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The National Youth Event, open to all United Church of Christ youth ages 13-18 along with their youth advisors and chaperones will be held Thursday through Sunday, July 24-28, 2008 at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. This event, which is held every four years, provides about 3000 youth from UCC churches around the US an opportunity for worship, workshops, faith, fun, and fellowship. The Brazos Association has sent youth from our churches in the past, and the reviews have been good.

The Association has money set aside to give at least partial help with registration and travel costs. This year, registration is \$345 per person, which includes accommodations and meals from Thursday evening through Sunday evening. Our South Central Conference representative in charge of coordinating this conference's trip, Laurie Doyal-Lampman, is currently investigating ways for youth and adults from our conference to caravan or travel together to the event with the goal of building ties among our youth and adding to the fun and fellowship.

Registration opens in late February. I encourage all of our Association churches to start thinking now about how to send youth and to encourage kids to plan to go. In the meantime, I will be seeking more information about how people from our conference will be traveling to NYE, as well as talking with our Association Executive Board about making Association money available as our youth make plans to go. I invite you to contact me at [liznash@austin.rr.com](mailto:liznash@austin.rr.com) or at (512) 231-0045 if you or youth from your church are considering a trip to the National Youth Event. We need to know who is going to be able to distribute scholarship money from the Association and to make travel plans. For more information about the event itself, check the website postings at <http://www.ucc.org/youth/nye/> and <http://www.ucc.org/youth/nye/nye-frequently-asked.html>.

Blessings in Christ,

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