

**Youth Council  
Report to the 229th Diocesan Convention**

**Change your life. Change the world.**

**Mission Statement of the Diocese of New Jersey Youth Council**

*We the Youth Council of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey, as leaders, youth and adults, and faithful Christians change the world by spreading the love of Christ through helping, learning, communicating, and serving our neighbors.*

Eight youth events and three adult workshops and eleven youth council meetings were held in calendar year 2012.

**53rd Bishop Ball - January 27, 2012**

Raised money for World Vision & Stop Hunger Now- Trinity Cathedral – Trenton, NJ

**Convention- March 2-3, 2012**

10 Youth Council members attended – Cherry Hill, NJ

**Spring Youth Event - May 11 -13, 2012**

Stop Bullying – Lebanon, NJ

**Baccalaureate Service- June 10, 2012**

Graduating Senior's, their Families and Friends – Trinity Cathedral – Trenton, NJ

**General Convention-July 5-12**

7 youth council members travelled to Indianapolis, IN

**Washington DC Mission Trip-August 5-10, 2012**

Worked with Youth Services Opportunities Project on helping the hungry and homeless in DC.

**Fall Youth Event – November 16-18, 2012**

ACT OUT/Nets for Life Program– Lebanon, NJ

**Cathedral Lock-In – December 7-8, 2012**

Stop Hunger Now

The Sloan River Project Concert-Trinity Cathedral, Trenton

**3 Adults Who Work with Youth Workshops**

**February-** Confirmation Formation – The Rev. Joan Anders & Denise Szczerba, Toms River, NJ

**April-**Burning Questions for those who work with youth-Kathy Megroz-Foley-Somerset, NJ

**October–** Connecting with our Youth – Jonice Arthur, Doylestown, PA

In addition we held six youth council meetings and five design team meetings to prepare the programs for each of our events.

**Youth Council**

Youth Council is comprised of eighteen youth and ten adults from all over our diocese. Each member bringing a different gift and view as to how we are to spread the love of Christ through helping, learning, communicating, and serving our neighbors.

## **Church Visits**

The Director of Youth Ministry made nineteen visits to congregations.

Often, youth from Diocesan Youth Council joined in these visits as we preached, shared youth ministry ideas, and presented a slide show on events.

If your church is interested in a visit please call the youth office (609) 394-5281 ext. 36 to set one up.

Respectfully Submitted,

Arlis Astudillo – Co Chair

Julia Nemec – Co Chair

The Rev. Canon Debra Clarke – Director of Youth Ministry

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