



The Youth Ministry Team

The Youth Ministry Team is a group of youth and adults representing each district in the Indiana Conference who provide leadership for youth ministry resourcing and events.

Our mission is to support discipleship ministry with youth in local churches by identifying resources, encouraging connection, and creating opportunities where God can move in the lives of young people, creating disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

GOALS

Provide opportunities to develop the gifts and talents of youth and adults for spiritual leadership in making disciples.

Provide youth with opportunities for voicing their concerns in the United Methodist Church.

Spark the continuing spiritual formation of youth in the local church by providing connectional events that supplement local youth ministries.

Connect people, congregations, districts, and clusters for mutual support and to extend youth ministry into our communities.

Help form partnerships that strengthen congregations with fewer resources.

REPRESENTATION

4 youth from each district, at least 1 adult from each district

Youth will be selected by application, with selection overseen by the Youth Ministry Executive Team.

Adults working with youth will be selected by nomination in consultation with the district superintendent.

The Youth Ministry Executive Team will consist of one youth from each district, the youth representative on the Leadership Table, and four adults. The executive team will be nominated by the Nominations Committee of the Annual Conference.

EXPECTATIONS

- Must be confirmed members of the United Methodist Church in Indiana and be at least 14 years of age;
- Must be active in the youth ministry and congregational life of the local church of which he/she is a member;
- Must attend all team meetings and events, unless excused (by contacting the conference youth coordinator and/or the district youth coordinator). Absence from two meetings can result in replacement on the council;
- Will sign and abide by the team covenant;
- Will have a completed and current health form on file with the Conference Youth Coordinator;
- Will publicize, promote and encourage churches within their districts to participate in conference youth ministry opportunities;
- Will make the Annual Conference a priority.

CRITERIA

The team will be made of a good representation of persons from across the district, considering geography, size of church, ethnicity and gender. There should be no more than two persons from the same church on the Council.

Once a person is selected, he or she will serve until graduation, unless he or she resigns before that time. There are four meetings per year: January retreat, spring meeting, Annual Conference, and the fall meeting. New persons are added during the year if there are vacancies on the team.

To apply, fill out the application and mail to: Brian Durand, Associate Director of Youth, Young Adult, and Campus Ministries, Indiana Annual Conference Office, 301 Pennsylvania Pkwy, Suite 300, Indianapolis, IN 46280, or email to brian.durand@inumc.org.

The application will then be forwarded to the Youth Ministry Executive Team for consideration.

2011 MEETING DATES

March 19	Spring Meeting
June 8-11	Annual Conference
September 30 - October 1	Fall Meeting