



68<sup>th</sup> Annual

National Youth Conference

Abilene Christian University

July 18-23, 2020

Registration Information



## *National Youth Conference of the Churches of Christ*

Greeting Youth Workers and Supporters:

We are overjoyed to announce the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual National Youth Conference will assemble on the illustrious campus of Abilene Christian University in Abilene, Texas, July 18-23, 2020.

Abilene Christian University is a private institution that was founded in 1906. Abilene Christian University (ACU) is a vibrant, Christ-centered institution that's committed to helping students excel in their careers while making a real difference in the world. It has a total undergraduate enrollment of 3,544, its setting is city, and the campus size is 262 acres. It utilizes a semester-based academic calendar. Abilene Christian University's ranking in the 2020 edition of Best Colleges is Regional Universities West, #12.

Abilene Christian University educates leaders who believe God calls us to love with all our hearts, lead with all our minds, and serve with all our strength. Affiliated with the Churches of Christ, Abilene Christian University requires students to attend daily chapel sessions and take several Bible courses before graduation. Freshmen and sophomores are required to live on the school's residential campus, located in Abilene, Texas, where they'll find about 100 student organizations. About 25 percent of Abilene Christian students participate in Greek-letter organizations and other social clubs.

You can look forward to enjoying a wide variety of delicious food offerings, including national brands such as Chick-fil-A, Einstein Bros Bagels, Tu Taco, and Starbucks. You will also enjoy the supreme service and delicious dishes in our All-You-Care-To-Eat residential dining hall, The World-Famous Bean. Abilene Christian University (ACU) is a diverse, welcoming, academically rigorous community redefining what it means to be a Christian university in the 21st Century.

Come and be a part of a world class campus hosting Christian fellowship, spiritually based workshops and well-developed activities to strengthen and inspire the whole person at the 68<sup>th</sup> National Youth Conference. You are guaranteed to enjoy being with your peers as we dig into this year's theme, '*DEEPER*'. You don't want to miss associating with young people from other geographical areas who vicariously share the same interest through '*TEAM BUILDING*'.

Thank you for prayers, love and support in keeping this dream alive! Remember to register early and continue to work hard for the master. Looking to see you in July!

In Christian Love,

Ernest "Deacon" Wyrick  
Board of Directors, Chairman



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# National Youth Conference

## Purpose

### **Purpose:**

- To motivate youth to be faithful, loyal and true to the work of the church
- To guide youth in the right direction that will lead to strong leadership for the cause of Christ
- To associate with young people from other geographical areas who share the same interests
- To give youth the privilege of self-expression, an opportunity to work together, exhibiting their personal worth, abilities and God-given talents
- To stimulate youth to become involved in their communities and to extend a Christian influence in confronting contemporary issues



## National Youth Conference Theme

# DEEPER

(Ephésiens 3 :14-20)

Many people have a faith that is little more than a t-shirt slogan. In our sound bite culture, our knowledge of God needs to be more than tweet deep and hashtag wide. We need a deeper faith that is built on a true knowledge of the love of Christ so that we may be filled with the fullness of God. Ephesians 3:14-20 asks God to take us DEEPER!

- Deeper Service (Hebrews 12:28-30) Serving God is more than just showing up for worship. True service to God is a lifestyle, not an event. When we understand who God is, we will dive deeper into serving Him.
- Deep in Love (Ephesians 3:14-19) – What does it really mean to say, “I love you”? When God is the one talking, it means more than we can imagine. God is deep in His love for us.
- We Roll Deep (2 Kings 6:15-18) – There are times when we feel like we are all alone. You feel it’s you against the world. But do not fear. You are not alone. Take a closer look and you will see that you are surrounded by the host of heaven, fighting on your behalf.
- My Roots Run Deep (Psalm 1; Matthew 7:24-27) – Like a tree needs deep roots to thrive in all seasons, you need to be deeply planted in Christ to succeed. Find out what it takes to have deep roots.
- Dive into the Deep End (Luke 5:1-11) – There are some people who just like to put their feet in the water. Others will wade knee deep into the pool, but that is about it. But when it comes to faith, the greatest rewards are at the deep end. Though it may be uncomfortable, God wants us to be willing to trust Him enough to go deeper in our faith than what we can see.
- Deeper Discipleship (1 Corinthians 11:1) – If people were to imitate our actions, would they look like Jesus? Being a disciple of Christ means more than following Jesus. It means that others can follow you to Jesus. It’s time to lead others.

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## National Youth Conference Online Registration Instructions

The 68<sup>th</sup> National Youth Conference registration process must be **completed online only**. The registration cost for the upcoming 2020 NYC Conference is \$300.00  
Upon completion of the registration online process, an invoice will be generated and issued for payment.

### Here are the instructions for online registration

1. All Attendees (Youth, Youth Worker, etc.) must register online
2. Each registered Attendee must have their own personal e-mail address
3. Upon completion of registration an invoice will be sent to the Youth Worker e-mail address.  
Youth Workers must verify the registration information.
4. Send payment and a copy of the invoice to:  
E.D. Wyrick/ NYC  
2431 S. Marsalis Avenue  
Dallas, Texas 75216
5. Questions regarding on-line registration or housing, please contact  
Narleski Wyrick (972)672-1837 or [narleskiwyrick1@me.com](mailto:narleskiwyrick1@me.com)  
Lori Bailey (213) 948-5664, Housing [Lori@BaileyWatsongroup.com](mailto:Lori@BaileyWatsongroup.com)

Additional information will be sent to each Congregation.

- Late registration fee: If payment is not received/postmarked by **June 20** a late fee will be charged (group of 5 or less, **\$25.00**; 6 or more **\$40**).
- **Lost Keys are \$35.00 (per key) at the time of checkout (E.D. Wyrick)**

**Payment:** Send payment (Cashier Check only) along with the NYC invoice to:

E.D Wyrick/ NYC  
Marsalis Avenue Church of Christ  
Dallas, Texas 75216

**PLEASE DO NOT SEND PERSONAL CHECKS.** Please send ONE FORM of payment for all Participants registering from your congregation.

Cancellations: NO REGISTRAION REFUNDS. In the event of Cancellation(s), please attempt to find an appropriate gender replacement and notify the registration committee immediately.



## ALL CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS MUST REGISTER

### National Youth Conference Rooming Form

**At least One(1)male youth worker for every 10 males. At least one(1) female youth worker for every 10 females. Federal Law prohibits Youth and Youth Workers to be housed together unless it is a parent/child relationship (i.e. father/son or mother/ daughter). Each conference participant is responsible for bringing linen and towels. (Please Print)**

Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

**Male Youth Workers**

**Female Youth Workers**

1	2	1	2
3	4	3	4
5	6	5	6

**Male Youth**

**Female Youth**

1	2	1	2
3	4	3	4
5	6	5	6
7	8	7	8
9	10	9	10
11	12	11	12
13	14	13	14
15	16	15	16
17	18	17	18
19	20	19	20
21	22	21	22
23	24	23	24

If more space is needed, make a copy of sheet



# National Youth Conference

## DRESS CODE

Please keep in mind that your appearance, as well your behavior, should be reflective of you as a representative of the kingdom of God. Generally, if the outfit is questionable, please leave it at home.

**YOUNG MEN PARTICIPATING IN THE DEVOTIONAL SERVICES ARE TO WEAR TIES OR POLO SHIRTS.** Jackets, coats and/or sweaters may be needed at the site. *Please keep the dress code in mind when packing for all events of the conference.*

Do not bring clothing that is too tight, hangs off body, and exposes midriff, cleavage-upper, middle lower back, upper thigh or underclothing. No naked gear.

Do not wear "Do Rags" outside of your assigned rooms. Do not bring clothing that maybe mistaken for gang attire or expresses gang affiliation.

Excursion Attire:

Acceptable Shorts- Walking shorts, basketball shorts. *No boy briefs shorts. No daisy duke shorts of any length.*

Acceptable Pants: Jeans, Capri pants, Warm up pants. *No leggings worn as pants*





## 68<sup>th</sup> National Youth Conference Pageant Rules and Regulations

### I. REGISTRATION

A. The counselors of all youth competing must mail the registration form in before June 15 with the necessary information: position competing for, phone number, birth date, local congregation, talent to be displayed, speech topic with all information legible (easy to read).

B. The counselor should do all registering. **NO** youth can compete if not under a counselor. Youth should be involved in a youth group at home or give evidence of having been involved before coming to the conference. You may have letters of recommendations from the community, school, counselor, etc., but the spiritual leadership of said Youth's congregation has the final decision as to whether or not said youth may represent that congregation at the state and national conference. The Minister or elders have the final authority as to said youth's participation and representing that congregation.

C. Registration must include letters for contestants, one letter of Recommendation for Competition from each of the following sources: Minister of their congregation, Church Counselor, School counselors or Principal. If not in high school recommendation letter from his/her place of employment, and if not employed, then from an Elder of their congregation.

Whoever writes a letter must identify the position of authority he or she holds to qualify the letter. ALL LETTER'S MUST BE TYPED!

**NOTE:** Bonus of three (3) additional points awarded for sending not less than two (2) letters of recommendations, five (5) points for all three recommendations.

Letters must be sent to Bro. Phillip Wade before the June 15 deadline. If no letters are received, the contestant cannot compete! If letters are sent in after the deadline, (for whatever reason), no points will be awarded for those letters. Counselor and Contestant must make sure letters are on time.



## REGISTRATION CONTINUED

D. From each state interested in Pageant Awards completion, **ONLY ONE YOUTH CAN COMPETE IN EACH DIVISION FROM A STATE.**

1. No youth who won a National title may compete again in the same division. If age of a winner in DIVISION –B changes to qualify youth to move into DIVISION –A, this youth may compete again only in DIVISION-A.
2. A youth must compete and win on the STATE level before competing at the National level. Youth may compete locally and win the state title, and then proceed to the National Conference to compete. If the youth does not win the title that he or she is competing for on the National level in that same year, then that youth must start over again the next year from the State level. A youth must compete locally and win, and then proceed to the National to represent his or her state in a given category.

E. All pageant contestant must submit a \$25.00 (NYC Pageant Fee) to E.D. Wyrick along with your NYC registration.

## II. AGE

A. The age qualification is from 13 to 20 years of age. There will be two divisions: Division – A (ages 16 to 20), Division – B (ages 13 to 15).

Division – A: Miss National Youth Conference  
Mr. National Youth Conference

Division – B: Miss National Congeniality  
Mr. National Congeniality

**B. Married Youth are not qualified to compete at the National Youth Conference. Ant  
parent of a child will not be able to participate or compete at the National Youth Conference.**

## III. DRESS

- A. If a contestant desires to wear a special outfit for his or her talent competition or performance, this is allowable. Youth should be dressed in said outfit when time to go on stage. After performance, there will be time to change into formal attire. **Dress should not be too extreme, lewd, or offensive.**



## **PAGEANT REGISTRATION FORM**

*(Please PRINT ONLY)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number with area code: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ School (now attending/graduated from): \_\_\_\_\_

Position Competing for: \_\_\_\_\_

Interests/Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

Future Endeavors: \_\_\_\_\_

**PHOTO:** Please send a 4 x 6-color photo of contestant. (Preference is to email JPG photo to [nycpageant@yahoo.com](mailto:nycpageant@yahoo.com))

REGISTRATION – Youth **MUST** submit conference registration by **June 20, 2020**. ALL pageant registration documents **MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JUNE 20,2020** . To register for the pageant, mail all NYC Pageant Forms and Fees to:

E.D Wyrick / Phillip Wade  
Marsalis Avenue Church of Christ  
2431 S. Marsalis Avenue  
Dallas, Texas 75216

For additional information, please direct inquiries to:  
Phillip Wade, Pageant Director (214) 729-4470 or  
[phillip.wade@sbcglobal.net](mailto:phillip.wade@sbcglobal.net)



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## MEDICAL LIABILITY RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

By my signature, I indicate that I am aware that during the said activity certain dangers may occur, including, but not limited to, the hazards of accidents or illnesses, sports activities, travel by bus, automobile and/or other means, including walking, that may involve **myself and/or my child**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Injury or Illness

Furthermore, in the event of illness or injury to myself and/or my child, I hereby give permission to the medical staff of the National Youth Conference and/Abilene Christian University, to obtain whatever medical or surgical diagnosis or treatment, x-ray examination, anesthesia and hospital care that by be deemed necessary for me or my child in the best judgment of the attending physician or surgeon and performed by or under the supervision of a member of the medical staff of the hospital or medical facility furnishing medical services, in my absence and/or if unable to reach me at the number listed below on this form.

### Responsibility

I also understand and do hereby assume all of the above mentioned risks and will hold the National Youth Conference and their representatives harmless from any damages whatsoever which may arise out of or in connection with the Conference or any activities arranged for myself and/or my child by the Conference; the terms thereof serving as a release and assumption of risk for heirs, executors and administrators and for all members of the family involved. I further assume full legal and financial responsibility for the behavior of myself and/or my child.

### Mandatory for every participant (Print Only)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

(Parent must sign if participant is a minor)

Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Family Physician No. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Insurance Carrier \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Policy # \_\_\_\_\_

(Bring copy of medical card)



List any medical problem, medication or **special need** of the participant  
(including drug allergies, food allergies, diet considerations, activity restrictions – vegetarian, etc.)

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Please bring the following items with you:

First aid kit- band-aids

Medications – including Tylenol, Advil, Benadryl, Pepto-Bismol, Imodium, etc.

Counselors, these items may be helpful to better assist your group with minor first aid needs & illnesses.