



## Youth Delegates to

**The 135th Convention  
April 24-25, 2009  
Kalamazoo, Michigan**

### Qualifications

Must be 16-21 at Diocesan Convention (April 24-25, 2009)

Baptized Christian

Member in good standing (regular attendant) of a parish in the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Western Michigan

Agree to attend Deanery meetings and any other convention information sessions if possible

### Job Description

**Be a representative of young people in the church** (*This consists of, but is not limited to*)

Speaking to the young people in your parish and deanery to see how they feel about any issues up for discussion and vote

Voting your own conscience

Being open to the work of the Holy Spirit in your own thoughts and the work of the body of Convention

**Be an example of young people in our church** (*This consists of, but is not limited to*)

Dressing appropriately (business casual)

Behaving appropriately

Following all rules and norms of behavior decided by the Youth Delegates and Diocese

**Be interested in and willing to take part in the legislative process of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Michigan** (*This consists of, but is not limited to*)

Voting for resolutions and canon changes

Speaking to other delegates from the Diocese about Convention's business (either formally during business sessions or informally).

Listening to the debate on the floor and the opinion of others

### Options Available

**Deanery Delegate:** Each deanery must choose one delegate and one alternate. Delegates from 2008 are not automatically delegates in 2009.

*All names must be submitted to the Gennie Callard by January 31, 2009 (so they can receive all pre-convention mailings).*

Please make your decisions in your deanery meetings before this date. If this is not possible, contact Gennie Callard.

**At large Delegate:** There are five delegates and five alternates that represent the diocese as a whole.

*If you are interested, please send in a brief biography along with your date of birth and name of parish to Gennie Callard.*

### At Convention

Delegates' fees (including lodging & food) will be paid for by the diocesan youth ministry budget.

Alternates must be paid for by the deaneries, parishes or individuals. Financial assistance through the Diocese is available upon request.

Delegates and alternates will be under the supervision of the Youth Ministry department of the Diocese.

They stay in rooms assigned by the Diocese and sit at the Youth Delegate table on Convention floor.

### For more information

Contact Gennie Callard

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*Are you interested in becoming more a  
part of the Episcopal Church?  
Do you represent the positive qualities of  
a Christian man or woman?  
Please consider becoming a Youth  
Delegate to Diocesan Convention.*