

August 31, 2022

Greetings Pastors and Youth Workers!

We all have a story to tell. What's your story?

Our world is full of stories. From novels to movies to comics and social media. Stories have the ability to stir different emotions within us. Stories matter and details make stories stronger. Jesus reveals with His own life that stories truly have power. Your story matters because you matter to Jesus. Your story belongs to God. Sometimes there is conflict and failure, these just add to the story. Does your story point to Jesus? God has called you to impact the lives of those around you. Every single action you make and word you speak is adding chapters to your story, so make them count! God is ready to use you now, where you are, with what you already have.

As you consider the endless possibilities of activities and events you could do with your middle and high school students this coming school year, we encourage you to reserve Nov 4-6, 2022 and plan to join us in Cedar Rapids, IA for the Region Youth Event 2022. This event is a fantastic opportunity to connect your 6-12 grade youth with other youth in the region, hear some powerful messages, worship, and laugh. Considering all that is going on in our world, students are struggling and this weekend is an opportunity for them to connect and recharge.

Our speaker this year will be Rev. Jesús García and worship will be led by students from the University of Sioux Falls. Reverend Jesús E. García serves as Lead Pastor of Church of the City in New London, CT. A native of Puerto Rico, Rev. García dedicated himself to full-time ministry in February 1997 at Iglesia Bautista de Metrópolis in Carolina, serving as Youth Pastor, and then transitioning to become the Senior Pastor in 2002. With over 20 years of experience within the Pastorate, he has a heart for community and spiritual development.

RYE 2022 will be held Nov. 4-6, 2022, at the Church on Northland (First Baptist Church-Church of the Brethren), 5200 Northland Ave NE. The cost for attending is \$60/participant. There is early bird pricing for registrations received before October 18th. For those registering before October 18, the cost is only \$55/participant! This fee includes your T-shirt (indicate your shirt size on the registration form), programming, Friday night dinner, lunch on Saturday, and admittance to the Cedar Rapids Ice Arena

Registrations and fees need to be received by October 18, 2022 in order to ensure a t-shirt. Please send all registrations to the region office, Mid-ABC Region 2400 NW 86th St Ste 15, Des Moines, IA 50322

CHECKS NEED TO BE MADE OUT TO "MID-ABC REGION".

You may also email registrations to office@mid-abc.org

The fun kicks off at 6:00 PM on Friday night with walking tacos being served about 6:30 PM. Included in this packet is the tentative schedule. Throughout the weekend students will have the opportunity to worship, hear Jesús speak, dig deeper in small group sessions, attend a workshop in an area of their choosing, play games, and be silly.

We are intentionally planning opportunities for students to mix and mingle with kids from other communities, while also allowing for churches to have small group times together. We realize this may be uncomfortable for some students, but please encourage participation and interaction in all activities.

Students won't need to bring a lot of money for the weekend, but please know that there may be merchandise available for purchase and they may want some for free time.

If finances are a concern and you need assistance with lodging, please let us know. We don't want kids to miss out on this opportunity. **Also, all students must be accompanied by an adult.**

For more information and updates on the weekend activities:

Like Mid-ABC Region Youth on facebook and follow us on Instagram at Mid-ABC Region Youth.

Also check out www.mid-abc.org or www.thechurchonnorthland.com for more info.

We will be monitoring COVID recommendations and responding accordingly to ensure that this is a safe and healthy event for students and leaders and have intentionally planned some activities where social distancing will be easier.

Hotel information: ALL OFFER CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Hampton Inn & Suites Cedar Rapids North
1130 Park Place NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402.
Phone 319-832-1130
Group Name is: RYE 2022.
\$99/night

We have blocked 10 rooms here. On hold til 10/12

Homewood Suites
1140 Park Place NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402.
Phone 319-378-1140
Group Name is: RYE 2022.
\$109 (King Suite) \$119 (Queen Suite)

We have blocked 10 rooms here. On hold til 10/12

We have reserved blocks of rooms at each of these hotels. Please contact the hotel directly to reserve your rooms. You will reserve the rooms under your church's name and you will be responsible to pay for the rooms when you depart at the end of the weekend. You will also need to have one adult who will be the primary leader responsible for your group.

Other hotels near the church

Holiday Inn Express Collins Road
1230 Collins Rd NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402
Phone 319-294-9407

Comfort Inn & Suites
2025 Werner Ave NE, Cedar Rapids, IA,
(319) 378-8888

Free Time Activities

It's up to each group on what they would like to do for free time.

Lindale Mall: Shopping or window shopping, the mall is a popular destination for groups. Around Lindale Mall there are restaurants and several stores.

Ice Cream/Frozen Yogurt/Coffee close to the church:

Need an afternoon snack or pick me up? Frydae's, Orange Leaf, Coldstone, Starbucks, Panera and Coffeesmiths

Activities:

AirFx indoor trampoline park, with laser frenzy and outdoor mini golf. <http://www.airfxcr.com/>

Noelridge Park, huge park with walking trail

Video Games/Pool/PingPong/Fuseball at the Church

SuperSkate Roller Skating

Dragon's Lair Family Adventure Center. Laser Tag and more <http://dragonslaircenter.com/>

Super Marion Arcade

AirFx, SuperSkate, Super Marion Arcade and Dragon's Lair cost money that would be an additional cost.

For directions to any of these places, please just ask.

Dinner Options:

There are LOTS of places to eat near the church/hotels or within a <10 min drive.

American Fare: Perkins, Applebee's, Cheddars, Red Robin, Granite City, Chilis, Panera, Buffalo Wild Wings, Q Dogs.

Fast Food: Wendy's, Chic-Fil-A, Arbys, McDonalds, Subway, Firehouse Subs, Jimmy John's, Culver's, Burger King, Freddy's.

Mexican: Carlos O'Kelly's, Casa Las Glorias, Pancheros, Chipotle, Moe's

What to Bring

Clothes

Pajamas

Toiletries

Tennis Shoes for the Ice Arena Broomball

Sweatshirt or jacket

Bible or Bible App on phone/tablet

\$\$ for free time activities, merch tables and mission projects.

If you have any questions please contact:

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We hope that you will prayerfully consider attending RYE 2022. In His service, The RYE planning team,
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