



# The Episcopal Diocese of LOUISIANA

## Diocesan Youth Ministry Vision - 2023 and beyond

The Diocesan Youth Leaders Committee (DYLC) is asking good questions about the nature of diocesan level youth ministry in this post-pandemic world. In recent meetings, DYLC members and listening session participants expressed a desire to shift away from "attractational ministry" focused primarily on hosting events.

A Vision Summit took place in June 2023 to discern and develop answers for this question:

**What does diocesan youth ministry look like in our new reality?**

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### Youth Forum

This rigorous discipleship process will be led by a group of highly motivated students from across the diocese. Youth forum members will be eager to put their faith into action and build their leadership skills.

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### Meet Me on the "Mountaintop"

This annual gathering will be planned by students, for the students. The Youth Forum, supervised by the DYLC, will host this significant event, based on their priorities and projects. Events may include spiritual retreats, mission work, travel to EYE, or similar.

## FOR STUDENTS

### Creating Connections

The DYLC will provide enhanced support for youth directors through peer-to-peer networking. The DYLC will assist congregations in creating intergenerational connections between youth and adults.

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### Equipping Leaders

The DYLC will offer additional resources for church leaders, building confidence to engage in conversations around gender, race, gun violence, and other timely issues important to youth.

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## FOR DYLC

### What's Next?

This fall, the DYLC will prioritize creating connections and working with churches to identify and invite potential Youth Forum candidates. The newly formed Youth Forum will begin meeting in early 2024, engaging with the DYLC to plan the 2024 Meet Me at the Mountaintop experience.

### What's Needed?

**Leaders are needed** to move from vision to reality. If you are interested in helping with what's next, please contact **Mtr. Jane-Allison Wiggin, [jwiggin@edola.org](mailto:jwiggin@edola.org)**