



#CaliSTRONG is a space created for high school youth to engage each other in conversation around social justice issues and burning hot topics that they are passionate about. This space is peer led with adult supervision and a pastoral care presence. Youth will learn leadership skills to engage in dialogues around race, culture, diversity, equity and inclusion through a biblical lens. Our thematic scripture for this space is 1 Timothy 4:12 "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity (NIV)," driving our mission to have our youth participate in leading the way for the future of our church and the world around us.

PARENT CONSENT LETTER

To the parent/guardian of a #CaliSTRONG participant:

Over the course of the last few months, high school youth from 3 synods based in California (Southwest CA, Pacifica and the Sierra Pacific Synods) have been meeting to have conversations around seemingly tough topics such as race, culture, diversity, equity and inclusion through a biblical lens. They have also been mentored by 10 adult leaders from the three synods in leadership and have been given tools to facilitate conversations with not only their peers but also with adults. This space has been described as one of the safest communities that they have participated in and a vibrant space for youth ministry.

Over the last month, the youth participants have witnessed multi young adults and youth of color being murdered by police across the country. They have stated their concerns about what they have witnessed in our bi-weekly meetings. Based on the experiences witnessed in this space, we, the #CaliSTRONG adult leadership team, thought it would be best to bring in a therapist to help the youth process their feelings and give tools for coping, healing and next steps. This virtual event will take place on May 15, 2021 with Tiffany Wright, MSW ACSW. We do not want to leave you, their care takers, out of the conversation and would love for your permission to proceed forward. If you would like to have your child participate, please sign this form and return a copy back to: wearecalistrong@gmail.com. You can also contact us via the previously mentioned email with any questions or concerns that you may have.

Youth Participant Name: _____

Synod: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian email: _____

Date: _____