

TEC Ambassador Program

Three of the most popular pieces of feedback we get from prior Congress participants are:

- 1) How do we involve youth and young adults in the Congress and our TEC Communities back home?
- 2) How do we recruit candidates to TEC?
- 3) What the heck is TAP!?

Riverbend TEC is excited to offer this year's participants with the opportunity to invite their youth, young adult, and yes, even adult leaders to attend the 2012 TEC Congress as a participant on the "TAP track" of our Congress. Our schedules will run concurrently and will provide the opportunity to address these three commonly asked questions. Here is a sneak peak!

Meditations

"TEC is a Community, Not a Weekend"

"TEC and its role in our Parishes and our Diocese"

"Encountering Christ in Scripture and Prayer"

"Witnessing to our Encounter with Christ"

"Teens Evangelizing to Teens"

"Evangelizing TEC"



TEC Conference

Registration Information

Location: Gustavus Adolphus College
800 West College Avenue
St. Peter, MN 56082

Dates: August 3-5, 2012

Registration with deposit deadline: June 30, 2012

Full registration amount required after July 1, 2012

Online registration is available at riverbendtec.org

Online registration closes on August 1.

The Congress cost will be \$185 (\$50 nonrefundable deposit due with registration). Program, meals, and lodging are included in the registration fee. A letter or email confirming receipt of your registration will be sent within 2 weeks of receiving your registration form and deposit.

Make checks payable to: Riverbend TEC

Mail registration and payment to:

Riverbend TEC
c/o Rachel Kucera
17590 County Road 8
Sleepy Eye, MN 56085

We are happy to provide transportation to/from the MSP airport. Please email your travel details to Jim Colby at jim@colby.net or call him at 612.599.8745.

Direct all other Congress inquiries to:

Lori Mathiowetz via email at lorimathiwetz@live.com

Riverbend TEC

invites you

to the

2012 TEC Congress



“Tending

the

Vine”

2012 Congress Schedule

Friday

Registration 2pm to 5pm

Dinner @ 5:30pm

Welcome

Keynote: "Tending My Branch"

Small and Large Group Sharing

Evening Prayer

Saturday

Concurrently running TAP sessions

Morning Prayer

Workshop Presentations

Koinonia Sessions [breakouts]

Mass with Bishop John LeVoir

Agape and Live Auction

Bonfire / Praise and Worship / Skits

Sunday

Concurrently running TAP sessions

Morning Prayer

Keynote: "Abiding in the Vine"

Small and Large Group Sharing

Conference Presentations

Re-signing of the Covenant Book



Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Preferred Phone _____ TEC Center _____

Email Address _____ Date of Birth _____

Rooms are double occupancy; your roommate preference is _____

Congress Participant [] or TAP Participant []

Media Release: By my submission of this registration, I authorize the use of my photo (individual or group) or written words to be included on the TEC website (local or national) for the purpose of displaying pictures in brochures in both print and electronic format for promoting TEC.

Our theme is "Tending the Vine" and is based on the scripture passage: "I am the vine, you are the branches." [John 15:5] This verse in John's Gospel is rich with metaphor that is pertinent to our TEC Communities. Jesus tells us "my Father is the vine grower," it is God who prunes and tends to the vine. None of us as branches can claim as our own responsibility the job of pruning the vine; we must trust that God is always at work tending to the Body of Christ.

The vine is Jesus, who asks us to "abide in me, as I abide in you." Abiding implies a deep relationship of oneness in which we are "no longer servants but friends." We as the branches are charged with the mission of bearing fruit.

The annual TEC Congress is an invitation to the realization of our connectedness to one another, a sharing of our gifts and challenges as branches, and a place to experience the constancy of presence Jesus offers us as our Vine. We are never alone in our mission, we are always united with Him and being called back to the Vine by our Vine grower, who tends to us and, though often painful, even does a little pruning when necessary.

We hope that the TEC Congress will facilitate a deeper experience of unity to Jesus, our Vine, and will nourish your branch, that you might go home to your TEC communities with a renewed commitment to "abide in Him."