

## Presbytery of Florida Youth Council

### Supervision

The Presbytery Youth Council is under the supervision of the Youth Subdivision of the Leadership Development Division. The Associate for Education is the primary presbytery staff to the youth council and the Associate for Outdoor Ministry is also staff to this council.

### Election of Members

The election of council takes place annually through an application process. The Youth & Young Adult Subdivision is responsible for reviewing applications and for making sure that fair representation exists on the council.

- ✦ Applications will be reviewed by the Youth Council during their April meeting.
- ✦ Applicants will be submitted to the Leadership Development Division for approval during the May meeting.

### Membership and Terms of Service

The council will consist of adults and senior high youth members in good standing in the presbytery from each of the 3 districts of presbytery and will serve in 2 classes, which will rotate off each year. A term will be for 2 years. Youth may only serve for one 2-year term. Guidelines for adults serving on the youth council will be the same as for service on divisions of presbytery (as delineated in the manual of presbytery - i.e., may serve 2 consecutive 2-year terms after which time he/she may not be considered for a minimum of 12 months).

- ✦ Terms of Service will begin in June and end two years May.

### Responsibilities

The youth council will serve as a voice of the presbytery's youth whenever the youth opinion is needed for presbytery decision-making. In addition, the Youth Council will be responsible for planning and implementing youth events, retreats, and missions for mid-highs and sr. highs in the presbytery, as well as leadership development in youth ministry for youth and youth leaders. The council will also promote Presbyterian Youth Connection, including the Presbyterian Youth Connection Assembly as well as the Presbyterian Youth Triennium. In addition, the youth council will help promote presbytery youth events and retreats to the churches in the presbytery, and will function as a network for youth ministry in the presbytery.

### Ideas for Youth Council Events/Projects

Presbytery Youth Retreats - Winter Sonshine & Fall Spiritfest

Annual Workshops on Youth Ministry at Leaderfest (1 for youth, 1 for adult leaders in youth ministry) or at another time

Presbytery-wide youth mission trip

Youth Cluster Meetings/events (fellowship events, fundraisers, courses such as sexuality, etc., training events, etc.)

Promotion of Pentecost offering

## Presbytery Youth Council Application

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Church where you are a member:

School Grade:

Gender:

Please answer the following questions, using additional paper if needed. Return this application along with the parental/ guardian consent form to:

Presbytery of Florida  
ATTN: Jean Silva  
PO Box 7  
Chipley, FL 32428

⌘ Why are you interested in serving on the Presbytery Youth Council?

⌘ What gifts or positive additions can you contribute to Youth Council?

⌘ In what ways do you participate in your local church?

⌘ Describe some of your extra-curricular activities and/ or hobbies.

⌘ Describe some of your goals and dreams.

✦ How do you think God would use you on the Presbytery Youth Council?

✦ What does your Christian faith mean to you and how do you express it in your day-to-day life?

✦ If selected for this council, please use the remaining space describing your ideas or questions for the council. For example, where should the council be going? What would you like to change or strengthen? What are some activities you would like to see implemented? Is there anything you would like to accomplish while serving on this council, and how?

Please select two references (non-family) that may have inspired you or helped you get to this point in your life, and give them a copy of the "Presbytery Youth Council Reference Form". At least one person should be an adult leader of your church (other than the youth director). Include name, complete address, phone #, and email address, if applicable.

Finally, please submit this application to your church's session for approval.

Session Approval

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk or Moderator of Session

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Comments:

## Parent/ Guardian Support Form

Presbytery Youth Council offers its members the opportunity to serve the church and their peers as they plan and implement presbytery-wide youth events. It is difficult work and makes demands on busy schedules, but the experience is also very rewarding and faith-building. Youth connection council members will develop terrific amounts of leadership and planning skills, experience many unique events and opportunities, and make lasting friendships with other youth from around the presbytery.

An important component of an effective Presbyterian Youth Council is parents/ guardians of the youth who are supportive of their responsibilities and are willing to encourage their active participation on the council. If your child is selected to serve on the council, we need to know that it meets with your approval and that you would provide encouragement, support and occasional help in making transportation arrangements to and from events and meetings.

I \_\_\_\_\_ am aware that \_\_\_\_\_ is applying for a position on the Presbyterian Youth Council. I have read the job description for youth council members and will support the participation of my youth on the council if he/ she is selected.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of parent/ guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Presbyterian Youth Council Reference Form**

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Reference: \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # of Reference \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

This youth is applying for a two -year term on the Presbytery of Florida's Youth Council. This position involves:

- ⊕ Planning and implementing presbytery-wide youth events for middle and high school youth
- ⊕ Regular participation in all events and planning meetings
- ⊕ A willingness to learn new skill and eventually provide leadership
- ⊕ Regular participation in the local church congregational (children, youth and adult) activities.

Please use the back of this page to make any additional comments. Please return this form to:

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How long have you known this applicant? What is your relationship to her/him?  
Briefly describe yourself, and how you came to know this applicant.

Do you believe this person has the skill, abilities, and leadership potential to enable them to be an effective member of the Presbytery Youth Council? Would you recommend this person - why or why not??

What are some strength's and areas of growth this applicant has displayed during the duration you have known him or her?

In what areas may this applicant need further growth and maturity?

How does this youth relate with others, i.e. other children, youth, or adults?

Would this person be a good role model and example for others? How?

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Signature of Reference

Date