

Lift Every Voice: Youth/Young Adult Focus on Truth, Reconciliation, and Peace
Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina

Application Process for Freedom Ride, 2015

Lift Every Voice is a new, three-year initiative of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina for youth and young adults ages 15-22 from across the Episcopal Church. The first of these three years is Freedom Ride, 2015. Read more about this initiative at <http://lifteveryvoice.dionc.org>.

Dioceses are invited to send a group of no more than 7 youth and one or two adults who will represent their diocese and will continue to work together as a group following their Freedom Ride experience. A diocese can request to send more than one group. However, our goal is to share this experience with as many dioceses as possible. Groups will be accepted in the order in which applications are received.

Two groups will be reserved for those interested who don't have diocesan connections; these persons will apply individually and follow the same deadlines as for group applications. The Diocese of North Carolina will provide the adult supervision for these groups.

All participants 18 or older are expected to have [Safe Guarding God's Children](#) training; participants can complete the online version at <http://www.safeguardingonline.org/>. Documentation of completion of this training will be required.

The Diocese of North Carolina will provide insurance coverage for all participants from the time they arrive at The Summit July 12 through the closing on July 18. Coverage while traveling will be at the expense of each individual and/or diocese.

Each participant and diocese will be expected to work together in sharing lessons learned and developing strategies for addressing issues of justice and inclusivity within their communities. Beth Crow, Lift Every Voice Coordinator, will facilitate communication throughout the year between all the participants from Freedom Ride 2015 and will assist diocesan groups when needed.

All applications should be mailed together from each respective diocese to the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina by January 6.

Steps in the selection process:

- Develop a selection team;
- Begin in prayer for guidance; pray for each applicant as their form is reviewed;
- Seek applicants that represent the diversity of your diocese;
- Seek young people who demonstrate a strong faith and call to serve God;
- Seek young people who demonstrate strong leadership skills.

Each diocese will be expected to handle all payments and paper work for their group. Any scholarship assistance will have to come from each respective diocese. Final payments will be made to the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina by May 1.

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Freedom Ride 2015 Application

The Diocese of North Carolina is proud to be able to offer "Lift Every Voice: Youth/Young Adult Focus on Truth, Reconciliation and Peace." Freedom Ride 2015 is the first part of this three-year initiative, made possible by the Jesse Ball duPont Fund. More information about Lift Every Voice can be found at <http://lifteveryvoice.dionc.org>.

The cost for this weeklong program is \$800.

Applicants must age 15 by June 30, 2015 up through age 22.

Applications should be sent to your diocesan office and mailed as a group by March 15th, 2015.

(Participants are expected to come as a group diocesan group with one or two adults.)

Mail to: Lift Every Voice
c/o Beth Crow
200 W Morgan Street, Suite 300
Raleigh, NC 27601

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Name prefers to go by: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parish/Mission: _____ Parish/Mission City: _____

Diocese: _____ Accompanying Adult: _____

Two letters of recommendations, one from a member of your parish, must be included with this application. They should be sent with your application.

Please respond to the following questions.

- ❖ What do you hope to learn by participating in Freedom Ride 2015, and what do you have to offer to the group?
- ❖ How are you involved with your diocese/parish, and how might you use the skills learned if selected to participate in Freedom Ride 2015?
- ❖ The Book of Common Prayer calls us to strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being. If you could meet with any person you believe embodies the spirit of this covenant, who would this be and what might you want to learn from him/her?

Please send a current photograph of yourself.

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Event Name: _____

Participant Information Form

Last Name, First Name (Goes By) **Grade** **Gender** **Date of Birth**

Primary Phone Number **Secondary Phone Number (if available)**

Mailing Address **City** **State** **ZIP**

E-mail Address **T-shirt Size** **Parish & City**

Medical Information

Allergies (medication/food/insect/etc)

Medications Currently Taking

Current Medical Conditions

Special Dietary Needs

Last tetanus immunization **Activities to be restricted from**

Name of Participant's Doctor **Current Status of Health**

Insurance Company **Insurance Contact Number** **Insurance Contact Name (agent you normally talk to)**

Insurance Policy Number and ID Number

Emergency Contact Information

Contact Name **Contact Phone Number**

Contact E-mail

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PARTICIPANT'S NAME _____		HOME PHONE _____	
ADDRESS _____			
GRADE _____	AGE _____	BIRTHDATE _____	Gender _____
PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN NAME(S) _____			
WORK PHONE(S)/CELL PHONE(S) _____ / _____			

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The undersigned do(es) hereby give permission for our (my) child(ren):

_____ ("Participant"), to attend and participate in **YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS** sponsored by The **Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina in 2013-14**.

LIABILITY RELEASE: In consideration of The Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina allowing the Participant to participate in youth ministry activities, we (I), the undersigned, do hereby release, forever discharge and agree to hold harmless The Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, its employees, volunteers and agents (collectively herein the "Diocese") from any and all liability, claims or demands for accidental personal injury, sickness or death, as well as property damage and expenses, of any nature whatsoever which may be incurred by the undersigned and the Participant while involved in the youth activities. We (I) the parent (s) or legal guardian (s) of this Participant hereby grant our (my) permission for the Participant to participate fully in youth ministry activities.

Furthermore, we (I) [and on behalf of our (my) Participant(s)] hereby assume all risk of accidental personal injury, sickness, death, damage and expense as a result of participation in recreation and work activities involved therein. Further, authorization and permission is hereby given to said Diocese to furnish any necessary transportation (within the limitations of Diocesan insurance and the law), food and lodging for this Participant. The undersigned further hereby agree to hold harmless and indemnify said Diocese for any liability sustained by said Diocese as the result of the negligent, willful or intentional acts of said Participant, including expenses incurred attendant thereto.

Medical Treatment Permission: We (I) authorize an adult, in whose care the minor has been entrusted, to consent to any emergency x-ray examination, anesthetic, medical, surgical or dental diagnosis or treatment and hospital care, to be rendered to the minor under the general or special supervision and on the advice of any physician or dentist licensed under the provisions of the Medical Practice Act on the medical staff of a licensed hospital or emergency care facility. The undersigned shall be liable and agree (s) to pay all cost and expenses incurred in connection with such medical and dental services rendered to the afore mentioned youth pursuant to this authorization.

Furthermore, we (I) give permission for an adult supervisor to administer any over-the-counter medication, as specified on the Participant's medical form, my child may need during this event.

Early Return Home Policy: Should it be necessary for our (my) youth to return home due to medical reason, disciplinary action or otherwise, the undersigned shall assume all transportation costs and responsibility.

Photo Release Permission: The undersigned understands that promotional pictures (individual and group) have been / will be taken during these events. I give permission for my child's picture to be used for promotional materials (newsletter, web page, promotional signs, etc.) in highlighting the event. **NAMES WILL NOT BE USED.**

Transportation Permission: The undersigned does also hereby give permission for our (my) youth to ride in any vehicle driven by and approved ADULT chaperone while attending and participating in activities sponsored by the Diocese. My youth and I understand that SEAT BELTS SHALL BE WORN AT ALL TIMES during transportation.

We (I) the undersigned also, acknowledge that I have reviewed details regarding the event our (my) child is participating in.

Parent(s)/ Guardian(s) Signature(s) _____ / _____

Date _____

THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Youth Covenant for Diocesan Youth Events

EXPECTATIONS:

1. Participants and team will treat others as you would like to be treated, with respect for the event by displaying concern for others. Your behavior reflects on you and on the group. We are accountable to each other. Behavior disruptive or harmful to the community or property will not be tolerated.
2. Participants and team will respect the property of the facility and that of all those attending the event.
3. Participants and team will be present and on time at all planned activities (meals included). All participants are expected to be present from the opening activities on the first day through the closing activities on the last day
4. Participants and team will abide by the curfews, quiet times and physical boundaries (inside & outside the buildings, on the grounds and including any use of equipment.)
5. Participants and team will not possess and/or use any control substances or weapons including but not limited to any drugs, alcohol, knives, or firearms.
6. Participants and team will dress appropriately throughout the entire event, following the guidelines of the [Best Practices](#) (change clothes in private space; under garments should not be visible; leggings can only be worn with shorts or a skirt.)
7. Because of insurance liability, youth are not permitted to leave the event without authorized adult supervision. Any advisor or group wishing to leave should do so only with the consent of the Diocesan Youth Missioner of North Carolina.
8. Anyone not registered in the conference is not allowed to attend any part of the event other than the closing worship service. Exceptions will apply to guests speakers and volunteers.
9. Use of cell phone is only permitted after the closing activity each evening. Use of phones during other times will result in one's phone being confiscated until the end of the conference.

This is the Community Covenant for all youth events held by the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina. Any violation of this covenant will be reviewed and addressed by Covenant Committee. Possible consequences may include notification of the violator's parents and rector; the violator may be asked to leave the event and not return for the current event and the next scheduled youth event. The parents of the violator will be responsible for all expenses resulting in early returns home because of disciplinary actions.

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Adult Covenant for Youth Events

All adults participating in diocesan youth events must read and sign below.

- Two or More & the Open Door Policies: There must always be at least two adults present during any youth event. Adults must never be alone with a young person, those under 18 or still in high school. If an adult needs to conference with a youth alone, he or she will give notice to another adult/youth and do so with the door open or in view of others.
- All adult must follow all group norms, which include no use of tobacco products, illegal drugs or alcohol and no inappropriate sexual or intimate behavior during the event.
- Adults must not administer any form of medication, prescription or over-the-counter, to any youth during diocesan youth events. Two adult will be appointed as to handle all medical needs throughout this weekend.
- Adults must not shower at the same time as youth. Adults should either get up earlier than the youth or shower at the lower level of the pit.
- Adults must participate in all scheduled activities during this youth gathering.
- Adults are expected to assist the design team, youth and adults throughout this weekend.
- All adults are expected to help supervise all youth involved in this event, whether a part of his or her own parish or not.
- Adults may be placed in small groups with youth, though are expected to allow the small group leader to facilitate the sessions.

_____ I have participated in the Safe Church Training. Date: _____

I have read and I understand the guidelines listed above and agree to follow them.

Adult's signature: _____

Parish/Diocese: _____

Date: _____