

**CCD NYI Youth Leaders**  
**Celebrate Life 2010**

Hello youth workers of the Chicago Central District. It is hard to believe that 2009 is already drawing to a close and we are eagerly looking forward to another new year. We wanted to take a moment to bring everyone up to speed on the plans for Celebrate Life 2010.

Celebrate Life this year will take place on February 26-27<sup>th</sup> at Chicago First Church of the Nazarene. Last year we experimented with a new format for the event and enjoyed overwhelming success with over 300 students in attendance. This year we are anticipating even greater things as our students have an opportunity to use their gifts in the arts and athletics.

This year, Celebrate Life will once again be a "Lock In" format and things will get underway with registration from 8-9 PM. After registration we will begin with a rally that will feature outstanding live music and a short challenging message for our teens. After our opening we will begin the talent and sports portions of the night at 9 PM. Talent should wrap up between midnight and 1 AM and sports should get done around 5 AM. The event will conclude at 6 AM.

This year we will continue with the tournament structure that was implemented last year. Volleyball participants will take part in a co-ed 6 on 6 tournament. Your students can form their own team with others from your church or friends from the district or they can choose to be placed on a team when they arrive. Our district coaches will be observing the tournament and choosing their teams from the outstanding players of the evening. We will also be selecting the district co-ed soccer team during the course of the evening. Due to the fact that high school basketball will still be in season we will not be selecting the basketball team at this event this year. A separate event will be held to select the district basketball teams. More information on this will be coming soon.

Any student who is awarded a Superior rating for their vocal or instrumental talent will be asked to participate in a very special Talent Showcase at 1:00 AM. From among these entries one grand prize winner will be selected. That individual will receive a free scholarship to attend the regional event at Olivet Nazarene University in May. We will also be hosting an art show of all our art entries in the atrium of the church featuring the paintings, sculptures and photographs of our district's talented artists. This year will also feature many new late night options for our students including a dodge ball tournament, climbing wall, and much more.

The cost for Celebrate Life this year is only \$25 for students and \$5 for adult sponsors, which will include individual awards, a late night pizza snack and a light breakfast in the morning. We will wrap up with closing ceremonies where we will announce who will be representing our district at Regional Celebrate Life in May.

Our Celebrate Life directors this year are Bill Koch and Christina Fischer. If you have any questions regarding Celebrate Life please contact Christina at [swtcinnamon@comcast.net](mailto:swtcinnamon@comcast.net) or at 847-244-9312. You and your students will be able to register online again this year at <https://secure.olivet.edu/clife>. Online registration will begin on January 11<sup>th</sup> and be open until February 22<sup>nd</sup>. As always any student who wants to participate in Regional Celebrate Life will need to be a part of the district event.

We are looking forward to the beginning of a new era of Celebrate Life for the Chicago Central District and hope you and your students will lend your abilities and support this year.

Grace and Peace  
Tim Britton  
CCD NYI VP of Events