

DESIGN FOR THE NORTH TEXAS AREA YOUTH MINISTRY COUNCIL

I. The North Texas Area Youth Ministry Council (YMC) will be composed of up to fourteen (14) youth and up to five (5) adults. No more than two youth may be from any one church.

II. DUTIES OF THE YMC

The YMC will:

1. be responsible for representing the YMC at the NTA Assembly.
2. be responsible for programming activities at NTA CYF (Christian Youth Fellowship) rallies and retreats (specifically the Fall Rally and Mid-Winter retreat).
3. work under the direction of the conference director(s) to help facilitate a well led and organized camping experience.
4. be responsible and responsive to the Area Christian Education Department in regard to all actions of the YMC.
5. attend CYF conference at the beginning and the end of the term of office.
6. attend Christian Youth Leadership Seminar (CYLS) with financial assistance from the local church and the NTA.
7. promote local, area, and regional youth events.
8. discipline him/herself to fulfill all given or assumed responsibilities to Area and local CYF organizations.
9. set a proper example to others by attempting to personify a dynamic relationship with God and a Christ like relationship with others.

III. ELECTION OF YOUTH TO THE YMC

A. In order to be a candidate for the YMC each youth must be recommended by their local congregation. Each North Texas Area (NTA) church may recommend as many youth as they sincerely believe are qualified and capable of serving on the YMC.

- B. Interviews will be held on or around the first (1st) Saturday in March.
- C. Each candidate must meet the following requirements:
 - 1. A candidate must be an active member of a church and youth group (if such a group exists in his/her congregation) in the NTA.
 - 2. A candidate must currently be in his/her sophomore or junior year in high school.
 - 3. A candidate must have attended a CYF summer camp/conference at least once.
 - 4. A candidate must commit to attend all meetings of the YMC, taking personal initiative for fulfilling this responsibility to the YMC.
 - 5. A candidate must submit his/her application in a timely manner.
- D. Interview Committee
 - 1. The interview committee will be comprised of youth members of local churches, graduating YMC youth and YMC adults.
 - 2. Each NTA church may select one CYF youth, who has been active in NTA youth events, to serve on the interview committee.
- E. Interview Process
 - 1. All applications will be reviewed by the committee on the morning of the interview. The interview committee will select five (5) questions to be asked of all candidates. In addition specific questions for clarification of an answer or in regards to information on the applications may be asked.
 - 2. At the close of the interviews the committee will review the candidates and make selections by a two-thirds (2/3) vote. The committee is encouraged to seek a diverse group of youth to serve on the YMC in order to broaden the scope of the YMC's make up.
 - 3. A maximum of fourteen (14) youth will be selected to serve. The committee is encouraged to select at least ten (10) youth. No church may have more than two (2) youth on the YMC.
 - 4. All candidates will be notified of the results the evening of the interviews.

IV. ELECTION OF YOUTH TO THE REGIONAL YOUTH MINISTRY COUNCIL (RYMC)

- A. One (1) youth will be selected to serve on the RYMC.
- B. Duties of the RYMC include:
 - 1. attending all RYMC meetings.
 - 2. planning and providing leadership at CYLS the summer after his/her senior year in high school.
 - 3. serving on the NTA YMC.
- C. Each candidate must meet the following requirements:
 - 1. A candidate must currently be in his/her junior year in high school.
 - 2. A candidate must currently be serving on the YMC.
 - 3. A candidate must submit his/her application in a timely manner.
- D. All RYMC candidates will interview for this position on the same day and in the same location as the YMC interviews are held.
- E. The youth representative to the RYMC will be selected by the YMC adults with consultation from the graduating YMC youth.
- F. All candidates will be notified of the results the evening of the interviews.
- G. In the event of a move of residence out of the area, yet still within the Region, the decision on eligibility will be determined by the YMC.

V. ADULT REPRESENTITVES

- A. Three (3) to Five (5) adults serve on the YMC.
- B. The adults will be asked to serve by the Area Christian Education Department Chair with recommendations from YMC. (An adult candidate must have attended at least one NTA CYF conference within the last five (5) years.)
- C. Adults will serve a staggered three (3) year term; one (1) or two (2) adults being appointed each year. A one (1) year break must be taken between terms.

- D. In consultation with the Area Minister, the YMC adults shall choose one adult to recommend to the NTA Christian Education Chairperson to serve as convener. This adult will be responsible for coordinating the YMC. The Adult Convener will be responsible to the Area Christian Education Department.
- E. The Area Minister/Associate Minister will be an ex-officio member of the YMC, providing consultation and support for the YMC.
- F. The YMC adults shall appoint one (1) adult member to serve a two (2) year term on the RYMC with advice and consent of the Area Minister/Associate Minister. This adult shall serve as an ex-officio member of the YMC should his/her YMC term expire before his/her RYMC term.
- G. YMC adults must commit to attend all meetings of the YMC, taking personal initiative for fulfilling this responsibility to the YMC.

VI. FAILURE TO FULFILL COMMITMENT

- A. If any YMC member, youth or adult, fails to fulfill their commitment they may be removed from the YMC by a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of the YMC members present at any regularly scheduled YMC meeting.
- B. Before a member can be removed they must be contacted in writing, excluding electronic communication, of the upcoming action at least fourteen (14) days before the meeting at which they will be voted on.
- C. If the member so removed disagrees with the decision, that person may appeal the decision to the NTA Christian Education Committee within 30 days of notification about the result of the vote.

VI. CONDUCTING OF BUSINESS

- A. Notice of YMC meetings must be given to each member of the YMC at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting.
- B. Decisions will be made by a simple majority vote of the YMC present unless otherwise stated in the design.

VII. DESIGN ADOPTION AND AMMENDMENT

- A. This design can be amended as necessary with a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of present YMC with final approval by the Area Christian Education Department and the NTA Cabinet.

- B. After a period of two (2) years from the approval date, the Design will be re-evaluated and amended as deemed necessary.
- C. The Design will be put into effect immediately upon approval by the NTA Cabinet.

Design revised by Youth Ministry Council and approved by NTA Education Dept.
and NTA Cabinet – September 16, 2008