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The Voice of the **Young Adult** Festival at General Convention 2009

Welcome to the Young Adult Festival

by Wendy Pineda

Being involved in the young adult community is being part of a family. This family helps us grow by seeing things from a broader perspective.

The young adult community has opened my eyes to see things outside of my community. This family teaches us new things and helps define us as people. Aside from helping us learn and grow, this family helps us relax. Sit back, take a deep breath, kick your heels up, and move forward. Coming together in these conferences helps us realize that we are not the only young adults in the church. Not only do we have each other to lean on, we are there to remind each other that we are part of something bigger. The Young Adult Festival welcomes you.

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D038 El Porque te Debe de Importar Why you Should Care

by Nancy Frausto

La resolución D038 se enfoca en reafirmar la promesa de ser una comunidad calorosa hacia los ministerios Latinos/Hispanos. Si esta resolución pasa significa que la oficina del ministerio Latino/Hispano recibirá mas de 3 mil dólares para seguir creciendo la iglesia.

Esta resolución es importante porque los EE.UU. es la segunda nación con más latinos en el mundo. Esta resolución le daría al ministerio Latino los recursos para poder entrenar a líderes, apoyar a las iglesias y empoderar espiritualmente a nuestra comunidad.

Para más información sobre esta resolución no se pierdan las reuniones informativas que tendremos cada noche en el Lounge a las 8 pm, también pueden visitar la página episcopalchurch.org o simplemente pregúnteme.

Resolution D038 focuses on reaffirming the commitment to become a welcoming church for the Latino/Hispanic community. If passed, this resolution could mean a budget allocation of more than \$3 million for Latino/Hispanic development throughout the church.

D038 is significant because of the increase of the Latino/Hispanic population in the U.S. According to the 2008 census, the U.S. has the second largest Latino population in the world. This resolution will allow the office of Latino/Hispanic ministry to train new leaders, raise awareness, and develop programs of spiritual empowerment for the Latino/Hispanic community.

For information on the progress of this resolution, come to the nightly debriefings in the Lounge at 8pm, visit episcopalchurch.org, or just ask me!

Nancy Frausto is from the Diocese of Los Angeles and is a member of the YAF design team.



The YAF Newsletter will be available for you and General Convention participants every morning, to help you know what's going on at the Festival and to help the folks at GC know what we're up to over here at the Doubletree. We want all of your voices to be heard here -- whether in words or photos. Email your stories and photos to Jason Sierra at jason.sierra@gmail.com or submit them to the YAF blog and flickr page (episcopalcommons.org/yaf).

What is your calling?

by Carlton Allen

There are several tools available to us as Episcopalians that help us listen for and, more importantly, hear our call. Many of us have heard the call to ordained ministry. But what about those of us who haven't heard that call—is there a “discernment process” for us?

My own journey has taken me from not even thinking about ordained ministry, to seriously considering ordination, and now believing I can do more good in the world as an engineer.

I encourage you to take advantage of all the discernment tools the church offers us, locally and nationally. Attend the discernment workshop sponsored by Vocare. Come listen to the PLSE mentors on Friday night in the lounge. These are both great ways to get started on finding how the church can help you find out where you're going.

Carlton Allen is from the Diocese of Northern California and is a member of the YAF design team.

More than Relaxing

by Andrea de la Torre

For the past year and a half I have practiced yoga, one of many forms of meditation. With every breath during yoga I begin to see creation differently. I don't see it as something to use, but as a wonderful gift that I sometimes take for granted. God's creation is a gift that continues to keep on giving and growing with me as well as with future generations.

Learn more about the power of meditation and the connection between the body and prayer at the Meditation Workshops and the Body Prayer Workshops.

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Welcome to LA

by Shawn Evelyn

I'm not a native Angelino. I moved to Los Angeles when I was six years old. It's here that I've grown to love the wonders of creation. Mountains, beaches, hills, valleys, deserts, lakes, ponds, rivers, and plains can all be found here. Beauty and diversity are not only to be found in the landscape, but in its people, who are from every walk of life. With a closer look you will see we are more than coffee shops, and paparazzi. Southern California has much to offer to convention participants. Check out the Anaheim and Los Angeles maps and magazines in your welcome bag -- they'll tell you almost everything you want to know about this area and what there is to see and do here.

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Big Events

Opening Reception

Thursday @ 6pm, Atrium

Get to know your fellow participants, workshop leaders and some of the Church Center staff at our opening reception in the Atrium here just off the Doubletree lobby. Enjoy live music, hors d'ouvres and a special welcome from the design team. Stick around afterwards for our first GC briefing and community compline.

Meet a Mentor

Friday @ 7pm, Lounge

Busy discerning your vocation but looking for some tools? PLSE mentors as well as folks from the new Forward Movement discernment curriculum team will be on hand to offer guidance and support.

The Abundant Table

Saturday @ 6:30pm, California Ballroom

Don't miss out on this free catered dinner right here at the Doubletree as we discuss issues of food sustainability and responsible, local and organic agriculture.

General Convention Eucharist

Sunday @ 10am, Convention Center

All together, worshipping, praising and celebrating our communal life together. Go early! Shuttle leaves at 9am.

Closing Reception

Monday @ 6pm, Marriott Grand Ballroom A-D

Musical group MiX (Music in Christ) and the Presiding Bishop will join us this evening to celebrate the presence of young adults in the life of the church. Pick up some invitations and let's share the good work we do together with all at GC!



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YOUNG ADULT FESTIVAL
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The Young Adult Festival at General Convention provides a time and a space for Episcopalians between the ages of 18 and 30 to gather and together experience the workings and communal life of the church. We will be together July 9-14.

Check out more photos, stories and videos from the festival at
episcopalcommons.org/yaf

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