

**The Episcopal Diocese of Olympia  
Committee for Youth Exchange and Mission (CYEM)  
2010 Youth Pilgrimage to The Holy Land**

Application Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation Rector/Vicar \_\_\_\_\_

Clergy Signature \_\_\_\_\_

It is the expectation that the congregation and vestry support this young person and promise to assist them in raising at least \$1000 from within the congregation to participate in this unique opportunity.

Personal Statements:

The following are to be submitted by each youth with this application form. Responses should be typed or hand printed on a separate sheet of paper:

1. Describe in 100 words or less why you wish to participate in a Youth Pilgrimage to The Holy Land.
2. Submit a creative project telling us about yourself and your interests. Possible submissions might include photography, poetry/prose, music, website design, art, dance, etc. There are no rules and no guidelines, just be creative and have fun with it. We want to know more about you.

Congregational Reference Letter:

Please ask a clergy or staff person from your church home to write a letter of reference for you. This should also include support for assisting you in raising at least \$1000 to support your participation in this program

Second Reference Letter:

Please ask a second adult, preferably from outside of your congregation, to write a letter supporting your participation in this program. This could come from a teacher, a coach, a mentor, or other adult in your life who is not a member of your family.

Deadline for all Application Materials is November 20, 2009.

Please send all Application Materials to The Rev. J.R. Lander, Chair of the Committee for Youth Exchange and Mission

Email: [jameslander@gmail.com](mailto:jameslander@gmail.com)

Mailing Address: 1101 East Terrace St. #202  
Seattle, WA 98122

Mobile Phone (206) 816-2192

For more information, visit the CYEM's website:

<http://www.ecww.org/cyem>

## **Funding**

The total cost per youth for this pilgrimage is \$4000. We do not want family finances to preclude participation of any young person in this journey. We also want congregations to support this program. Therefore, funding should come in three sources:

- 1) Home churches should raise at least \$1000 toward this journey. We hope that parishes will be able to raise more than this. This has been our experience in the past. These funds should not come from annual budgets, but rather from fundraising specifically for this program. We hope that these funds will be turned into the diocese by Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010. (However, we can be flexible.)
- 2) Families should pledge what they are able. The family pledge is normally the largest portion of these funds. It should include both the commitment of the young person's parents, and also other family gifts (grandparents, aunts & uncles, etc.) We also encourage the young person to earn at least a portion of this through work. If a family is able to provide the remaining \$3000, we hope it will. If a family is able to provide more than that, it will help offset the costs of a young person whose family is unable to provide as much.
- 3) The Committee for Youth Exchange and Mission will raise funds. We will work to raise the funds to cover the shortfall. As these funds are not part of the Diocesan budget, and will come from the donations of others, we hope that families and young people will pledge as much as they are able so that these funds can be reserved to cover those young people whose families resources are truly limited.

These funds should be provided in the following payments:

With application- \$500 deposit (This is fully refundable if, for some reason, a young person is not accepted. If a family cannot make this deposit, please contact J.R. Lander at jameslander@gmail.com, as we are able and willing to make exceptions.)

By Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010- ½ of remaining family commitment

By Apr. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010- Remainder of family commitment

So - if your family commits to \$3000, \$500 would be with the application on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>, \$1250 by Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>, and \$1250 by Apr. 15<sup>th</sup>

Funds should be sent to:

The Diocese of Olympia  
Attn: Sharon Pethers  
PO Box 12126  
Seattle, WA 98102

*The memo line should include : 2010 Pilgrimage – (name of participant)*

*Donations are gifts to the Diocese of Olympia, and are tax deductible under the Diocese of Olympia's nonprofit status*