

**Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod
Youth Vision Trip to Tanzania
Youth Application**

June/July 2016

(Exact dates to be determined)

The Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA is a companion synod with the South Central Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. A group of youth, 2 young adults and 2 adult chaperones will travel to Tanzania for a 2-week long project serving the Tanzanian Church.

Youth participants must:

- Have completed grade 9-12 at the time of the event
- Be an active member of a congregation of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod
- Be interested in and sensitive to other cultures
- Represent their church and country in a positive way
- Participate in an interview with our Tanzania Committee on Saturday, April 18, 2015
- Attend an introductory session with parent(s)/guardian(s) on Sunday, June 7, 2015
- Attend orientation/team building sessions throughout the year
- Assume the cost of the trip (approximately \$4,000 plus spending money)
- Have a valid passport

To Apply:

- Complete the application below
- Request a one-page recommendation from your pastor (In case of a vacancy, the recommendation can be written by the Associate in Ministry, if applicable, or the president of the Congregation Council.)
- Return these materials by April 13, 2015 to:

*Pastor Kurt E. Garbe
Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod
PO Box 803
Conyngham, PA 18219-0803*

Questions? Contact Pastor Garbe at prkeg@epix.net

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Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Congregation _____ Location _____

What congregational activities are you involved in?

What synodical activities are you involved in?

Do you have any medical and/or dietary concerns/allergies? If so, please describe.

In approximately 100 words, please tell us why you want to participate in this youth vision trip.
(Use additional paper if needed).

What personal gifts or strengths will you bring to this experience?

How do you plan to share your experience with your congregation, other congregations and the synod upon your return?

If selected, I will participate fully and responsibly in this experience.

Signature of youth

FOR PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN(S):

Please share in approximately 50 words why you think your son or daughter would benefit from this experience. (Use additional paper if necessary)

We support our youth's participation in this experience.

(Signature of parent(s) or guardian(s))

I fully support the participation of _____ as a youth participant in the Tanzania youth vision trip. I will provide the one-page recommendation to Pastor Kurt E. Garbe by April 13, 2015.

Signature of pastor