



Leader Information for May Youth Weekends at Holden Weekend

We are excited to announce the May Youth Weekends at Holden Village for 2022! This year promises to continue our commitment to gather and serve in beautiful Holden Village.

Session Dates: May 20-22, 2022 (Friday - Sunday)

Theme: "Unmasked"
the Liberating Love of being our Authentic selves

As masks come off around us, we are revealing and being revealed in the world. Join us for a journey of relearning ourselves in community and in call. In each session, Rev. Priscilla Paris-Austin will facilitate conversations that center a different story from scripture and from the world today.

Registration: \$265 per participant. Registration opens on February 1, 2022 at 9am.

Our **speaker** this year is Rev. Priscilla Paris-Austin. Rev. Priscilla Paris-Austin is pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church (ELCA) in the South Lake Union neighborhood of Seattle, a congregation that takes seriously their calling to be a Sanctuary that is Open and Affirming of all persons of every gender, sexuality, race, ethnicity, ability, age, class, and status. Their commitment to being actively antiracist has encouraged them to be the fiscal sponsor for the emerging #66th Synod Reparations Fund, of which Priscilla is a member of the founding board. She is passionate about Youth & Family Ministry, serving on leadership teams for the ELCA Youth Gathering and the ELCA Youth Ministry Network. She enjoys being a writing consultant for Disrupt Worship Project, various divisions of 1517 Media, and others. Her calling to allyship has her serving as a member of the Strategic Team for Authentic Diversity (STAD) for the NW WA Synod, The Advisory Team for the ELCA Strategy Towards Authentic Diversity and other boards for diversity and inclusion, both in the church and for her children's school. She lives in eternal thankfulness for the partnership of her spouse of 24+ years and the gift of parenting 3 amazing humans with whom she shares a love of God, the arts, basketball, gymnastics and all things superhero, especially Marvel and DC.

Our **musician** is Lacey Brown and (she/her) is a singer/songwriter, music leader, liturgist, percussionist and recording artist from Seattle, WA. Passionate in the liturgical arts, Lacey has been working in ministry for over 20 years directing music and liturgy in congregations, the Northwest Washington Synod, the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia, and church wide conferences and events. As a composer in the church, she writes liturgical settings and songs for congregational singing and heads up a band called Poor Clare, performing original music and poetry inspired by the mysteries of God and life.

Her music can be found here:

<http://poorclaremusic.com>

<https://www.laceybrown.com>

<https://laceybrown.org>

Leadership and Communication

Co-Coordinator: Allison Ross (Bellingham) and Nicole Meyer (Seattle)

You can contact Allison or Nicole at holdenmyw17@gmail.com.

Please 'like' our Facebook page for updates and communication. Information will be there.

Website: <https://lutheransnw.org/ministries/children-youth-families--1>

Important Information

May Youth Weekend at Holden Village is subject to safety rules as set by the **US Forest Service**. They have the ability to reduce and increase attendees, cancel or extend time at Holden Village due to environmental safety concerns. In the event of a cancellation, May Youth Weekend will work to refund as much of the cost of the event as possible in a timely manner. In the event of an extension of stay please make sure that participants with medication needs have at least **7 days of back-up provisions**.

Registration will begin February 1, 2022 at 9am. We will be able to register **100** people. Thanks to the interest shown so far, we anticipate filling our spots quickly. We will maintain a wait list, especially if capacity opens further. This is all dependent on COVID protocols.

Our goal is to get **as many students up to Holden as possible**. Considering our limited capacity this year, we ask that you carefully consider prioritizing student participation. When registering your group, we ask that you are mindful of a ratio of 1 adult to 10 students *or whatever policy your congregation has in place*. We will be as helpful as we can in connecting groups who could share a male/female chaperone. Please talk with other congregations in your area to coordinate groups, as well.

The Children, Youth and Family Committee of the Northwest Washington Synod has taken on leadership for May Youth Weekends, but please note that **each congregation is ultimately responsible for their group**. You will be asked to sign a liability release acknowledging that at registration. The NWWA Synod and Holden Village are not liable.

This is an **'unplugged'** weekend in many ways. At Holden Village, there is no cell phone or internet reception. Holden generates their own power, and we help conserve that by not bringing/using electrical gadgets (no hair dryers, curling irons, etc...an opportunity to learn the Coachella braid :))

COVID-19 Preparation - see next page for more details.

VACCINATION: All guests, staff, and faculty who are in age groups eligible to be vaccinated must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 before arriving at Holden Village. (Fully vaccinated = 14 days after a single dose of J&J or two doses of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine.) **MASKING:** In light of recent developments and on the advice of our medical counsel, we have decided to resume masking indoors in the Village.

COVID-19 Protocols

(Subject to change as the situation evolves - we will send updates to registered group leaders via email and our facebook page)

Holden Village, as a community of practice during the pandemic, pledges mutuality and collective support for the safety and health of all in the Village. By following state and national guidelines and caring for the health of others as well as our own, we have enjoyed a renewed sense of community this year amidst all of the challenges. We invite all who will journey to Holden to work, play, teach, and learn, to join us in wellness practices that create a culture of care for all.

PEOPLE AT HIGH RISK: If you are at high risk of developing severe disease or COVID complications should you become infected, we recommend you speak to your health care provider about your risks and consider not traveling to Holden Village, due to our remote mountain location and limited access to medical care.

PRE-ARRIVAL: Guests, faculty, and staff commit to healthy practices to reduce exposure to illness and to tracking symptoms for 2 weeks before arriving at Holden Village. Holden understands that the very act of traveling by plane, train, boat, or bus could itself increase exposure and asks everyone to take the utmost precaution with hygiene, handwashing, mask-wearing, and distancing as you journey.

We recommend that everyone be tested for COVID-19 3-5 days before arrival. Check your local Department of Health for the availability of free or decreased cost testing, or check the availability of testing at your local pharmacy.

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SCREENING: (Updated 8/4/21) Holden wants families to be free to recreate and relax in the community with confidence. To support a meaningful experience, we recommend that everyone be tested for COVID-19 3-5 days before arrival. Check your local Department of Health for the availability of free or decreased cost testing, or check the availability of testing at your local pharmacy. Testing is available in the Village upon request for people of all ages.

MASKING: In light of recent developments and on the advice of our medical counsel, we have decided to resume masking indoors in the Village.

CREATIVE USE OF SPACE: Indoor dining, worship, and programming will abide by state guidelines for safe occupancy.

IN THE EVENT OF A POSITIVE COVID-19 CASE: In the event of a positive COVID-19 case at Holden Village, the Holden Medic Team and Directors work directly with the Chelan County Health Department and our medical advisor, Dr. Peter Kliewer, M.D. Anyone testing positive for COVID-19 is relocated to separate quarantine housing and remains only inside that building, with meals and other care needs delivered to them, in order to maintain optimal social distancing. On the day of the next available boat transport, the COVID-19 positive person(s) and their party will be transported down to the boat in Holden's "Red Box" vehicle, which is built with a partition between passengers and the driver. Contact tracing is conducted by our Medic Team and notifications are sent to impacted staff, volunteers and guests. Each case situation requires unique action as determined by the Holden Medic Team, Directors, Chelan County Health Department and our medical advisor, Dr. Peter Kliewer, M.D.

Registration

Who is Invited?

This event is designed for **high school youth in grades 9-12**. (9th grade for the 22-23 school year - 2022 high school graduates). All registrations must be made with a congregational youth group. The chaperone (age 21+) ratio is 1:10; please limit adults attending to that ratio or your congregation's policy. Our goal is to include as many students as possible. **Adult chaperones may not bring their own children under the age designated for this event.**

Program Cost

The cost is \$265 per person, which includes program, roundtrip boat fare, lodging and seven meals while at Holden, a theme t-shirt, tie-dye supplies, 1 scoop of ice cream, and a snack. If you would like to tie-dye, please bring your own white 100% cotton clothing item(s) or plan to purchase them at the store. **NOTE: Due to rising costs of programming, travel, room, and board, MYW 2023 registration costs will be raised.**

Registration Policies

- 100% payment is due **by check** within 2 weeks of your registration to reserve your spots.
- There is no charge to change names on a registration before April 15th, 2022.
- Registration will close on April 15th, 2022.
- You will need to bring hard-copies of your medical forms, background check form, and any liability and permission required by your congregation TO Holden with you.
- To request a refund, send a letter of explanation to the holdenmyw17@gmail.com before April 15, 2020. A \$50 deposit will be kept and the balance returned, if possible. **No refunds will be issued after this date.**

To Register

1. Register online at: <https://lutheransnw.org/ministries/children-youth-families--1>
Registration is open Feb. 1, 2022 at 9am - April 15th at 5pm.
2. You will be required to enter information for each student and adult who plan to attend. Specific information needed can be found on the individual registration form.
3. Payment: You must pay-in-full with a check within 2 weeks to hold your spots. (no credit cards). Make a check out to "Northwest Washington Synod" with "May Youth Weekend *Name of your congregation*" in the memo to: Northwest Washington Synod, 5519 Phinney Avenue N, Seattle, WA 98103

You will receive an email confirming receipt of your information.

Wait List

This year, we have a smaller capacity than normal due to covid protocols. If online registration is full, we will keep a waitlist. To get on the waitlist, please email holdenmyw17@gmail.com the following information: Congregation Name, Leader Name, and the following information for each participant (including the leader): Name, Date of Birth, Gender Identity, pronouns, grade in school, adult/youth, tshirt size, physical restrictions, allergies, and dietary needs. You do not need to send your background check or any payment at this time, but will be required to do so if space becomes available.

Medical Release and Covenant of Conduct Forms

Be sure to list any special needs (medical, dietary, etc.) in your online registration. Please be advised that due to Holden's location, medical evacuations are extremely difficult. Participants with chronic conditions should

carefully consider their involvement. Anyone requiring medications should be sure to pack enough for 2 weeks in case of an emergency requiring a longer stay in the Village.

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When you come to Holden Village, you must bring any and all forms required by your church regarding health insurance, liability, permission, etc. The forms provided by May Youth Weekends qualify. You must also bring your background check form with you. (This is a form stating that you have completed background checks for each adult in your party and release Holden Village and May Youth Weekends of liability - you do not need to submit the results to MYW nor bring the results with you unless your church requires this).

The Covenant of Conduct forms the group's "contract" for the event. Please make sure your youth and accompanying adults understand the expectations required of them while participating.

Getting Ready

Getting to Holden Village

The boat to Holden Village leaves from Field's Point Landing, on the south side of Lake Chelan, 16 miles west of Chelan, WA. (Consult a road map for your best route to Chelan.) Plan to arrive at **Field's Point Landing by 8:45 a.m.** on the morning of your departure. The boat will arrive back to Field's Point Landing around 5:00 p.m. on your final day. (directions can be found on the Lady of the Lake website:

<https://ladyofthelake.com/locate-us/#toggle-id-2-closed>

Arrival at Field's Point

Cars, vans, and buses can be left at Field's Point Landing. Parking fees are \$7 per day (\$14 for the weekend). They take credit/debit cards, cash and checks. Field's Point has restrooms, a telephone, and a very small concession stand (Do not count on this for meals of any kind). There is spotty cell reception. You can drive down closer to the dock to unload your bags - place bags on the dock near the "Lady of the Lake" sign. Then park, remember your space #, go to the office and pay and put the receipt on your dashboard. Keep your carry-on items with you.

Check in

Check in with a Planning Team member and get your group's folder containing detailed schedules, your housing assignments, and other materials for the weekend.

On the boat:

Have cash available if you want to eat / get beverages on the boat. There is a snack bar on board the Lady of the Lake. The menu has simple snacks such as coffee, soft drinks, muffins, cheese and crackers, candy and chips. There is also a restroom.

If you wish to stay **overnight** in the area before your day of departure to Holden, we suggest:

- Grace Lutheran Church, Wenatchee, WA (509) 663-2189
- Lake Chelan Lutheran Church, Chelan, WA (509) 682-9063
- Grace Lutheran Church, Cashmere, WA (509) 782-3583
- A variety of motels are available in Chelan, Wenatchee, and Leavenworth

Lunch on Friday

A late lunch will be provided by Holden Village upon our arrival. Many groups start their travel day early and so the craving for lunch comes early, too! We recommend packing heavy snacks to enjoy on the boat to tide your group over.

What to Bring to Holden

Each **person** should bring

Warm clothes, including a warm jacket
Some lighter clothing in case it's warm and sunny
Personal toiletries
Sunscreen
*Swimsuit (for the sauna)
Sturdy shoes or boots
Bible, pencil or pen
Work gloves, safety glasses (if you have them)
Flashlight/Headlamp
A reusable water bottle (like a nalgene or hydroflask)
*A little ca\$h – for bookstore purchases or extra ice cream (Holden bookstore takes debit/credit cards, cash, checks. Ice Cream is cash only, though 1 scoop is provided in your registration fee)
*100% cotton White clothing if you'd like to tie-dye
2-3 facemasks

**optional*

Each **group** should bring

Materials for your part of the closing worship service (*You will receive your worship assignment in early May*)
An offering for Holden Village Sunday Worship.

What NOT to Bring to Holden

Any electronics (including cell phones **, CD players, game gear, etc.) ***cell phones will get no reception/internet/data; we realize that most people use their phones for photos and music. That is fine - May Youth Weekend and Holden Village discourage any gaming or use that isolates the user from participation with others.*

Items that require electricity (such as hairdryers, curling irons, etc.); Holden generates their own power and there is simply not enough electricity for them.

Items that produce fire or sparks (lighters, etc.)

Clothing with inappropriate slogans or themes.

The village provides bedding and towels, lunch and dinner on the day of arrival, three meals on the second day, and breakfast and lunch on the day of departure.

More Information

Questions about program or registration can be directed to holdenmyw17@gmail.com

For more information about Holden Village, see their website: www.holdenvillage.org

Our program website is: <https://lutheransnw.org/ministries/children-youth-families--1>