

April 12, 2016

Dear Incumbents,

It's that time of year to think about our Diocesan Annual Youth Synod. The theme this year is "***Christians in Action***". This year will feature a series of talks covering a wide range of topics relevant to living the Christian life. We'll be borrowing material from the Challenge program, which attempts to bring the best parts of the Cursillo program for adults to a youth audience. The challenge program has been well received by youth from the Sudbury/Manitoulin and Temiskaming Deaneries.

Part of the weekend will involve group bible studies and devotions. As this is an important part of the weekend we highly recommend that you ensure each youth delegate has a study bible in a modern translation that they can use. If you need assistance in choosing an appropriate study bible for your youth please contact your Deanery's Child and Youth Ministry Facilitator.

We also ask that you actively pray for your youth leading up to and during youth synod. Your own prayers and the prayers of your congregation are an important part of supporting your youth. If you would like to send any written prayers of support or other indicators of your support in prayer please send them to Rev. Jeffery Hooper ([jeffery.hooper@utoronto.ca](mailto:jeffery.hooper@utoronto.ca)) by June 24<sup>th</sup> or speak to your local Deanery Child and Youth Ministry Facilitator to make arrangements to have them brought to Youth Synod.

The Diocesan Youth Ministry Committee encourages each parish to send at least one delegate to Youth Synod. The delegates must be between 13 and 24 years of age on July 3, 2016. If for some reason your parish has no youth to send this year we suggest that you speak to other incumbents in your deanery to see if they need assistance in sending their youth. There are a limited number of bursaries available for the registration fee if needed. We encourage the delegates to participate in raising their own funds as well.

The Registration deadline is June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Please have the registration forms and the \$170 registration fee to the registrar before this date so that we can finalize cabin assignments, bible study groups, travel arrangements, and send out the welcome packages prior to Youth Synod.

Yours in Christ,

Jeffery Hooper+ and Cora Felbel

Co-Chairs of the Youth Ministry Committee