

Covenant

HOLSTON CONFERENCE COUNCIL ON YOUTH MINISTRIES

(Adopted August 6, 2005)

I. MEMBERSHIP.

1. The CCYM is composed of two youth representatives and at least one alternate from each of the twelve districts of Holston Conference, the district coordinators of youth ministries from each district, at-large members, the chair of the Council of Youth Coordinators, and the Conference Coordinator of Youth Ministries who serves as advisor to the CCYM. The council may elect members-at-large as deemed necessary.
2. The term of office for CCYM will be from the date of the August CCYM meeting to the date of the following August meeting.

II. RESPONSIBILITIES.

1. To initiate and support plans, activities, and projects that are of particular interest to youth.
2. To allow youth to express issues that are vital to them and those they represent.
3. To support and facilitate, where deemed needed, the formation of youth advocacy groups.
4. To cooperate with the boards and agencies of the Annual Conference, receiving recommendations from and making recommendations to the same.
5. To recommend to the Annual Conference Committee on Nominations qualified youth for membership on boards and agencies.
6. To endorse a youth nominee for election to the Jurisdiction and General Conference delegation of Holston Conference.
7. To elect Annual Conference representatives to the jurisdictional youth ministry organization convocation (Thirsty).
8. To receive and set the policy and criteria for its portion of the Youth Service Fund.
9. To establish the policy for the Youth Service Fund education and be responsible for its promotion throughout the Annual Conference, in cooperation with the national youth ministry organization.
10. In the event a district youth coordinator neglects his/her responsibilities, the district youth representatives of that district may bring it to the attention of the CCYM. The CCYM may then, after close evaluation, advise the district superintendent of the situation and which action they feel should be taken.
11. To hold one another accountable and to lift up one another and our ministries.

III. EXPECTATIONS.

1. CCYM members are expected to be members of a UM church within the bounds of Holston Conference.
2. CCYM members are expected to fully participate in their local church, cluster, sub-district, district, and conference youth activities and events. (This includes attending all programs sponsored by the CCYM.)
3. CCYM representatives are expected to attend all CCYM meetings. Alternates are welcome at all meetings, but do not have voting rights unless substituting for a representative. Meeting dates for the year will be announced at the first meeting. If a member misses a meeting without any communication with the Conference Youth Coordinator, District Youth Coordinator, and the alternate explaining the absence, or if a CCYM member misses two meetings, then the CCYM will have the right to replace that member on the CCYM.
4. CCYM members are expected to serve on their district Council on Ministries (or other district level programming body) and to be available to churches in their district to promote conference and district youth events and the Youth Service Fund.
5. CCYM members are expected to be responsible as they work with CCYM; be representative of the youth of their district and conference; be reverent in their commitment to Jesus Christ and His church.
6. All CCYM representatives are expected to attend the Annual Conference session.
7. The CCYM encourages youth from different churches to be elected to the council. However, the CCYM recognizes that the most important factor in electing members is their commitment to the council. The decision is ultimately left up to the district.

IV. CCYM OFFICERS.

1. The CCYM will elect its own officers and structure itself according to the needs of the Conference. Officers and Ministry Team Chairpersons of the CCYM will be elected at the September meeting. Only youth representatives

and at-large members of the CCYM will be officers or chairpersons of ministry teams. Each CCYM member will serve on at least one ministry team.

2. Officers and Ministry Team Chairpersons to be elected:

A. PRESIDENT

- i. Presides at all CCYM meetings and CCYM sponsored events.
- ii. Appoints ministry teams and task groups.
- iii. Represents the CCYM to the Nurture Team of the Annual Conference and various other conference agencies.
- iv. Presents both a written and an oral report to Annual Conference.
- v. Communicates to the youth of the conference.
- vi. Chairs the Leader Development Ministry Team, which develops methods and programs that will strengthen youth ministry in the local church.
- vii. Programs specifically related to this ministry team include:
 - a. Discovery
 - b. Leader Training Initiatives
 - c. Youth Ministry Institute (Summer Intern Program)
 - d. Work with Conference coordinator to plan a leadership event for CCYM in August or September each year.

B. VICE-PRESIDENT

- i. Presides when president is absent.
- ii. Represents the CCYM to the Nurture Team of the Annual Conference. If unable to attend, an adult representative will go.
- iii. Chairs the Social Concerns Ministry team which:
 - a. Develops programs related to contemporary social concerns.
 - b. Plans the "Youth in Mission" emphasis for the year.
 - c. Makes recommendations for the United Methodist Seminar.

C. RECORDING SECRETARY

- i. Records minutes of all CCYM meetings, types and returns to the Conference youth office within two weeks after each CCYM meeting.
- ii. Records attendance of all meetings.

D. YOUTH SERVICE FUND CHAIR

- i. Chairs the Youth Service Fund Ministry Team which:
 - a. Selects YSF projects
 - b. Recommends YSF budget to CCYM
- ii. Promotes YSF on conference, district, and local church level.
- iii. Coordinates YSF fund raising efforts at all CCYM events.

E. CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

- i. Sends correspondence on behalf of CCYM (including a letter regarding absences as prescribed in III.3 of this document.
- ii. Chairs Communications Ministry Team, which:
 - a. Publicizes all conference youth events
 - b. Develops lines of communication to local churches.
 - c. Collects web site content information from each ministry team and submits to webmaster.

F. CHAPLAIN

- i. Chairs the Spiritual Life Ministry Team that plans and promotes ways to develop the spiritual life of youth through:
 - a. Prayer
 - b. Bible study
 - c. Other disciplines, such as Devotional Booklet
- ii. Provides devotions for all CCYM meetings

- iii. Coordinates CCYM members to lead devotions for all conference youth events.
- iv. Programs specifically related to this ministry team include:
 - a. Worship Arts Ministry
 - b. Pilgrimage
 - c. MK/PK Getaway

V. SERVANT LEADERSHIP TEAM.

1. The Servant Leadership Team of the CCYM will be composed of the officers, chair of Conference Council of District Youth Coordinators, and the Conference Coordinator of Youth Ministries.
2. The Servant Leadership Team will act as the Budget Ministry Team.

VI. PRIVILEGES.

1. Travel expenses for all CCYM meetings will be paid for CCYM representatives, one alternate, District Youth Coordinators and the Coordinator of Coordinators. In order to have expenses paid, members must submit a Conference Expense Voucher to the Conference Coordinator of Youth Ministries. All requests for reimbursement must be well documented with actual receipts attached.
2. A \$50 scholarship to one CCYM sponsored event (for example, Junior High Assembly, Senior High Assembly, Conference Youth in Mission Week, United Methodist Seminar, Worship Arts Ministry, Pilgrimage will be available to members. In order to receive scholarships, registration for any event must be submitted by the registration deadline.
3. CCYM members will receive one "Holston Conference UMYF" T-Shirt (in the years that they are produced) at a reduced price.

VII. DISTRICT YOUTH COORDINATOR RESPONSIBILITIES.

1. Serve on the staff of at least one conference youth event.
2. Attend the Conference Youth Council meetings. Provide transportation for the youth members. If you cannot attend, recruit a substitute to attend in your place.
3. Plan and attend and publicize DCYM meetings.
4. Hold elections for CCYM.
5. Read, understand, and comply with the District Youth Ministry Guidelines and Covenant.

This is a huge responsibility. You are as vital to CCYM as the representatives from your district. Please, if you are unable to do these things, resign.

So it is written, so it shall be done.