



Youth Commission - Job Description

Overview:

The Youth Commission is to oversee all aspects of children and youth activities (nursery through high school youth) of Community Mennonite Church. The Youth Commission will deal primarily with Sunday School and the various youth organizations within the church. [See CMC Organizational Structure]

The primary assignment for the Youth Commission is to give overall leadership to the various departments and groupings related to children and youth activities at Community Mennonite Church. This Commission will deal with scheduling activities that will not conflict with each other and/or other church life activities. This Commission will process Christian education and activities for youth in the congregation.

Responsibilities:

The Youth Commission attends to the overall development and education of CMC youth as well as visitors and friends of our youth and children. The chair of the Youth Commission will serve to coordinate the communications with Council and coordinate the efforts of the commission.

1. With the leadership of the Pastoral Team Rep, the Youth Commission will be kept informed of pastoral team concerns. The commission will assist the pastoral team with spending quality time when and where needed with youth & children.
2. With the leadership of the Jr MYF Sponsor(s), the Youth Commission will seek ways and means to reach out to all youth in this age grouping.
3. With the leadership of the Mentor Coordinator(s), the Youth Commission will seek ways to keep mentees and mentors connected in meaningful ways throughout the year.
4. With the leadership of the MYF Sponsor(s), the Youth Commission will seek ways and means to reach out to all high school youth along with friends of CMC youth in this age grouping.
5. With the leadership of the Sunday School Superintendent(s), the Youth Commission will assist with giving council and direction to CMC's overall Christian educational program, specifically Sunday School.
6. With the leadership of the Venture Club Sponsor(s), the Youth Commission will serve as a resource and give council to the Venture Club program.
7. The commission will review annually the financial needs of the committees and present budget needs in writing to the finance committee when budget requests are solicited. Once budgets are set, commissions are expected to stay within guidelines and over spending must be approved by the finance committee and council.
8. The commission will self evaluate every three years or more often as needed. All recommendations for change must be approved by council.

Tasks:

The Youth Commission has the following tasks to perform:

- Create the plans necessary to accomplish the goals set forth by the Council.
- Delegate tasks as necessary to the reps and/or sponsors under their control to accomplish those plans.
- Ensure that all tasks are completed in the necessary time frame to accomplish the goals of the congregation.
- Accept and process agenda that has been sent to this commission from the committees that report to it. This will involve making decisions for the committees when those committees do not have the authority to make those decisions.

Membership:

Members are persons who hold other major leadership positions in the congregation and who have skills in administration, supervision or mediation. Members must be able to maintain strict confidence and exercise spiritually mature discretion with sensitive information.

The Youth Commission shall be composed of seven members as follows:

1. The chair, discerned by the Gift Discernment Committee, is responsible for the function of this commission and will attend Council as a council member. As such, the chair's primary responsibilities are to coordinate the communications between council and the Youth Commission and to coordinate the efforts of the Youth Commission. The other members of the commission include the following:
 2. A Pastoral Team representative.
 3. Jr MYF Sponsor.
 4. Mentor Coordinator
 5. MYF Sponsor
 6. SS Supt./Assistant
 7. Venture Club Sponsor

Meetings:

- The Youth Commission will meet as needed prior to Church Council meetings for the purpose of giving input on council agenda planning. It is recommended that this commission meet at least quarterly.
- The chair of this commission may request and/or be invited to meet with the individual committees or reps that relate to this commission

Accountability:

The Youth Commission is accountable to the Church Council at Community Mennonite Church. Council may determine if and when written reports are required for council and/or for the congregation.