

# **Youth @ General Synod**

## ***Come Immerse Yourself In...***



**Faith**



**Compassion**



**Service**



**Worship**



**Friendship**



**Adventure**



**Justice**

## ***What is General Synod?***

General Synod, which meets every two years, is a gathering of people delegated by our 38 Conferences to represent the United Church of Christ and to address important matters relating to the church. General Synod participants also include visitors from UCC churches; local, conference and national UCC staff; representatives from many diverse UCC institutions, agencies and ministries; and friends and colleagues from other faith traditions.

General Synod is a time for all who gather to worship together, build friendships, share and celebrate our varied ministries, and recognize our relationships in the ecumenical and world community. General Synod delegates meet to address important business matters, which include approving a budget for the mission of the church at the national setting, electing the Collegium of Officers, and voting on Pronouncements, Resolutions and Proposals for Action (specific proposals for how our church can respond to significant issues facing our congregations, communities, nation and world).

## ***What is Youth @ General Synod?***

This is a youth program for high school students (grades 9 - 12). Our 2009 program will run from June 24 - June 30 (with groups departing on July 1), and will combine General Synod events with three days of service projects, evening programs, social opportunities and after hours activities. It's a great chance to learn about and participate in the wider church and to grow in faith, service and friendship with your peers in the United Church of Christ. Since financial and transportation considerations force many youth groups to choose between a mission/service trip and wider church gathering each summer, we are offering a General Synod program that includes mission/service experience.

## ***Where do we find more information?***

In the coming months, a mailing will be sent directly to local churches from the national office. You can also watch for updates on the YOUTH PAGE of the national web site.

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