

WE WILL FOLLOW
THE WAY OF
JESUS CHRIST



The Happening Experience

A Happening is an encounter with Jesus Christ! That may sound simple, but is it? Think about it. Think about having a real meeting with the Living Lord. Think about the cost, the beauty, power and joy of being with Him! The Happening Movement believes that Christianity is relevant today, that it can penetrate the many areas of daily life, and that it can transform the world and keep up with the changing times. Happening provides no new type of spirituality, but does provide a method through which one's spirituality may be developed and nourished, lived and shared with Christians willing to dedicate their lives to God in an ongoing manner. The Happening movement believes that Jesus Christ has and will continue to make a difference in the world and in individual lives.

Renewal

The Bishop's Happening Movement is a powerful instrument of renewal in the church. Its aim is to concentrate closely on the person and teachings of Jesus Christ. Our faith is seriously examined in a relaxed, fun and informal atmosphere. Happening is an experience that gives those who attend the desire to understand and serve the church. What's more, it provides the means to continue the Christian formation, which is just begun in the three-day process.

Format

The student "Rector," the clergy, and the staff of mostly students spend weeks working and praying together in preparation. Happening takes careful planning, as it is frequently the turning point in a student's life. During the weekend, those attending will listen to talks given by students and clergy, talks which are both stimulating and challenging. The subject is intensive, and after each talk, opportunity is given for questions and discussion in smaller groups.

Not a Retreat

Happening is an once-in-a-lifetime experience. It is similar to a retreat, but very different and not a substitute for a retreat. The teachings of Jesus Christ are discussed in a feeling of joy and happiness, and there will be lots of singing, and some games. Happening encourages participation in one's home parish. Because of the experience and its pointing back to the local church, Happening makes future retreats more enriched.

When?

The Happening weekend begins Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. SHARP! It is over around 4 p.m. on Sunday. It is a lock-in, so prepare to stay the entire time. The Diocese of West Texas holds Happening three times each year: the first weekend of March, the first weekend of August, and the weekend just before Thanksgiving.

Who Can Attend?

Any student in the 10th grade through 12th grade can attend. Episcopalian students will be given first preference in registration, but all students are encouraged to attend. A small number of adults may also attend.

What to Bring?

Bring a sleeping bag or bedding, a pillow, towel, toiletries, casual/comfortable clothes, **and** an open mind.

But... Hurry!

Register online for the next upcoming session (www.dwtx.org/happening). The weekends fill up quickly, and we want to assure you of your place. You will receive information about the weekend via email after you register. The weekends usually fill up by 4 to 5 weeks in advance, so don't delay!

Refunds?

Don't worry. IF you find that you cannot attend after you have registered, please notify us at least 2 weeks prior to the weekend, and we will return your registration fee or sign you up for a different weekend.

Interested? Join Us! Email Maria Bercher at mariabercher@gmail.com or dwtxhappening@yahoo.com