



2009 Northwestern Minnesota Synod Multi-Cultural Representative Nomination

About the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America:

Mission Statement:

To empower the youth of the ELCA to grow in faith, act as disciples, and lift their voice(s) in service to the world

○ **Vision Statement:**

The youth of the ELCA develop strong, personal relationships with Christ, promote Christian values and communities, and serve as an integral part of the church

○ **Goal 1: Growing in Faith**

Bible studies, resources, synod gatherings, education, ecumenism

○ **Goal 2: Act as Disciples**

Leadership development, communication, respect, bridging the gap between high school and college

○ **Goal 3: Lift Voices**

Synod LYO/gathering, advocacy, high number of boards/congregations, unify voice on issues, diversity, respect voices/organization be respected, support MAC* and DAC*

○ **Goal 4: Service to the World**

Stand with Africa, World Hunger, One Campaign

About the NWMN Synod Position: (please read carefully)

- Allows for voice and vote on the Northwestern Minnesota Synod Lutheran Youth Organization Board.
- Eligible applicants must be members of an ELCA congregation, and be in grades 9-11 at the time of election
- Active in publicizing and advocating for Junior and Senior High Gatherings and youth and family ministry in your conference.

About the Multi-Cultural Representative Position:

(What makes it different than a conference representative?)

- ❖ Eligible applicants must be a person of African American, Middle Eastern, Latino, Asian American, and American Indian/Alaska Native or whose primary language is other than English.

- ❖ Must help the NWMN Synod LYO board become to be more inclusive, and to voice the concerns and needs of youth of color and whose primary language is other than English.

Time Commitment:

- ✓ Fulfill term until year of high school graduation, unless elected as an officer. Upon election, one must serve until election in summer following graduation.
- ✓ Attend all quarterly board meetings, annual retreat, and Synod Assembly
- ✓ Plan and attend all Synod gatherings and youth events: Junior High Gathering the weekend before Thanksgiving, Senior High in late March or early April

1. Information about applicant:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Graduation Year: _____

Email: _____

2. Information about applicant’s congregation:

Congregation Name: _____

Congregation City, State, Zip: _____

Congregation phone: _____

Pastor of Congregation: _____

Congregational Youth Director/Adult Sponsor: _____

3. Additional Information about applicant:

Pertaining to this position, what unique skills, talents, and experiences do you have that would benefit the NWMN Synod LYO Board?

What do you believe is the role of youth in today's church?

What is it that you would like to accomplish as the Multi-Cultural Representative?

What does it mean to you to be Multi-Cultured?

When you say "Yes" to something, you must say "No" to something else. What would you have to say "No" to if you became the MC Rep?

Are you willing to make the necessary time commitment required in order to fulfill the ministry of this position?

I, (applicant's name) _____, have completed this application correctly to my knowledge, understand the responsibilities of this position, and am willing to serve the NWMN LYO in this capacity if elected.

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____

Please complete and turn in at the registration table at the Senior High Youth Gathering. Along with this application may be an interview conducted at the Gathering.

*DAC: Definitely-abled Advisory Committee *MAC Multi-cultural Advocacy Committee