

## AFLC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

## **Investing For Eternity**

## **FLY Convention®**

## National Gathering for Free Lutheran Youth



The Free Lutheran Youth Convention or FLY Convention<sup>®</sup> is the biennial conference for the teenagers and friends of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations (AFLC). The purpose of FLY is to provide the local congregation with a tool to win the lost, to build the believer, and to encourage student disciple-making in the local congregation.



One pandemic result was FLY not being able to hold the convention in its normal schedule during 2021. Through arrangements with the YMCA of the Rockies, the convention has been postponed until July 2023. This step enabled the FLY Committee to limit the expenses and to prepare for the next opportunity in 2023.



AFLC Youth Ministries provides administrative support and paid staff to the volunteer FLY Committee for the two-year planning cycle. FLY extends a gift each cycle to AFLC Youth Ministries for its vital activity with the national youth gathering. The FLY postponement was necessary, but it left AFLC Youth Ministries without the expected income from the FLY Convention for 2021.

Since FLY has previously received gift forgiveness from AFLC Youth Ministries in other convention cycles within the last decade, the impact of missing FLY income in 2021 is noteworthy. In addition, the AFLC Youth Board requested amount from FLY does not cover all department expenses for the cycle. AFLC Youth Ministries is committed to investing in the national youth gathering. FLY's financial gift to AFLC Youth Ministries for 2021 was to be \$45,000 for the youth department's expenses. Generous donors have given directly to FLY since the postponement, but AFLC Youth Ministries has received a limited number of gifts to address this dynamic.



**Funding Opportunity** 

\$45,000

Financial support to AFLC Youth Ministries



3110 E. Medicine Lake Blvd, Plymouth, MN 55441 www.aflcdevelopment.org ph 763-545-5631 tonnes@aflc.org