



The Faces of
Young Adult Ministry
in North Carolina



Do you know a young adult who would make a good YARP?

Do you know a young adult who:

- Recognizes his or her identity as a Child of God?
- Is a good role model for youth?
- Is willing to try new situations, accept personal limitations, and learn and grow in faith?
- Is excited to work with youth in the synod?

If you do, then let Tammy know!
We are always on the lookout for new YARPs.
She will send an application and information
about training to any interested young adults.



Young Adult Ministry &
Young Adult Resource Persons
In Our Synod

For more information regarding YARPs
as well as children, youth and family
ministry in the NC synod, please go to:

www.lutheranyouth.org



Young Adult Ministry

IT'S NOT YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY UNTIL YOUNG ADULTS ARE DOING THE MINISTRY.

The North Carolina Synod is committed to nurturing faith in children, youth, and families of all ages - and that includes young adults. The transition from high school to college or work is a significant one in a person's faith and life journey, and we believe it is important to support and encourage the young people around us as they embrace adulthood.

There are several ways in which your congregation can become part of Young Adult Ministry in the synod. One of these is by helping to connect high school graduates with their college's Lutheran Campus Ministry or campus pastor. A list of campus ministry contacts for colleges and universities in North Carolina can be found on our website www.lutheranyouth.org.

Another way to support young adults in your congregation is to pray for them and to send them "study packages" of food and notes of encouragement during exam times.

One of the best ways our synod empowers young adults is through YARP ministry. YARPs (young adult resource persons) are a group of faithful college-age students who commit to serving at congregational and synodical youth events. They gather once a year for fellowship and training, and we have found that this group of young people is serious about ministry. They have a lot to offer our synod, and we love to watch the ways in which they love and support each other throughout their young adult journeys. We have wonderful young adults in our synod, and we are proud to walk with them.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q What is a YARP?

A A YARP is a young adult, usually in college or graduated school, who volunteers his or her time to the synod to help out in congregations, youth events, regional events - wherever they are needed. Most of their volunteer time is spent leading lock-ins and small groups and planning events.

Q Does a YARP have special training?

A YES. Every YARP has completed a background check and has attended special training held every year in the fall. YARPs come equipped with strategies for leading small groups and devotions, as well as with an arsenal of games.

Q How do I request YARPs and how much do they cost?

A YARP request forms can be found online at www.lutheranyouth.org under the "Young Adult" link. Fill the form out and email it to Tammy at tammy@lutheranyouth.org. The only cost associated with a YARP is his or her mileage (.19 a mile) and any program expenses for your event.

Q When are YARPs available to serve?

A YARPs are available from September to November and from January to April to visit your congregation. A limited number of YARPs are available in the summer months and during exam times.