

### WHAT IS HAPPENING?

Happening is a renewal weekend sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta, using the gifts of young people and adults from many parishes and missions. It is guided by the Happening Steering Committee (H.S.C) which is a body of high schoolers and adults from the Diocese and is led by a Lay Director and a Spiritual Director. The weekend is led by teenagers for teenagers. The *Team*, which facilitates the weekend experience, consists of young people and adults who are actively involved in ministry of their local Episcopal congregation.

The purpose of the Happening movement in the Diocese of Atlanta is to *enhance the ministry of the local parish/mission by presenting the Gospel of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior to youth through an environment expressed in the traditions of the Episcopal Church which fosters and nourishes growth in Jesus Christ.*

The Happening Steering Committee realizes that Happening cannot be all things to all people. Happening does not exist to *fix* young people or their problems but rather to be a Spiritual Renewal experience for high school young people of the Diocese of Atlanta. Therefore, it is important to prayerfully consider this application. **PLEASE VISIT THE WEBSITE - [WWW.HAPPENINGATL.ORG](http://WWW.HAPPENINGATL.ORG) FOR MORE INFO.**

### WHAT TO EXPECT AT HAPPENING

The Happening weekend takes place at Camp Mikell in Toccoa, Georgia. It begins on Friday evening with registration at 5:00 pm. Dinner will be served on Friday after registration.

The Happeners hear talks on a variety of subjects that are relevant to their lives as high school students in 21<sup>st</sup> century America. They are assigned to Family Groups and are able to respond to the talks. The weekend is full of singing, fellowship, surprises, fun and friendship and is designed so that individuals are given opportunities to discover more about themselves, their Lord, their families and their world. ***The Happening weekend finishes late on Sunday afternoon with a celebration of the Eucharist. Participants are required to stay for the entire weekend.***

### CAN ADULTS ATTEND HAPPENING?

In addition to high school students, a limited number of spaces are made available to clergy and lay adults who work with Episcopal parish youth ministries. These Geritols are invited as participants so that they can help integrate the Happening experience with the Episcopal parish youth ministry. Please use this application for adults and youth. **PLEASE NOTE: ADULTS STAY IN CABINS WITH YOUTH.**

### CAN NON-EPISCOPALIANS ATTEND?

Happening is offered for Episcopalians in grades 10-12 (and 9th graders in the spring before their 10th grade year) but members of other denominations will be invited if room is available. They must also receive the approval of a clergy person of the Diocese of Atlanta and that of their own pastor.

### COST

Cost for the weekend is \$100.00. Checks should be made out to the Diocese of Atlanta and mailed to:

Diocese of Atlanta  
Attn: Kim Smith  
2744 Peachtree Road  
Atlanta, GA 30305

# Happening Application

(All Youth and Adult participants must fill out an application)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last

First

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Male/Female \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Youth/Adult Participant \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size – S M L XL XXL Is this your 1<sup>st</sup> time to Camp Mikell? \_\_\_\_\_

**For Adult Participant – Have you attended the Diocesan required Sexual Abuse Prevention Workshop? Yes No**

### Parent's / Guardian's Permission

My son /daughter has permission to attend Happening

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

### Diocese of Atlanta Clergy Form

I recommend \_\_\_\_\_ as a candidate for Happening.  
She/He is a member of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Church

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clergy Signature Phone

**If applicant is not a member of an Episcopal congregation, the following must also be signed:**

I recommend \_\_\_\_\_ as a candidate for Happening.  
She/He is a member of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Church

\_\_\_\_\_  
Pastor's Name and Phone Number

**I understand that the use of tobacco, drugs, alcohol or inappropriate sexual behavior will result in dismissal from the weekend activities.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

## Medical Authorization

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last

First

In case of an emergency notify:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

Relationship

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent / Guardians Name(s)

Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

**Medications/dietary needs of applicant**

**IN CASE OF MEDICAL EMERGENCY**, I understand that every effort will be made to contact parents/guardians of participants. In the event I cannot be reached, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the Lay Director or Youth Coordinator to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and to order injection, anesthesia, or surgery for my child, as named above

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

### **MEDIA RELEASE**

I hereby give my consent to all photographs, audiorecordings, academic work, and/or videorecordings taken of me or my minor child by *Happening* staff or their designee. I understand that any such photographs, audiorecordings, academic work, and/or videorecordings become the property of *Happening* and may be used by the diocese or others with their consent, for educational, instructional, or promotional purposes determined by the *Happening Steering Committee* in broadcast and media formats now existing or created in the future, including print and audiovisual presentations.

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_



**A ministry of the Diocese of Atlanta**

More than just a retreat, Happening is a powerful encounter in which young people minister to young people, bringing Jesus Christ joyfully alive in an enthusiastic community of disciples.

## **HAPPENING #52**

**Date: November 13-15, 2009**

**Application Deadline: October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

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