



Dear Counselor,

The 2024-25 Leaders in Life Youth Conference Planning Committee is getting ready to resume meetings. Your school may nominate up to two new students to serve on the committee this year. Please complete the attached nomination form if you have students who you think would be a good addition to the planning committee.

If you are unfamiliar with Leaders in Life, the committee is open to students in grades 6-12, academically 2.0 and above. They meet as a whole group four times during the year and also participate in one of five working subcommittees as they plan and organize a major youth conference. During the course of the year, the students gain valuable skills in organization, time management, communication, teamwork, and community outreach. Schools are encouraged to nominate students who show leadership promise but may be overlooked for opportunities like this. Because we are revitalizing the committee this year, we ask that new students be in grades 6-10, so that they have an opportunity to contribute to the process and build leadership skills over the next few years.

There are some notable changes in the way the planning committee will work this year:

- General planning meetings will be from 9:00 a.m.-1 p.m. We will provide a box lunch for participants.
- Any evening subcommittee meetings will be held virtually.

**The general planning and retreat meetings are scheduled for and held at the Larry E. Reider Building 2020 K Street:**

- **Monday, September 30th**
- **Monday, October 21st**
- **Tuesday, November 12th**
- **Monday, December 9th**
- **Tuesday, January 21st**
- **Monday, February 24th**
- **Friday, June 6th**

The conference will be on **March 13th at the Mechanics Bank Convention Center**. **We ask that you make arrangements to excuse the students on these days to avoid being marked absent.** Please feel free to contact me at [chumphrey@kern.org](mailto:chumphrey@kern.org) if you have any questions.