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What is Discord?

Discord is a free voice, video, and text chat app that's used by tens of millions of people ages 13+ to talk and hang out with their communities and friends.

People use Discord daily to talk about many things, ranging from art projects and family trips to homework and mental health support. It's a home for communities of any size, but it's most widely used by small and active groups of people who talk regularly.

The vast majority of servers are private, invite-only spaces for groups of friends and communities to stay in touch and spend time together. There are also larger, more open communities, generally centered around specific topics such as popular games like Minecraft and Fortnite. All conversations are opt-in, so people have total control over who they interact with and what their experience on Discord is.

People love Discord because it's a home for all their communities and groups of friends. It's a place where they can be themselves and spend time with other people who share their interests and hobbies. There's no algorithm deciding what they should see, no endless scrolling, and no news feed. Conversations on Discord are driven by shared interests.

Discord Resources & Support

[The comprehensive beginner's guide to Discord](#)

[Discord Safety Center](#)

[Helping your teen stay safe on Discord](#)

[Talking about online safety with your teen](#)

[Answering parents' and educators' top questions](#)

Rules of Conduct

The Diocese of Olympia maintains a welcoming online presence where people can learn, share, and hang out online in a safe space. In order to encourage a safe, online community, please abide by these rules of conduct:

1. Be polite and respectful of each other, yourself, and the staff.
2. No trolling, spamming, bullying, or hate speech of any sort will be tolerated.
3. Refrain from singling anyone out or personal attacks.
4. Avoid controversial topics. Agree to disagree should a difference of opinions erupt.
5. Protect your privacy and the privacy of others.
6. Keep things PG. Do not post graphic content, including explicit language, sexual content, gore, or inappropriate jokes.
7. Do not post advertisements or try to sell anything.
8. Do not conduct or encourage illegal activity.
9. Use an appropriate name and avatar.

Remember: You are responsible for your actions on our server. The staff reserves the right to delete any comments or mute or kick or ban any member from the server should these rules be ignored.

If you or your teen need support, or have questions, thoughts, or concerns, please contact:

Alex Flannagan
Youth Ministry Coordinator
Phone: 206.325.4200 x2032
Email: aflannagan@ecww.org

Application Form

Please complete this application and the following Release of Liability Waiver and **return by email to: aflannagan@ecww.org**. Once we receive your complete application, we will send an invite to the email address entered.

Participant's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Email Address: _____

Congregation/Church: _____

Preferred Pronouns: _____

Discord Username (if you already have one): _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Contact Email Address: _____

Relationship to Minor: _____

Once you accept the invitation you'll find you only have closed access to the Rules channel. This is an additional step for screening purposes. A member of staff will check your application before granting the appropriate permissions to access the rest of the channels.

Release of Liability & Hold Harmless

I am the parent or legal guardian with responsibility for the minor child named below. I authorize my minor to participate in the ECWW Youth Discord server provided by Diocese of Olympia Inc.

I acknowledge that Diocese of Olympia Inc. will monitor, capture, and save all written chat from all text channels on the ECWW Youth Discord server. I expressly assume all risks and any associated costs, damages, or losses, including those caused by simple negligence of Diocese of Olympia Inc., and waive and fully release all claims held by me, my spouse, my minor, or any of our estates from and against Diocese of Olympia Inc., and any of their agency partners, board members, committee members, agents, employees, volunteers, and representatives, arising from my minor's attendance or participation in the ECWW Youth Discord server and accept full responsibility for all costs arising from that attendance or participation.

I agree, on behalf of myself, my spouse, and my minor, to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Diocese of Olympia Inc., and their agency partners, board members, committee members, agents, employees, volunteers, and representatives, from any injuries, liabilities, claims, damages and expenses, including attorney's fees, incurred by Diocese of Olympia Inc., me, my spouse, my minor, or on behalf of my minor, arising from my minor's attendance and participation in the ECWW Youth Discord server, with the exception of gross negligence or reckless misconduct of Diocese of Olympia Inc.

While participating in the ECWW Youth Discord server, I and my minor will obey all rules, regulations, and laws of the State of Washington and the United States. I and my minor will further obey all rules, regulations, and policies of Diocese of Olympia Inc. associated with the ECWW Youth Discord server. I acknowledge that my or my minor's failure to comply with these rules, regulations, policies, and laws may result in my or my minor's expulsion from the ECWW Youth server.

This waiver and release will apply to any and all actions, causes, damages, claims, or demands of every kind, whether known or unknown, arising out of or otherwise incidental to participation in the ECWW Youth Discord server. I agree that this release will be governed by the laws of the State of Washington. If any provision of this release is found to be invalid or unenforceable, then the remainder of this release will have full force and effect, and the invalid provision will be modified, or partially enforced, to the maximum extent permitted by Washington State law.

I give permission for individual or group photographs or video footage of my child to be used by Diocese of Olympia Inc. for historical and/or promotional purposes.

I have read all the above terms and conditions and I understand and agree to be bound by them.

Name of Minor: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Today's Date: _____