

REGIONAL YOUTH MINISTRY COMMITTEE (YMC)

YOUTH MINISTRY COMMITTEE

1. Consists of youth elected at the CYF Assembly for a term of one year, and adults appointed by the Regional Moderator, after consulting with the Regional Minister, for a term of two years.
 - One youth and one adult from each district.
 - One youth as member-at-large from the region.
 - One adult as Committee Chairperson.
2. Meets three times a year.
3. Has responsibilities for planning and implementing the regional youth ministry program in such areas as the annual Regional CYF Assembly and JIGSAW - our Regional Youth Training Event.
4. Shares in the planning of such events as the summer youth conference and youth participation at the Regional Assembly.

ELIGIBILITY:YOUTH

1. Who are actively involved in the youth and congregational program of their local church.
2. Who are presently in the 9th, 10th, or 11th grades in school.
3. Who have participated in at least one Regional Youth Event during the past 18 months (e.g. Summer Conference, regional CYF Assembly, JIGSAW).
4. Who are endorsed by their parents, their peers, their youth leader (church school teacher or sponsor) and their minister.
5. Who are able to participate in the activities of the Regional Youth Ministry Committee.

PROCESS FOR NOMINATION

1. Write a brief letter addressed to the Regional Youth Ministry Committee:
 - a. Stating why you want to serve on the Regional Youth Ministry Committee.
 - b. Stating whether you are running for district representative or member-at-large (unsuccessful candidates in the district elections may choose to run for the member-at-large position).
 - c. Stating your qualifications and leadership experiences in your local congregation, school and community.

2. Ask the following persons for a brief written statement of recommendation and endorsement:
 - a. Either or both of your parents.
 - b. Another youth from your congregation.
 - c. Your church school teacher or youth sponsor.
 - d. Your minister (or board chair if your congregation is without a minister).
3. Send both your letter and the requested recommendations and endorsements to Matt Merryman, YMC Sponsor, C/O Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 1200 S. Keene Rd., Clearwater, FL 33756.
4. Deadline for all letters is January 16, 2009.

PROCESS FOR ELECTION

1. If you are running for the district position, appear before your district's caucus together with other youth seeking nomination. Each candidate will be allowed five (5) minutes to state why they wish to serve on the YMC.
2. If you are running for the member-at-large position, appear before the entire Assembly with the other youth seeking nomination. Each candidate will be allowed five (5) minutes to state why they wish to serve on the YMC. In addition, each candidate may ask two persons to speak on his/her behalf for three (3) minutes each.

VOTING

Voting at the Assembly shall be by church according to the following formula:

1 youth	= 1 vote
2 to 10 youth	= 2 votes
11 to 15 youth	= 3 votes
More than 15 youth	= 4 votes

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