



Diocese of Huron Pilgrimage to CLAY



The Diocese of Huron is planning a Pilgrimage bus trip¹ to the Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth Gathering (CLAY)² 2018 in Thunder Bay. Registration packages for the trip will be coming soon. Here's a list of steps to help you plan your trip.

- Find out about CLAY at their website claygathering.ca
- Form your Home Team³
 - Recruit Home Team Leaders⁴/Home Team Leaders-in-training⁵
 - Invite Home Team Youth Participants⁶
- Plan your fundraising – we estimate the trip will cost \$2000/person. Ideas and suggestions will follow with registration packages. Be creative!!
- Register for the Pilgrimage⁷ – More information in registration package will be coming soon.
- Register for CLAY⁸ - more information will be posted at claygathering.ca soon. Registration usually opens February 1, 2018
- Send **Pilgrimage payments** as scheduled to Church House as the registration package will explain.
- Send **CLAY payments** to CLAY Registrar (on the CLAY website)
- Keep fundraising!
- Prepare as a Home Team for the CLAY experience – check out the materials provided on claygathering.ca/resources (Bible Studies included)

Thank you for your interest in the Pilgrimage and CLAY gathering. Further information will follow as available. The Diocesan Pilgrimage committee is comprised of people who have attended and loved CLAY in previous years. We look forward to working with you to share this wonderful experience for our youth. Please contact us with questions.

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Key Terms

- ¹ **Pilgrimage** – *Tentative* The journey begins August 13th 2018 with a bus picking up participants in various locations across the diocese. We'll reach Thunder Bay on August 15th where the National Planning Committee of CLAY picks up the programming until approximately noon on August 19th when the CLAY gathering ends. We'll arrive back in Southwestern Ontario August 20th.
- ² **Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth gathering (CLAY)** – takes place August 15th-19th in Thunder Bay, ON. This is a national event, which occurs every other summer in August. Host cities rotate throughout Canada. During this time, the CLAY organizing committee will offer direction and support.
- ³ **Home Team** – a group of youth and their leaders from the same parish that travels and stays together during Pilgrimage and CLAY. You must be part of a home team to attend CLAY gathering. A home team can also be formed between multiple parishes
- ⁴ **Home Team Leaders** – Trusted and approved by the parish priest, a Home Team Leader plans and ensures the safety and comfort of the youth participants, and must comply with Diocesan Safe Church requirements. At CLAY gathering leaders are in charge of their youth for the duration of the event, and are expected to participate fully. It is highly recommended that the Home Team Leader provide several opportunities for their home team to meet in order to share information and build community. The diocese will be providing training for new and returning home team leaders. The diocese recommends Home Team Leaders be at least 25 years old at time of event.
- ⁵ **Home Team Leaders-in-Training** – these participants are 19-21 years of age, and are invited to join the Pilgrimage and CLAY gathering. They are required to attend all trainings and Home Team Leader Meetings. Parish Priests must approve their participation.
- ⁶ **Home Team Youth Participants** - Youth participants are between 14 and 19 years old in 2018 (born between 1999 and 2004).
- ⁷ **Register for Pilgrimage** – the registration package will be available soon. Send an email to dohyouthcommittee@gmail.com to let us know you're interested in joining the Pilgrimage. This paperwork needs to be submitted to the Pilgrimage registrar by February 28th, 2018.
- ⁸ **Register for Clay** – what? I have to register twice? Yes. All participants must register and pay for the Pilgrimage and CLAY separately. Register for CLAY online at claygathering.ca as a Home Team, and then mail the printed forms to the CLAY registrar. This is usually available February 1st at www.claygathering.ca