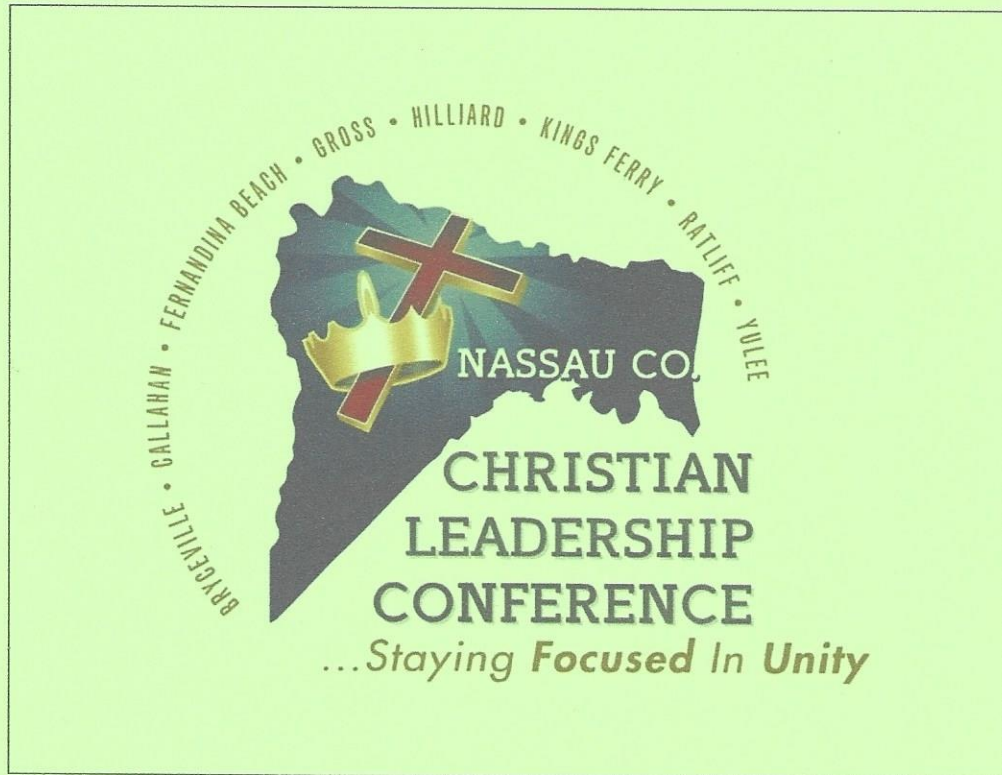


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## Draft



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## **Purpose**

- To provide an opportunity for young people to express their concerns regarding various issues that affect their ability to advance into successful adult life
- To encourage young people to become involved in Community activities and enable them to address negative issues that impact their educational and social environments in a responsible way
- To enable youth (Ages to be determined by committee) to express their commitment to Community values

Taking into account the above, as well as the Goals and Objectives of the NCCLC, the Forum will be based on four fundamental elements:

- Young people as the major and genuine stakeholders
- The Forum serves as a platform for sharing ideas and viewpoints, and will be attended not only by young representatives of youth groups across the county, but also by experts and community leaders who will guide and moderate the various working sessions.
- Emphasis will be placed on identifying solutions that will enhance the participants ability to problem solve; therefore, various working groups will be set up to address all relevant issues.
- There will be follow-up activities in the community to ensure continued efforts to address relevant issues that are identified during the forum.

## **Stakeholders**

"Stakeholders" refers to those people who are affected, or could be affected, by the results of this youth forum and critical issues that are identified. Stakeholders are individuals, community groups and organizations; law enforcement and government agencies; religious leaders and businesses; anyone with a vested interest in the outcome of the event.

The following groups, organizations and individuals should be considered possible stakeholders in the proposed youth forum:

- Youth and Youth Organizations
- School Teachers and Administrators
- City and County Government Representatives
- Businesses
- Police and Sheriff Departments
- Community Leaders
- Parents
- Educational institutions
- Religious Leaders
- Various Community and Civic Organizations
- Others as Identified by the Committee

## **Topics and issues for discussion**

### **Education**

- **Access to higher education and job skill opportunities**
- **After School tutorial programs**
- **School safety**
- **Bullying prevention**
- **Peer mentoring**

### **Community (Proactive approaches)**

- **Gang Violence Prevention**
- **Drugs (Substance abuse prevention)**
- **Youth sex trafficking**
- **Criminal Justice (Law Enforcement)**
- **Family and community engagement**

### **Health**

- **Teenage pregnancy prevention**
- **Mental Health (issues) > Available resources to address**
- **Suicide Prevention**
- **LGBT (Sexual orientation and Gender)**
- **Disabilities (Physical)**

## **Economic and Political**

- **Role of Social Media**
- **Role of youth in developing a positive economic environment**
- **Role of the Church in the development of youth involvement in Christian Education and community affairs**
- **Youth entrepreneurship**
- **Developing a county Youth Commission**

## **Proposed Bonus Work Sessions:**

- **Youth job fair sponsored by potential employers from Nassau County**
- **Skill workshops on how to complete a job applications, interviewing skills, dressing for success**

## **Propose locations for the Youth Forum:**

- **St. Peters Episcopal Youth Camp and Conference Center (Camp Weed)**
- **Epworth By the Sea St Simons Island Georgia**
- **Convention Center Jekyll Island Georgia**
- **Other locations identified by committee**



## **NCCLC invitation letter need editing**

DEAR:

We are writing to invite you to participate in a Youth Forum sponsored by The Nassau County Christian Leadership Conference. The purpose of the Youth Forum is to give youth **(The term youth will have to be defined)** a voice in the planning of activities, programs and services within their communities. Youth involved in the forum will be asked to provide feedback to adults making decisions that affect their lives. We believe that truly effective youth programs are marked by high levels of youth involvement, not just as program recipients, but also as valuable resources that give programs direction. Given an opportunity to express their concerns and needs will allow youth to provide input into the adult decision making process that will shape the future for our young people. We invite you to serve on a "Listeners Panel" for the Forum. Your role would be to listen to the presentations by youth and afterwards provide a brief (5-minute) acknowledgement and response to what has been shared. Our request for your participation stems from a committee of youth and adults who identified you as someone who represents a position of influence that could potentially use the information to promote a better understanding of the needs and realities of young people in Nassau County. The Youth Forum will be held at (Location) on (Dates) from (Times). We will follow up this letter with a phone call to confirm your participation in this important event. Should you wish to contact us sooner, please call (contact person information) who is coordinating the event?

Thank you

## Youth Permission form

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your child has been invited to participate in a Youth Forum that is sponsored by the Nassau County Christian Leadership Conference (NCCLC) a nonprofit Organization exclusively formed for charitable and Christian education purposes that include but not limited to the following:

- The purpose of the NCCLC is to unite and promote Church and Community relationships
- Address culture, academic and social problems related to community relations
- Communicate issues affecting the care and welfare of all people
- Assist in the prevention of community deterioration
- Provide scholarship opportunities for high school graduates seeking higher education

The purpose of the Youth Forum is to give youth a voice in the planning of activities and programs to include their schools as well as their communities; to enhance higher educational opportunities for all young people and provide information to adults making decisions that affect their lives. The Youth Forum is being held (Location) \_\_\_\_\_ on (Date) \_\_\_\_\_. Youth from cities within Nassau County will be participating in the conference. The Sessions will take place from (Time) \_\_\_\_ am to \_\_\_\_ pm. Young people will work during the first \_\_\_\_\_ hour(s) in small groups to identify critical issues and generate ideas on how to address major concerns identified by the group. The young people will present their ideas and concerns to a panel of decision makers who will listen to the youth presentations, and then provide a response to shared concerns. The panel will include representatives from City and County councils, Community leaders, the Department of Education, Department of Health, the Office of Children and Family Services, as well as local pastors. This event offers young people an excellent opportunity to develop and



practice leadership skills and to learn how communities, organizations, legislatures, and key government agencies work together. The Youth Forum will enable your child to meet young people from other communities to share ideas and opinions related to issues of grave importance. It also allows young people to become aware of their role as responsible citizens as well as the importance of having a voice in pertinent community affairs, in addition youth participants will be contributing to the development of services for other young people in Nassau County. Following this event, the participants will be asked to continue their community leadership roles and to address the unique issues of concern that emerged in the Youth Forum. We seek your permission so that your child can participate in the Youth Forum. Please sign the attached consent form, noting also whether you will allow your child to appear on the videotaped recording of the event for future training purposes. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact \_\_\_\_\_.

Thank you for your support.

Rev Jerimiah Robinson Jr., President

## NCCLC Youth Forum Youth Permission Form

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in  
(name of child) the Youth Forum sponsored by the NCCLC that will be held in (Location) on  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

(Date) \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to appear in the d)  
videotaped recording of the Youth Forum sponsored by the NCCLC that will be held at  
(location) on (Date) \_\_\_\_\_. The videotaped recording will be  
used for future training purposes.

Parent / Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **YOUTH FORUM LEADERSHIP ROLES**

### **OUTREACH**

- Spreading the word
- Recruiting other teens
- Describing Youth Forum
- Getting other teens interested
- Generating excitement and enthusiasm

### **MC (1-2 people)**

- Welcoming participant
- Providing orientation and overview
- Introducing listeners
- Introducing youth speakers
- Thank you/Closure Issue

### **Group Leaders (5)**

- Partner with adult
- Pose discussion questions
- Keep discussion on track
- Present group findings/summary to Large Group

### **Recorder (5)**

- Take notes of key points of discussion
- Clarify; restate conclusions and key points
- Organize notes for presentation to forum participants and submission to NCCLC
- Present findings with group leader to forum participants

## **Issues to be address prior to implementation**

- **Adult participants cleared to work with youth**
- **Event Security**
- **Liability issues as identified by event organizers**
- **Transportation**
- **Sponsors and funding**
- **Establishing youth teams**
- **Age range of participants**
- **Venue**
- **How will the event be documented (final summary or report)?**
- **Dates and times**
- **Who will address the School Board, County and City Government?**