

# NE MN SYNOD HOUSING POLICY

The Northeastern Minnesota Synod strives to keep youth and adults safe at events. For the protection of both youth and adult leaders, the following policies are in place:

- No adult leader will be assigned to a room with only one youth.
- No adult leader may share a bed with a youth.
- Due to the expense of hotel rooms, it is necessary to assign 4 people to a room. In order to keep costs at a minimum and comply with the policy that no adult leader will share a bed with a youth, when there is one adult leader in a room with three youth **it is expected that the adult leader will be responsible for bringing a sleeping bag and sleeping pad with the expectation that either the adult leader or one of the youth in the room will sleep on the floor to avoid the sharing of a bed.** It is the responsibility of the adult leader to determine who will sleep on the floor.
- The only exception to this policy is in the event that an adult leader is housed with his/her son/daughter. Only family members may share beds.

Each adult should bring a sleeping bag to the event, even if it looks like you will have a bed to yourself since changes may occur. We encourage congregations to invest in a twin air mattress for use at events. The LYO Board recommends that adults be given the bed space, and youth use the mattress and sleeping bag. For rooms where there are 2 youth and 1 adult, it is expected that the youth will share a bed.

## Other Housing Info:

- In cases where group size or gender breakdowns leave one or two youth assigned to a room, youth will be assigned to share a room with youth from another church.
- To the best of our ability, we try to reserve all rooms from a church adjacent to or near each other, especially when youth are combined with youth from other churches to share a room. Be aware, this may not happen as hotels make the final assignments.
- You are responsible for your youth, even if you do not have an adult leader assigned to their room. If you wish to have adult supervision in every room, it is your responsibility to bring enough adult leaders of the correct gender ratio to make this possible. The synod does not provide adult leadership.
- The synod does not require you bring adult leaders of both genders. However, it is highly recommended when choosing adult leaders to have an even ratio of male and female adults according to the gender make-up of the group.
- We reserve the right to rearrange room assignments as necessary to keep room costs at a minimum. Be assured that careful consideration is given to how rooms are assigned.
- If you have specific housing concerns or needs, please contact the event registrar. We will do our best to accommodate your requests for the well-being of youth and adults!

