THE BISHOP’S HAPPENING MOVEMENT
PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

The Bishop’s Happening Movement of the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas (hereby Happening Movement) provides three student-led spiritual renewal weekends each year for high school students. The Happening Movement uses the voices and experiences of peers to speak the Love of God into the chaos and uncertainty of High School life and adolescence. Even though the Happening Movement is geared for high school students, there are six available adult participant slots available at each Happening in order to allow adults to experience the weekend prior to serving as an adult staff member or chaperone.

Because the programming of the Happening Movement is designed to be led by high-school students, for high school students, with leadership opportunities and eligibility, there are specific guidelines for participation in a Happening weekend hosted by the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas.

In order to be eligible to register and participate in the Happening Movement (both at Happening and H.I.S. Love) in the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas as a student participant or student staff, individuals must be currently enrolled as a rising 10th, 11th, or 12th grade student in a recognized school in the United States education system, regardless of that student’s age and/or date of birth. The Episcopal Diocese of West Texas has the right to request confirmation of a student’s grade enrollment upon submission of registration.

In order to be eligible to register and participate in the Happening Movement in the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas as an adult participant or adult staff at Happening, individuals must have graduated from high school with a high school diploma or G.E.D. and be over 18 years of age. In the year of his/her graduation from high school, individuals are only eligible to register as an adult participant or adult staff at Happening for the fall and spring Happening weekends following graduation. Further, individuals serving as adult staff at Happening must have attended the Happening retreat as an adult participant prior to serving in the adult staff role.

In order to be eligible to register and participate in the Happening Movement in the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas as adult staff at H.I.S. Love, individuals must have graduated from high school with a high school diploma or G.E.D. and be over 18 years of age. In the year of his/her graduation from high school, individuals are only eligible to register as an adult staff at H.I.S. Love for the fall and spring H.I.S. Love weekends following graduation. Further, individuals
serving as adult staff at H.I.S. Love must have attended the Happening retreat as an adult participant prior to serving in the adult staff role.

All participants must be registered as a student participant, student staff, or adult participant, or adult staff, prior to the posted closing date on the diocesan ultracamp website, found at www.dwtx.org/happening. All forms must be submitted and received with registration and payment, including, but not limited to, a photocopy of health-insurance card, list of medications, dietary restrictions, allergies, and emergency contact information. Scholarships are available for any individual requesting assistance with the registration fee by emailing dwtxhappening@gmail.com.

Any participant in compliance with the above written guidelines may participate in the Happening Movement, regardless of any race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, veteran status, military discharge status, citizenship status, or physical or mental disability.

Eligibility for leadership roles in the Happening Movement is determined by the Happening Advisory Board.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the participation guidelines for the Happening Movement, please contact Emily Kittrell, Board Chairperson, at dwtxhappening@gmail.com.