



Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia

2022 Happening Staff Application

We are so glad you would like to be a Happening staff member!

Happening #73

June 3rd-5th, 2022

Pre-Happening

May 14th, 2022

Staff Application Deadline

April 29th, 2022

TO APPLY: This application form along with a copy of the “EYC & Chanco Release & Medical Form” and the “Community Standards for Youth Programs” must be completed in full and postmarked, faxed or emailed by the staff application deadline. We cannot accept late applications.

Name _____ Your Happening # _____

Parish _____ Parish City/Town/Location _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Please answer the following questions.

1. I have worked the following Happenings in the following positions:

2. Why do you want to serve as a staff member for Happening?

3. What gifts do you think you can bring to the community?

4. Number in order of preference the staff positions you feel you can best serve:

___ **RECTOR.** The person who leads the Happeners and staff through the weekend.

* Contact Karen Witherspoon (kspoon143@yahoo.com) or Megan Dern (mdern@diosova.org) to obtain a separate Rector Application. You will still need to turn in a completed staff application too.

___ **VICAR.** The spiritual leader of the weekend. Leads prayer and worship for the weekend.

___ **CURATE** The Rector’s staff and support for the weekend. They can also be someone who helps guide the rector.

___ **DEACON** Serves the small groups by providing snacks and materials and any other needs that might come up.

___ **GROUP LEADER** Helps guide the small group time.

___ **MUSIC LEADER** plans and plays the music for the weekend.

___ **SEXTON** Does the behind the scenes work such as caritas, set up and take down of rooms and decorations.

5. I have given or been back-up for the following talks:

___ **Please Listen:** it is a prewritten talk which establishes an attitude of openness, sharing and trust for the weekend. It deals with the fact that all humans wear masks that we do not really want to wear. Yet we wear them for protection and to hide our insecurities. What we really want is to be open and loved for who we really are.

___ **Reality:** It tells the Happeners that we live in a world of social and material reality but we cannot depend on them. The material and social worlds are constantly changing. However, there is a deeper reality: spiritual reality. This is the reality of spirit that is in you and that is you. The reality of God, the Creator, is timeless and eternal. This is the reality that is behind the mask that people wear.

___ **Faith:** The prime elements discussed in this talk include: We all have faith -- faith in our parents, history and or future events. Faith itself is understood in terms of personal relationships. It is through faith, that Christ is made present in our lives. To truly believe the Gospel is to have faith in God through Christ.

___ **Jesus Christ:** The purpose of this talk is to present the creative love of Jesus Christ as a living and believable human, as well as the son of God. Jesus loved humanity enough to die on the cross, and rise again to free us from sin. In this talk we introduce the carpenter from Nazareth.

___ **Reconciliation:** The purpose of this talk is to make as real as possible what God does for us in Jesus Christ to bring about reconciliation, and to explore what reconciliation is. Reconciliation is about repairing a broken relationship, and overcoming sin and evil.

___ **Prayer:** This talk focuses on the expansive and personal nature of prayer, and the many ways we have to communicate with God.

___ **Church and Grace:** It defines the Church as a group of people, a body of believers. Caritas is a visible form of God's love expressed through the prayer and sacrifice of God's people; an unconditional, unearned, unexpected, freely-given gift. Traditionally, Caritas is introduced at the end of or following this talk expressions of prayer, support, and sacrifice for the community gathered for the weekend.

___ **World:** We live in the world. We can take spiritual reality into the world. We must seek God's guidance on how to do so. We need the support of Christian community to maintain and grow our connection to God's spiritual reality.

___ **Apostolate:** This talk suggests that the participants in the Happening weekend are called to share the Good News of a living, loving Savior with others. It points the way from the Happening experience back to the environment from which the participants came.

6. Which talk(s) would you most like to give and why?

RECOMMENDATIONS:

By signing below, I express my confidence in and recommendation of the above named individual to serve as a member of Happening staff. I believe this individual exhibits appropriate faith, maturity, integrity and commitment.

For all applicants

Clergy Signature _____ Date _____

For applicants under 18 and/or still in High School

Youth Leader Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Phone _____ Parent's Email _____

Applications should be sent to:

The Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia
11827 Canon Blvd., Suite 101
Newport News, VA 23606
ATTN: Megan Dern

Or by fax to 757-595-0783

Or email mdern@diosova.org

Full Attendance is expected at Pre-Happening and Happening weekends. If you are unable to make this commitment, please speak with the youth missionary to process if you will be able to staff this event.

UPON SELECTION: You will be notified by the Wednesday following the application deadline if you have been selected to serve on the Happening staff. **Payment of \$180.00 is due at the Pre-Happening weekend.** This fee helps offset costs of the subsidized program and covers all meals, accommodations and expenses for the Pre-Happening and Happening weekends. Adults (anyone over 18 and no longer in high school) will need to complete Safe Church training prior to the event if they have not done so in the last three years.