



**2017 Assembly of the
Lutheran Youth Fellowship
June 16-18, 2017
Muhlenberg College**

LOVE IN ACTION!

Dear Friends,

Thank you for supporting the young people in your congregation and providing opportunities for them to participate in the ministries of the larger church. If you and/or your group have not attended an LYF Assembly before, you are in for a treat! If you have attended before, you know that already! This event is planned and lead by some of our synod's finest youth. The LYF Assembly is open to all youth presently in 8th – 12th grade.

I have important information to share with **ALL advisors** (whether you have attended an LYF event before or not). Please read all the information below carefully.

1. When your young people register, they will need to send the following things to me (address on the forms) by the registration deadline:
 - a. Registration form
 - b. Dorm life agreement
 - c. Medical release form
 - d. Photo release formPlease be aware that the cost for the event is \$140 if registrations are received by May 15. After that, the cost will be \$155 – and the absolute deadline for registration is June 9. No exceptions.
2. When you register your group, you may send **two youth as delegates** (one male and one female if possible). As delegates, they will be able to vote on issues that may come before the assembly. All other youth may register as guests. The good news is that **everyone** gets to participate in the conversation during our sessions. Everyone participates in workshops, games, and other activities.
3. If you have any young people in your group who have leadership skills, encourage them to consider serving as the LYF president, vice-president, secretary or treasurer. Nomination forms and reference forms are online. The sooner they are completed the better (but, the deadline is June 9).
4. **IMPORTANT POLICY FOR ADVISORS: ALL advisors** who are present at the assembly **MUST have background checks** completed within the past three years. Please see the information posted on the synod website on how to go about getting a background check: <http://nepasynod.org/child-safety/> All advisors must send me a copy of your background check (criminal and child abuse) with their registration form.
5. Scholarships are available for those young people who need that extra financial support to enable them to attend.

If you have questions about the assembly, please contact me by phone (610-266-5101) or e-mail (karen@nepasynod.org). I look forward to our time together in June.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen S. Matthias-Long". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Karen S. Matthias-Long
Associate of the Bishop for Youth and Family Ministry