

Young Adult Festival 2024

Community Covenant



We are blessed and privileged to be able to come together in community to be mutually empowered at General Convention (GC).

In response to that opportunity, while at the Young Adult Festival (YAF), we agree to live out our baptismal covenant to:

- Continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in the prayers
- Persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever we fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord
- Proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ
- Seek and serve all people, loving our neighbors as ourselves
- Strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being

In addition, we commit ourselves to the following areas of focus:

Hospitality

I understand that YAF locations and activities are a center for hospitality for all, where those who enter are equally valued and respected as children of God. I commit myself to be hospitable to all members of the Episcopal Church, especially at the YAF and GC.

In keeping with this commitment, I will be respectful of this community, including respecting each other's personal space and property, and be on time. I will return to the hotel by 2 am each night and respect my roommate's need for rest and sleep. I will be respectful of others in the hotel, being quiet in the hallways. I will be responsible and moderate if drinking—if of legal age—and I will not engage with illicit drugs during my time at GC. I will obey the laws governing the city of Louisville, the state of Kentucky, and the canons of GC. I will not engage in any physical behavior which would be destructive to the health of an individual or the community. I will hold myself my community accountable for honoring this covenant of community life.

Formation

I commit myself to being transformed by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. I believe in an incarnational God made present through the relationships with my Creator, myself, and my community.

In keeping with this commitment, I will seek positive interactions with all people, regardless of our diversities. I will seek and respect each person's unique experience of God. Realizing that my participation contributes to others' formation as much as my own, I commit to be an active participant. I will treat myself respectfully and lovingly, getting sufficient rest and time alone with God so that I can be physically and emotionally present to the YAF, GC, and all present.

Witness

I commit myself to living as a witness to Christ's love and to proclaiming the Gospel. I will invite others to come and experience the Holy in our midst, as have the numerous saints who have gone before me. As I profess the good news, I will acknowledge the image of God in others, being respectful of their ideas, values, and experiences, no matter how they differ from my own.

Mission

I commit myself to being faithful to the Gospel. I understand that I am called as a Christian to respond to the grace of God by loving both God and my neighbor, reflecting that love in all I do and say. I will reflect God's love in calling my fellow young adults and the church to come together. Living in accordance with the Gospel, we are all called together to go forth in peace to reflect our shared experience of God's love to the world.

As part of this Young Adult Festival community, I embrace this covenant and will abide by these commitments.