

Youth Annual Conference 101

(An informational sheet for first timers or those who want to know more)

- **YAC-** YAC (which is short for Youth Annual Conference) is a weekend for youth from the East Ohio Conference of the UMC to meet together for a time of worship, leadership development, fellowship. A weekend for teens planned by teens!
- **Mission Statement for Youth Annual Conference:** Empowering youth to be leaders in the church for today, by striving for a loving relationship with Jesus Christ
- **Lakeside-** Lakeside is among the first Chautauqua communities founded in the United States, in 1873 by Methodist pastors. It has been a center for religion, education, cultural arts, recreation and relaxation for more than 135 years. Today, it thrives as one of the few remaining Chautauqua communities, offering summer-long Chautauqua opportunities for all who come here. Check out their website: lakesideohio.com
- **CCYM-** CCYM stands for Conference Council on Youth Ministries- Council that is made up of adults and youth from each District. This is a leadership development council that plans events for youth of the East Ohio Conference .
- **Districts-** Think of them like counties, only a lot bigger! Local churches are organized into Districts. There are 10 Districts in the East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church.
- **DYC-** District Youth Council- Similar to CCYM, only they plan events for each district.
- **District Buttons-**Each YAC participant is given 3 of their District Buttons in their registration packet. These buttons are traded for other district buttons. More buttons can be purchased at the YSF table. There are also “special” buttons given away during the weekend. The idea is to leave with a collection of all the buttons. This is a great way to mingle with teens from other districts around our conference.
- **Caucasus-** District Meetings at Youth Annual conference where resolutions and petitions are discussed
- **Business Sessions-** the time when, reports, presentations, resolutions take place at YAC
- **Resolutions-** recommendations made by youth for the body of YAC and/or the Church to act upon. These can be anything that is important for teens to consider. These are typically brought by individual youth groups.
- **YSF-** Youth Service Fund-an organization which collects donations and distributes them in support of mission projects focused on youth locally in the East Ohio Conference as well as nationally and throughout the world . Anyone with a youth mission project can apply for a grant! The money is raised by youth to support youth missions.
- **Prayer Walk-**a reflective time for you to connect with God. We typically walk from Hoover Auditorium to the Lakefront for a prayer service.
- **Hoover Auditorium-**main hall where most of the events during YAC takes place. This is a historical building...but no air conditioning!
- **May Flies/Canadian Soliders-**insects that hatch the week before or weekend of YAC every year. These flies do not harm or bite you, but love to be around light at night and hang on to cars and buildings. They live for a day and are necessary for the life of the fish in Lake Erie. It makes for great discussion!
- **Why should I attend YAC?** This is a great opportunity to develop as a teen Christian Leader. To connect with other United Methodist teens in Ohio and to understand the connection we have with one another across Ohio and around the world!
- **What does my registration fees go towards?** YAC costs the East Ohio Conference a lot of money. The expenses of renting the facilities at Lakeside, the speakers, bands, and production is rising. We try our best to give you an awesome YAC that is most cost effective. Housing and food costs come straight from Lakeside Association. We do NOT make money on this event.
- **For more info:** www.eocumc.com/youth Follow us on Twitter: [eocteens](https://twitter.com/eocteens) or Facebook: East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church Youth Ministries