



# DIOCESE OF ALGOMA

*Youth Synod 2014*

**#YS14 #Justice**

**Sunday June 29- Wednesday July 2**

Welcome to Youth Synod 2014, a gathering of youth and young adults (ages 13-24) from the Anglican Churches across the Diocese of Algoma! This year we are welcoming youth from Evangelical Lutheran Churches in the same geographical area as the Diocese of Algoma. Youth Synod is often considered a spiritual highlight in the lives of many people in our diocese and it is a time to connect with like-minded friends in spectacular location. We hope you will consider joining us during the Canada Day holiday!

This year marks the 29<sup>th</sup> annual Youth Synod and you are in for a treat! We will convene at beautiful Camp Manitou Bay of Islands (<http://www.manitoucamp.org>). Camp Manitou is located approximately one hour west of Sudbury, Ontario on the shores of Georgian Bay. Access is by boat only. Camp Manitou Bay of Islands is wonderfully rustic with rugged, rocky terrain and limited access to electricity.

The theme for Youth Synod this year is #YS14 #Justice. The prophet Micah tells us what God desires from our lives – “to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God” (Micah 6:8). What does that kind of life look like? Our guest speakers Bill and Sharon Chapman will help us explore what our God’s justice is all about and how we as Christians can engage in justice issues in our local, national and global communities.

Bill and Sharon have a wealth of experience working for God’s justice. Bill has the heart of a teacher and was president of a regional bible college. He has done extensive research into faith formation in men and maintains several mentoring relationships with men young and old who serve in his community. Sharon has a big heart for people. She has served as a chaplain to both hospitals and prisons. She is also a gifted spiritual director and actively works with people young and old as they learn what it means to live a life for Christ. Together they have been on staff at a halfway house for native youth in Thunder Bay and been involved in street ministry in Philadelphia. They have extensive experience working with youth through their time as staff at Pioneer Camp and as long time pastors to a church in a university town.

Our daily camp activities are a mix of discussion sessions, chapel time, swimming, canoeing, kayaking, hiking, group games and sports, campfires and free time for reflection and for having fun with friends.

**Cost:** Each parish within the Diocese is committed to supporting the cost of one youth delegate to Youth Synod (\$160). For parishes desiring to send more than one delegate you may wish to ask groups within your parish if they would be willing to sponsor additional youth. You may also speak with your Deanery Child & Youth Ministry Facilitator to see there are other funds in your deanery available to assist you.

**Travel:** Your travel is arranged and paid for by the Diocese of Algoma, unless you prefer to travel on your own. You will be contacted via e-mail with more information about travel arrangements closer to the Youth Synod.

After the registrar receives your registration form and accompanying fee, you will receive a welcome package (including a sample schedule and suggested packing list).

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