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Dear High School Youth Ministry Coordinator,

Blessings from your Lutheran Youth Organization delegates! Last summer, at the Lutheran Youth Organization Convention, a resolution was passed that encouraged all the delegates at the convention to share the “Don’t Bottle it Up!” Pledge. The resolution asks convention delegates, their peers, their congregations, and their synods to prayerfully consider taking the “Don’t Bottle It Up!” Pledge – and we are excited to pass on this encouragement to you.

The “Don’t Bottle it Up!” Pledge is centered on the idea of taking care of our most important natural resource, **water**, and caring for God’s creation. The Pledge promotes the use of reusable water bottles to reduce the amount of disposable water bottles used. It also invites you to study, pray, teach and advocate for God’s precious gift of water for all creation.

As you journey into the New Year, we ask that you consider sharing this pledge with your high school youth and with other congregation members as well. You can find an informational flyer and a “Don’t Bottle it Up!” Pledge Form on the synod web site (www.mpls-synod.org/youth).

We would like to keep a tally of the pledges we receive, so please let us know how many signed pledges are returned to you. We would love to have anyone join the ["Don't Bottle It Up!" Facebook™ Group](#) and the ["Don't Bottle It Up!" Facebook™ Application](#).

With Peace,

Aaron Schendel and Alyssa Schmeling (on behalf of all the MAS LYO Convention Delegates)

Contact us via Advent Lutheran Church in Maple Grove, or Jo Mueller at the synod office.

“When the poor and needy seek water, I will open rivers on the bare heights, and fountains in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.” —Isaiah 41:17-18