

Guidelines for the Regional Youth Council The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Illinois –Wisconsin

The Regional Youth Council

The CCIW Regional Youth council plans, implements, evaluate and /or resource the total Regional Youth Ministry PROGRAM for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Illinois and Wisconsin. Youth programs will include: Summit, Regional Assembly, Midwinter Retreats, Mission Trips, and Lock-ins.

Membership

- The Regional Youth Council is comprised of twelve to fifteen persons (12 youth, 2-3 adults) selected to represent youth of all areas of the Christian church (Disciples of Christ) in Illinois and Wisconsin Region. The Regional Staff person for youth ministry will work with the Youth Council. Youth members will be eligible to service their freshman, sophomore, junior or senior years in High School. Adults will be eligible to serve two years. Selected members will serve for two years with the possibility of a third year. It is important that each nominee is active in a local congregation, local Youth group as well as in Regional Youth ministry here in CCIW.

Selection Process

- Any active youth or adult member of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Illinois-Wisconsin Region may apply to serve on the Regional Youth Council. Applications may be obtained from the Regional Office or the CCIW Website. Selection to the Regional Youth Council will be determined by the Regional Youth Council, and Regional Staff person for youth ministry. Affirmations to the position will be by the CCIW Regional Board. The CCIW Regional Youth Council will be a representative of all youth in the CCIW Region. There will be a representative balance of gender, diversity of geography, and ethnicity and gifts. The CCIW Regional Youth Council commits to reject bullying as well as pro-reconciling and anti-racist in its ministry and actions.

Meetings

- Leadership in the Regional Youth Council: (planning, implementing, and evaluating program) will be shared by the youth and adults on both the Council and the CCIW Regional Youth Committee.
- The Regional Youth Council will exemplify concern for Seven areas of Regional , Youth Leadership and beyond: *Christian Education (Study)*, *Worship (Active Member of Local Congregation and Youth Group)*, *Mission (Trips, Outreach and Service)*, *Community (Team Building and Fellowship)*, *Evangelism (Bringing others to Jesus and the Church)* and *Pro-Reconciliation/Anti-Racism (Diversity and Anti-bullying)*
- The Regional Youth Council will be an integral part of the ministry of the whole Region. This will be expressed and lived out by youth participation on our Regional Board. Meetings will be held twice per year.
- The Regional Youth Council will maintain contact and involvement with local congregations and youth within the CCIW four geographic areas. This encourages and insures positive relationships within our Region's total Youth ministry program.