



Engaging Young Adults Initiative

INDIANAPOLIS AREA PROGRAM APPLICATION DUE MAY 1, 2019

Eligibility: Indiana congregations in the eight counties of metro Indianapolis are eligible to apply (Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Marion, Morgan, Shelby). Individual congregations are eligible to apply. *Applications cannot be accepted from groups of congregations, campus ministries, judicatories, or other faith-based organizations.*

Audience: Congregations engaging young adults in their 20s and early 30s (up to age 34) from their community as well as their immediate congregation. *While some young adults are parents, the focus of this initiative is on the adults themselves; family or children's ministries are not included in this initiative.*

Initiative Goals:

Participating congregational teams 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 needs
- Follow the lead of young adults in piloting ministry projects
- Develop ministries that enhance and enrich young adults' religious lives

Application:

The application's purpose is to help the Center for Congregations learn about your congregation and your interest in this initiative.

1. Assemble a group of interested persons from your congregation to read and discuss "Engaging Young Adults: A Resource from the Center for Congregations."
(http://thecrg.org/content/files/Engaging_Young_Adults.pdf)
2. Gather a small group to talk over the questions on this application.
3. Designate an individual to fill out this application based on those discussions.

Congregation Information		
Name of Congregation:		
Website:		
County:		
Address: <i>(address, city, state, zip)</i>		Federal Employer Identification Number: <i>(An Employer Identification Number [EIN] is also known as a Federal Tax Identification Number. This is used to report employee income and withholdings on IRS W-2, 1099, and similar forms.)</i>
Phone #:	Primary E-mail:	
Number of Households: _____ OR Number of Individuals: _____	Average Worship Attendance:	
Annual Budget:		
Mailing Address: <i>(if different than address above)</i>		

Leadership – Please list names and roles or titles, and indicate FT (full time), PT (part time) or V (volunteer)
Clergy:
Lay Staff:



1. Your beliefs

a. Briefly identify your congregation's core beliefs, mission, or passionate convictions.

b. Share one story that illustrates your congregation enacting these beliefs and convictions.



2. Describe some part of your congregation's life that is "healthy" or working well.

3. Describe some part of your congregation's life that you wish were "healthier" or working better.



4. Tell about a time your congregation engaged in something new and what you learned (Whether or not the new thing was “successful” is not important here.)

a. What new thing did you do?

b. How did you decide to do it?

c. How did you introduce or implement the new thing?



d. How did you evaluate how it went?

e. Based on that experience, if you were to try another new thing, what two or three strategies do you think would be key?



5. Tell us about why your congregation wants to engage young adults from your wider community.
 - a. What about engaging young adults interests or excites your congregation?

- b. What do you feel your congregation has to offer young adults?



c. What challenges and opportunities do you foresee?



7. Project Team

To be successful in this program, congregations need to have a team committed to attend the educational events and complete the steps in each phase of the project. The Center for Congregations' experience suggests that congregations relying on the efforts of one individual will not be successful in this program.

- a. Please identify the persons who have committed to be part of your congregation's team.

Project Leader who will be the primary contact for the Center and will attend all learning events.		
Name:	Email Address:	Role in Congregation:
<p>In a few sentences, please explain why you chose this person:</p> 		

Project Team Members		
Name	Email Address	Role in Congregation

- b. If the project leader or another key team member suddenly became unavailable or left the organization, how might your congregation pivot to continue full participation in the EYA initiative?

8. Matching Funds

Congregations selected for the program will have the opportunity to apply for a non-competitive matching grant of up to \$30,000. Congregations' matching funds need to be available by December 1, 2021.

- a. Please describe how your congregation might allocate, budget or raise the matching funds for the grant.

- b. Beyond the team members identified above, what groups or individuals in your congregation would be important to include in allocating, budgeting or raising matching funds?

9. Describe the process that led to this application.

- a. Who was involved in deciding to apply and in preparing the application?

- b. In preparing this application, what did you discover (or re-discover) about your congregation?



If your congregation is selected for the program, you will be required to provide proof of your congregation's tax-exempt status. You may meet this requirement by providing a group (denominational) 501(c)(3) letter, an individual 501(c)(3) letter, or you may obtain a letter from an attorney attesting to your status. Please note that a sales-tax exemption certificate does not meet the requirement.

Please print and sign the application

By signing this program application, we affirm that the congregation's leadership team and/or governing board support our congregation's full participation in the program, including participation in all classes and gatherings and commitment of matching funds.

Senior Clergy Leader

Senior Lay Leader

Senior Clergy Leader – Print Name

Senior Lay Leader – Print Name

Completed application with original signatures may be scanned and emailed as a pdf to:
eya@centerforcongregations.org

Or mailed to:
EYA Initiative
Center for Congregations
303 N Alabama, Suite 100
Indianapolis IN 46204

Applications must be emailed or postmarked by May 1, 2019
We are not able to offer any extensions or exceptions to this deadline.

