



Youth Event Dates: July 23-26, 2024

Virginia Beach Convention Center

Text: Hebrews 12:2

"Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." (NIV)

Have You Heard?

The Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ is hosting a Youth Event at the Virginia Beach Convention Center on July 23-25. The Youth Event will include youth from all three Associations: Eastern, Western, NC and EVA as well as youth not associated with SOC or UCC. Planners envision a festive setting prompting smiles, embracing arms, sharing songs, walking the boardwalk, and playing on the beach. In the stretches during and between these times, the youth will make new discoveries while attending a variety of workshops and will participate in a community service/outreach project.

Want to Help Support These Youth?

At the moment, one youth and two adults from LCCC are registered to participate in the Youth Event. There are, however, a variety of ways in which other church members can help make this a positive experience for everyone attending. Assistance is needed with the following...

Prayer shawls:

Calling all knitters, crocheters, and fabric artists! We'd like to offer a hug of welcome and prayer to all the youth attending the Southern Conference Youth Event. If you crochet, sew, knit, tat, quilt, or create with yarn or fabric, help us share our love with our youth. Scarves can be at least **3" wide and 48" to 60" long** and made with machine-washable and dryable materials. What a golden opportunity to use up all those yarn balls and fabric ends you've been keeping for a special project! Imagine our youth knowing they're loved because you took the time to make a scarf especially for them. Please give your scarves to your pastor **by July 10th**. Thank you! Your work will warm the youth heart that receives it!

Youth written notes of encouragement:

We are asking youth not attending the conference to write a brief note of encouragement on an index card to be included in those care packages. We are certain that the positive words from our youth will be a breath of light to all who receive them. We invite youth to be creative with their notes, infusing art, color, and personality. The encouragement notes should be given to your church's pastor **by July 1st**.

Service/Outreach project:

Youth will visit the Virginia Beach Healthcare and Rehabilitation with 179 residents. Part of the visit will involve delivering a care package to all 179 residents, with the following items. All items should be travel size/ small, i.e. 4-6 oz for easy packing.

- Lotion
- Deodorant
- Wash cloth wipes (disposable)
- Hair brush
- Hair Comb
- Bottled Sanitizer, 4-6 oz
- Vaseline
- Chap stick
- Toothbrush (normal size)
- toothpaste
- Body wash
- Tissue packs (Individually wrapped)
- Word puzzle books
- Large Throw/Blanket (Standard size, 50x60)

Hospitality Committee

The Church Women of the Southern Conference (CWSC) have been asked to serve as the **Hospitality Committee** for this event. The primary duty of these Hostesses would be to **greet the youth as they arrive at the VBCC** each day and give directions as to the logistics of bathroom locations, workshops, worship services, etc.,

The plan is for each Hostess to serve a **2-hour slot**. If you cannot stay the full 2 hours, don't worry, we will work with you. A schedule will be set up for time and location for each volunteer. Also, if you have any **men** at your church who would also like to serve as hosts, please invite them. The male presence is much needed and welcomed. Everyone has to register for the Youth Event. As a host/hostess you will be a volunteer and **there's no cost for you to register**. Ask your pastor about registering.

If you would like to volunteer as a host or hostess, please let your pastor know **as soon as possible and no later than June 30, 2024**.