

# ENGAGING YOUNG ADULTS LEARNING COMMUNITY

PRESENTED BY THE CENTER FOR CONGREGATIONS

## Program Description and Application Process

The Indianapolis Engaging Young Adults (EYA) Initiative is a special learning community opportunity for select congregations to learn about deepening relationships with young adults in their 20s and early 30s both within and beyond their faith communities. The EYA Initiative includes a learning phase, a piloting phase, and a grant project phase.

The Center for Congregations will lead participating congregational teams through these three phases. Participating congregations will:

- practice ways of engaging young adults in empathetic conversation for the purpose of understanding their lives and building relationships.
- share and interpret young adult experiences, needs, and perspectives across the wider congregation.
- connect the congregation's deepest faith commitments with young adult experience and need.
- follow the lead of young adults in piloting ministry projects.
- develop ministries that enhance and enrich young adults' religious lives.

Each congregational team will join a learning cohort with other congregations in the initiative.

In the grant phase of the initiative, participating congregations will be considered for matching grants of up to \$30,000 to fund developing ministries with young adults. For purposes of this initiative, young adults are ages 20-34. Ministries with teens or with and for the children of young adult parents are not included.

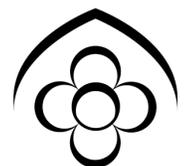
### WHO MAY APPLY

Congregations in metro Indianapolis (Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Marion, Morgan, and Shelby counties) are eligible to apply for this initiative. Congregations in other Indiana counties were previously offered a similar EYA opportunity.

Applications can only be accepted from individual congregations. Schools, campus ministry groups, faith-based non-profits, judicatories or groups of congregations are not eligible to apply.

### HOW TO APPLY

1. Familiarize yourself with the initiative and with the application by attending an Information Session or by viewing the on-demand video Information Session.
2. Download the application, and review the questions.
3. Gather a group of interested persons in your congregation to discuss the questions before designating someone to write the application. This is an important step.
4. Contact the Center for Congregations if you have questions about the EYA program or the application process.
5. Mail completed, signed application to:  
**EYA Initiative**  
**Center for Congregations**  
**303 N Alabama St, Suite 100**  
**Indianapolis IN 46204**
6. All applications must be postmarked no later than May 1, 2019.



### THE APPLICATION

You can download the application and instructions at the Center for Congregations website: <https://centerforcongregations.org/engaging-young-adults-initiative>.

### QUESTIONS?

For additional information, please contact EYA Coordinator Wendy McCormick at [wmccormick@centerforcongregations.org](mailto:wmccormick@centerforcongregations.org) or 812.618.2012, x 1308.

## EYA TIMETABLE

February 1, 2019	Program materials and application available
February 5, 2019	EYA Initiative Information Session, 5-7 p.m. (Eastern time)
February 6, 2019	EYA Initiative Information Session, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (Eastern time)
May 1, 2019	Program application deadline
June 1, 2019	Congregations notified of program acceptance
Summer 2019	Participating congregations complete first assignment
August 28, 2019	Learning Community day 1, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (Eastern time)
Fall 2019	Participating congregations complete next assignment
November 20, 2019	Learning Community day 2, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (Eastern time)
Winter 2020	Participating congregations complete next assignment
April 22, 2020	Learning Community Day 3, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (Eastern time)
Summer 2020	Participating congregations develop grant projects
September 15, 2020	Grant application first draft deadline
October 31, 2020	Grant application deadline
December 1, 2020	Project implementation begins
*November 3, 2021	Closing event, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. (Eastern time)
November 30, 2021	Projects completed, final reports due

\*not confirmed

