

**Dates** (Friday evening through early Sunday morning)

Some dates not available because of holidays or other events. These are marked with a "N/A".

***Please choose the dates you wish to host a conference – list 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> preference.***

First Weekend	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
<b>Fall 2008</b>				
N/A Aug 29-31	___ Sept 5-7	___ Sept 12-14	___ Sept 19-21	N/A Sept 26-28
N/A Oct 3-5	___ Oct 10-12	___ Oct 17-19	N/A Oct 24-26	N/A Oct 31-Nov 2
___ Nov 7-9	___ Nov 14-16	___ Nov 21-23	N/A Nov 28-30	
___ Dec 5-7	___ Dec 12-14	___ Dec 19-21	N/A Dec 26-28	
<b>Spring 2009</b>				
___ Jan 2-4	___ Jan 9-11	___ Jan 16-18	___ Jan 23-25	
___ Feb 6-8	N/A Feb 13-15	___ Feb 20-22	___ Feb 27-Mar 1	
___ Mar 6-8	___ Mar 13-15	___ Mar 20-22	___ Mar 27-29	
N/A Apr 3-5	N/A Apr 10-12	N/A Apr 17-19	___ Apr 24-26	
N/A May 1-3	___ May 8-10	___ May 15-17	N/A May 22-24	___ May 29-31
___ June 5-7	___ June 12-14			

**Are there special site policies** that we need to observe? (non-smoking facility, areas that are off-limits, etc.)

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**Is your building physically accessible?** What challenges exist in this area?

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**Minister/DRE Confirmation:**

My congregation's calendar is being held open for these dates. I will confer with our congregation's administrator to make sure no other events will be scheduled on the Con weekend (All exceptions must be cleared with YAC). I will encourage the youth to take major initiative in planning this youth conference.

Minister/DRE's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Youth Group Confirmation:**

Our youth group understands that, if our youth group is given a conference, we will be required to assemble a staff with co-deans, as well as deliver the CON flyer to YAC five weeks before the conference. We also understand that our deans must keep in regular contact with YAC. To insure a safe and well-run CON, YAC reserves the right to cancel the CON if these conditions are not met.

Youth group signatures (youth advisors first):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Signature</u>
YA	
YA	

**Please return by June 10 to Beth Dana**  
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