



Leader Information for May Youth Weekend at Holden Village

We are excited to announce the May Youth Weekend at Holden Village for 2025! This year promises to continue our commitment to gather and serve in beautiful Holden Village.

Session Dates: May 23-25, 2025 (Friday - Sunday)

Theme: A Communion of Saints in All Spaces

Registration: \$285 per participant. Registration opens on Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 9am.

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Special Guests



A Chan is a queer, local Washingtonian who explores as many places and arts as possible. They perform poetry with Poor Clare, Church of the Apostles, and occasionally the Fremont Abbey. Their artistic interests trace a line between tactile crafts like fiber and leather, with technology and math. Cool things emerge in all of those interstitial gaps - the trick is staying curious enough to find it.



Lacey Brown will be returning as our May Youth Weekend musician. She is a singer/songwriter, music leader, liturgist, percussionist and recording artist from Seattle, WA. Passionate in the liturgical arts, Lacey has been working in ministry for over 20 years directing music and liturgy in congregations, the Northwest Washington Synod, the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia, and church wide conferences and events. As a composer in the church, she writes liturgical settings and songs for congregational singing and heads up a band called Poor Clare, performing original music and poetry inspired by the mysteries of God and life.

Her music can be found here:

<http://poorclaremusic.com>

<https://www.laceybrown.com>

It will be a band!

Special thanks to Steve Wolbrecht (piano) and Anna Daily (violin/vocals) for joining us.

Leadership and Communication

Coordinator: Nicole Meyer (Seattle)

You can contact Nicole at holdenmyw17@gmail.com

[Event Information Page](#)

[Holden Village Website](#)

Please 'like' our Facebook page for updates and communication.

Registration

Who is Invited?

This event is designed for **high school youth in grades 9-12**. (students entering 9th grade for the 25-26 school year - 2025 high school graduates are eligible). All registrations must be made with a congregational youth group. The chaperone (age 21+) ratio is 1:10; please limit adults attending to that ratio or your congregation's policy. Our goal is to include as many students as possible.

Adult chaperones may not bring their own children under the age designated for this event.

Program Cost

The cost is \$285 per person, which includes program, roundtrip boat fare, lodging and seven meals while at Holden, a may youth weekend t-shirt, tie-dye supplies, and 2 scoops of ice cream. If you would like to tie-dye, please bring your own white 100% cotton clothing item(s) or plan to purchase them at the store.

Registration Policies

- 100% payment is due **by check** within 2 weeks of your registration to reserve your spots.
- There is no charge to change names on a registration before April 15th, 2025.
- Registration will close on April 15th, 2025.
- All participants age 18+ will need to complete a background check through their congregation.
- Group leaders are responsible for carrying completed registration forms with emergency information for each member of their group. Use the May Youth Weekend form or what your congregation requires.
- To request a refund, send a letter of explanation to the holdenmyw17@gmail.com before April 15, 2025. A \$50 deposit will be kept and the balance returned, if possible. **No refunds will be issued after this date.**

To Register

1. The adult leader from each church group registers their group online at:
<https://forms.gle/xWBiYXM3kkpng6NF7>
Registration is open Feb. 4, 2025 at 9am - April 15th at 5pm.
You will be required to enter information for each student and adult who plan to attend including name/pronouns/birthdate/grade/t-shirt size/allergies
2. E-mail a copy of your completed background check form for all participants age 18+ in your group to holdenmyw17@gmail.com
3. **Payment: You must pay-in-full with a check within 2 weeks to hold your spots. (no credit cards). Make a check out to "Northwest Washington Synod" with "May Youth Weekend Name of your congregation" in the memo to:
Northwest Washington Synod, 5519 Phinney Avenue N, Seattle, WA 98103**

Housing: The primary adult leader for each church group will receive details about which rooms/configurations will be available for their group via email. The primary leader of each church group then will determine the specific rooming assignments within the assigned space for the participants from their group. One room per two participants will be provided.

Medical Release and Covenant of Conduct Forms

Be sure to list any special needs (physical, medical, dietary, etc.) in your online registration.

When you come to Holden Village, you must bring any and all forms required by your church regarding health insurance, liability, permission, etc. The forms provided by May Youth Weekends qualify. You must also bring your background check form with you. (This is a form stating that you have completed background checks for each adult in your party and release Holden Village and May Youth Weekends of liability - you do not need to submit the results to MYW nor bring the results with you unless your church requires this).

The Covenant of Conduct forms the group's "contract" for the event. Please make sure your youth and accompanying adults understand the expectations required of them while participating.

Getting Ready

Getting to Holden Village

The boat to Holden Village leaves from Field's Point Landing, on the south side of Lake Chelan, 16 miles west of Chelan, WA. (Consult a road map for your best route to Chelan.) Plan to arrive at **Field's Point Landing by 8:45 a.m.** on the morning of your departure. The boat will arrive back to Field's Point Landing around 5:00 p.m. on your final day. (Directions can be found on the Lady of the Lake website: <https://ladyofthelake.com/>)

Arrival at Field's Point

Cars, vans, and buses can be left at Field's Point Landing. Parking fees are \$7 per day (\$14 for the weekend). They take credit/debit cards, cash and checks. Field's Point has restrooms. There is spotty cell reception. You can drive down closer to the dock to unload your bags - place bags on the dock near the "Lady of the Lake" Lucerne/Holden sign. Then park, remember your space #, go to the office and pay and put the receipt on your dashboard. Keep your carry-on items with you.

Check in

Check in with Nicole and get your group's folder containing detailed schedules, your housing assignments, devotions and other materials for the weekend.

Boarding the Boat

You will receive your group boat boarding order number from Nicole when you check in at Field's Point. We will board in numerical order and then use the reverse order on our return trip. Please be patient and positive about this process. The boat will be very crowded and we have no control over that.

On the boat:

There is a snack bar on board the Lady of the Lake. The menu has simple snacks such as coffee, soft drinks, muffins, cheese and crackers, candy and chips. There is also a restroom.

If you wish to stay **overnight** in the area before your day of departure to Holden, we suggest:

- Grace Lutheran Church, Wenatchee, WA (509) 663-2189
- Lake Chelan Lutheran Church, Chelan, WA (509) 682-9063
- Grace Lutheran Church, Cashmere, WA (509) 782-3583
- A variety of motels are available in Chelan, Wenatchee, and Leavenworth

Lunch on Friday

A late lunch will be provided by Holden Village upon our arrival. Many groups start their travel day early and so the craving for lunch comes early, too! We recommend packing heavy snacks to enjoy on the boat to tide your group over.

Holden Village Health & Safety Info [Here](#)

Packing List

What to Bring to Holden

Each **person** should bring:

- Warm clothes, including a warm jacket
- Some lighter clothing in case it's warm and sunny
- Personal toiletries
- Sunscreen
- *Swimsuit (for the sauna)
- Sturdy shoes or boots
- Flashlight/Headlamp
- A reusable water bottle (like a nalgene or hydroflask)
- *100% cotton White clothing if you'd like to tie-dye
- *A little ca\$h – for bookstore purchases (Holden bookstore takes debit/credit cards, cash, checks)
- *Items needed to participate in the Talent Show

**optional*

Each **group** should bring:

- Materials for your part of the closing worship service (*You will receive your worship assignment in early May*)
- An offering for Holden Village Sunday Worship

What NOT to Bring to Holden

Any electronics (including cell phones **, CD players, game gear, etc.) ***cell phones will get no reception/internet/data; we realize that most people use their phones for photos and music. That is fine - May Youth Weekend and Holden Village discourage any gaming or use that isolates the user from participation with others.*

Items that require electricity (such as hairdryers, curling irons, etc.); Holden generates their own power and there is simply not enough electricity for them.

Items that produce fire or sparks (lighters, etc.)

Clothing with inappropriate slogans or themes.

The village provides bedding and towels, lunch and dinner on the day of arrival, three meals on the second day, and breakfast and lunch on the day of departure.