



NEW FIRE: Young Adult Ecumenical Days
*Blazing a Common Trail for the
Young Adult Ecumenical Movement*

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Statement of Purpose

Over the past few years, a renewed interest in young adult ecumenical initiatives has emerged in the United States, and throughout greater North America. Several young adult groups have assembled committed and passionate ecumenically engaged young adults united in the ethics and values of a shared Christian faith, including groups within the National Council of Churches (NCC), US Conference for the World Council of Churches (WCC) and the World Student Christian Federation (WSCF) structures (including Council for Ecumenical Student Christian Ministries - CESCO - and others), as well as grassroots initiatives including the Young Adult Ecumenical Forum (YAEF), and young adult gatherings at Ecumenical Advocacy Days and Christian Churches Together (CCT). Unfortunately, there has been little awareness or cooperation between these numerous initiatives, which has led to duplication of efforts and unnecessary competition for limited funds from member churches.

We believe an inclusive meeting between leaders of all of these young adult ecumenical initiatives, as well as the young adult liaisons and staff from our numerous member churches, prior to and coinciding with the NCC/CWS General Assembly in Denver, Colorado from November 8th-13th could greatly benefit the goals of bringing "New Fire" to the young adult ecumenical movement in the US, and greater North America. "New Fire" will take place at the Renaissance Hotel (on Quebec St. in Denver), seeks to raise awareness and build working relationships between young adult leaders from these various initiatives through a shared ecumenical formation experience. Seasoned ecumenists from the NCC, US Conference for the WCC, CWS, as well as ecumenical officers from the numerous member churches, will be on hand to dialogue and consult with young adult leaders to empower a cooperative vision, and to work together to enable the young adult ecumenical voice to emerge throughout the 2008 NCC/CWS General Assembly.

We seek the participation of leaders from the young adult ecumenical scene on a local and national level. We also look to include the participation of some of our ecumenical partners in Canada, as well as observers from the Catholic, and non-denominational evangelical families of the Christian faith in the United States. This unique gathering is possible through the working partnership of the Ecumenical Young Adult Ministries Team (EYAMT) of the NCC, and the Young Adult Task Force of the US Conference of the WCC, and is coordinated through the efforts of a joint planning committee and the young adult ecumenical formation staff of each organization.

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Registration Form

Please type or print the following information. Use a separate form for each registrant.

Title (Dr., Rev., Ms., Mr., The Rt. Rev., etc.) _____ Full Name: _____

Name as you would like it to appear on your badge: _____

Communion: _____

Council/Agency: _____ Title/Dept.: _____

Sponsor (if any): _____

Address: _____
(Street) (City/State/Zip)

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email address _____

Please identify any special accessibility and/or dietary needs: _____

For the New Fire event, you will be randomly assigned a roommate. Please identify your gender: _____

If you would like a particular roommate, please note your requested roommate's name here: _____

Please select your registration status:

- Young Adult Representative of a Communion/Ecumenical Organization
- Steward
- Visitor/Observer

* If you are staying through the entire General Assembly in one of these capacities, please note:

- General Assembly delegate or Proxy for (name): _____
- Governing Board member or Proxy for (name): _____
- Ecumenical or Interfaith Council representative (name) _____
- CWS Board member
- Press (press credentials available through NCCnews@nccusa.org)
- NCC/CWS staff
- Other _____

Please identify all parts of the meeting you plan to attend:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> New Fire: Young Adult Ecumenical Days | <input type="checkbox"/> Remaining Parts of the NCC/CWS General Assembly |
| <input type="radio"/> Saturday Morning (by invitation only) 11/08/08 | <input type="radio"/> General Assembly, Wednesday 11/12/08 |
| <input type="radio"/> Saturday Afternoon-Evening 11/08/08 | <input type="radio"/> General Assembly, Thursday 11/13/08 |
| <input type="radio"/> Sunday All Day 11/09/08 | <input type="radio"/> Special Event Banquet, Thursday 11/13/08 |
| <input type="radio"/> Monday 11/10/08 | |
| <input type="radio"/> Orientation for first-time GA participants, Tuesday 11/11/08 | |
| <input type="radio"/> NCC/CWS General Assembly, Tuesday 11/11/08 | |

Ecumenical Experience: _____

What are your hopes and priorities for the next year in the life of your communion/ denomination/ organization & the greater ecumenical movement? (in 2-3 sentences)



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| *Young Adult Meeting Registration Fee (Saturday to Tuesday) | | | \$50.00 |
| * Staying as an Observer for Wednesday-Thursday (\$90/day) | ___ Wednesday | ___ Thursday | _____ |
| * Total New Fire and General Assembly Registration | | | _____ |

Optional Events Fees:

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| Women's Caucus luncheon | \$25 (\$35 for non-GA registrant) | x _____ | \$ _____ |
| Racial/ethnic breakfast | \$20 | x _____ | \$ _____ |
| Young Adult Caucus luncheon | \$20 | x _____ | \$ _____ |
| Total Meeting Registration and Optional Events Fee | | | \$ _____ |

Check One Payment Method Please: All registrations must include payment in order to be processed.
(All fee payments are to be made payable to National Council of Churches.)

Check or Money Order
 VISA
 MasterCard
 Other _____

Credit Card # _____ Expires _____

Signature: _____

Print name: _____

(If you submit your registration with credit card information, you may fax this form to 212-870-3112.)

3 Ways for Young Adults to Register!

- 1. Mail:** Complete and mail the Registration Form with payment to: NEW FIRE: Young Adult Ecumenical Days, US Conference of the World Council of Churches, 475 Riverside Drive, Room 1370, New York, NY 10115-0050.
- 2. Fax:** Send the registration form with your credit card information to 212-870-2528, Attn: New Fire.
- 3. Email:** Fill out the registration form (received by email) with your credit card information and email to David Fraccaro (david.fraccaro@wcc-coe.org)

. To assist our office with planning, please register early.

Questions?

**Please call David Fraccaro at (212)870.2192 or Garland Pierce at (212) 870-2267
OR email David at dvf@wcc-coe.org or Garland at gpierce@nccusa.org**

Cancellations and requests for refunds must be received in writing no later than November 3, 2008. Send those requests to NEW FIRE: Young Adult Ecumenical Days, 475 Riverside Drive, Room 1370, New York, NY 10115-0050. Refunds will be issued after the meeting.

Please send completed young adult registration form with payment to:

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