

Every third summer, Episcopalians from around the world gather for two weeks to form a body of believers charged with discussing, discerning and, in some ways, deciding the course of the church for the coming three years.

General Convention is a legislative meeting, an informational gathering, a collaborative opportunity and a spiritually uplifting and challenging experience. It is a chance to meet Episcopalians from all walks of life and all parts of the church and to share faith, food and a few laughs.

General Convention has intentionally incorporated young people into the life of the church through representation at General Convention. Beginning in 1982 with the creation of the Official Youth Presence and following in 2000 with the creation of the Children's Program and the Young Adult Festival, General Convention has witnessed the ever-growing presence of younger people.

For the first time in 2012, the "generations" of the Episcopal Church gathered as one organized Booth to be represented at General Convention. This was intended to both present a new way of being church that breaks down generational barriers and to stimulate important theological conversations on all the ways we create divisions.

This report is on the four aspects of the involvement of younger people at Generation Convention.

#### **Section 1:**

General Convention Official Youth Presence, pages 3 through 7

Highlights include: 18 young people participating in the legislative process of the Episcopal Church, presenting testimony at committee meetings, addressing the House of Deputies from the floor, meeting with leadership and introducing important legislation that passed both houses.

#### **Section 2:**

General Convention Children's Program, pages 8 through 10

Highlights include: Participation of more than 100 children and youth and 70+ adults in a substantive, faith-filled program.

#### **Section 3:**

Young Adult Festival, pages 11 through 13

Highlights include: 106 young adults learning about the legislative processes of the Episcopal Church and creating community among their peer group.

#### **Section 4:**

Episcopal Generations Booth, pages 14 through 16

Highlights include: Landmark collaboration across generations to create a Booth for the Exhibit Hall that generates new conversations about intergenerational church.