

Global Gathering of Youth and Young Adults

South Africa 2018

The Global Young People's Convocation (GYPC) is the global event of United Methodist young people. It is held once every four years for the purpose of:

- Celebrating the mission and vitality of young people in the United Methodist Church
- Raising the joys and concerns of young people from the global community
- Developing young people as leaders for effective ministry in local churches and communities of faith
- Highlighting emerging trends in youth and young adult ministry
- Providing a common forum that embraces the global reality of the church.

The GYPC also has a Legislative Forum, which is the venue for proposing and discussing legislation related to issues of concern to young people. For more information check out their website
<https://umcyoungpeople.org/the-latest?category=2733>

In 2018 The GYPC will be held on July 18-22, 2018 at the Indaba Hotel and Conference Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa.

The NEJCYM will be sending 5 voting youth delegates. To apply please fill out the application and return it to Christina McDermott at the address provided no later than June 16th 2017. Please be aware before you apply that the cost of the trip will be between \$2,500-\$3,500. We do plan on doing some site seeing after the conference. Tentatively we plan on leaving for South Africa on July 16th and returning on July 27th 2018.

If your application is selected you will be asked to have an interview with members of the NEJCYM before being selected for the trip.

If you have any questions please contact:

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Please return completed applications to: Christina McDermott no later than June 16th 2017

NEJ CYM Youth Application

Last Name	First	Middle (as it appears on passport)	
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
Email	Birth date	T-shirt size	
Area code /Telephone number	Cell Number	Passport #	
Gender	Class in school for 2017-18 year	UMC Conference	
Name of Local Church	Number of Years at Church	Phone number	
Church Street Address	City	State	Zip Code

On a separate sheet of paper please answer the following questions in full.

1. Tell us about yourself. Describe your participation and/or leadership in your local church, conference and jurisdiction as well as outside of the church.
2. How do you see youth as leaders of our church today and in the future?
3. What is your vision for the future of young people in the church?
4. Why do you wish to experience the Global Gathering?
5. How would you promote peace and understanding among the youth of the world?
6. How might you implement what you learn at this event in your faith community?

Please have 4 letters of reference included with the application.

1. From your pastor
2. From your Youth Advisor/Adult Youth Worker
3. From a high school teacher/administrator/Adult outside of your church
4. Please have a peer answer the following question how do you view your friend as a leader in school, church and/ or community?

Signature of Applicant_____

I/We give permission and will support _____ on the Global Gathering

Parent Names_____

Parent Signatures_____

Parent Email _____ Parent cell phone_____