



***Limited Spaces Available!***

Join youth, young adult and adult leaders for a week of service right in our own city—Philadelphia! We'll stay in bunk beds at the Episcopal Mission Center, on the campus of St. Luke Episcopal Church in Germantown.

Our week will include learning about issues of poverty, hunger and homelessness while serving with our local Philadelphia neighbors. We'll serve various nonprofit organizations during the day, then gather in the evening for small group conversations and fun together in the City of Beloved Community.

Youth who are 14-18 years old are invited to participate.

Each congregation must provide an adult leader/driver for every 5 participating youth.

Congregations sending fewer than 5 youth may make arrangements to partner with another congregation to provide transportation.

All participants must complete and return a medical release form and a gathering covenant. Additionally, in accordance with PA law, ALL adult leaders attending must complete and email or mail to the Synod Office a (1) PA State Criminal Background Check, (2) Department of Human

Services (DHS) Child Abuse Clearance, and (3) FBI Fingerprint Clearance. If you have submitted these documents to the synod since January 1, 2016 there is no need to resubmit – simply let us know that we should have them on file. Similarly, if you have already obtained these background checks for your church, simply send a copy of each check to us at the Synod Office.

**All background checks are due to the synod office NO LATER THAN May 15, 2020.**

To help with the registration process, you will need the following information when you register: - Participant Name - Participant Grade - Participant Gender

- Adult Email Addresses - Adult Cell Numbers -Dietary Restriction Info

A \$60 non-refundable deposit will be due at registration. Your initial payment may be made online by credit card or you may mail in a check. **Please know that if your registration takes more than 15 minutes to enter, you should group it into batches so as not to time out the system.** All payments, documents, and background checks may be mailed to the Synod Office at: *Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA Mercedes Lee 7241 Germantown Ave Philadelphia, PA 19119* or scanned and sent directly to Mercedes Lee at [mlee@sepa.org](mailto:mlee@sepa.org).

**Sample Itinerary (subject to change)**

Sunday, July 19 -	arrive at Episcopal Mission Center between 6pm and 7pm to register and unpack (snacks provided only!—no dinner provided) Introduction to the week—group activities
Monday, July 20— Thursday, July 23	AM: Breakfast; pack lunches. Work groups head to service sites. PM: Dinner. Speaker and/or small groups. Free time. (One free evening may require participants to bring spending money for dinner)
Friday, July 24	AM: Pack and clean bunk rooms and showers/bathrooms. Breakfast and thank you’s to our hosts. Pack lunches. Final work sites. PM: Free time in Philadelphia or head home