

REGIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

Of the Moravian Church, Southern Province

Statement of Purpose:

The purpose of the Regional Youth Council is:

To glorify God through service and mission to/for youth groups in the province with an attitude of selfless love and acceptance for each other and those we serve.

To be a representative council serving the province by providing a communications link between churches.

To develop unity and friendship within the province among youth, thereby striving to unify the youth ministries program of the Southern Province.

To assist with the planning and coordinating of provincial youth activities.

Meetings

The Regional Youth Council meets once a month during the school year or when necessary, usually on the **third** Sunday afternoon of the month.

Representation

Representation in the Regional Youth Council is open to a maximum of two youth (between grades nine and twelve) from each interested church (The Florida District currently has their own RYC). The number and definition (example: 2 members or 1 member, 1 alternate, etc.) of RYC representatives are determined by each church's youth group. In consideration of the needs of those churches outside of Forsyth County, the number of representatives can be negotiated with the Director of Youth and College Ministries.

- a) Representatives can be elected by their groups or chosen by their leaders. It is suggested that representatives serve for one-year terms.
- b) A congregation is entitled to an additional representative if one of their representatives is elected to the RYC Executive Committee.
- c) Youth groups are asked to elect/appoint representatives by the May RYC meeting of the previous school year.

Responsibilities of Representatives

- 1 - To be active members of their own youth groups.
- 2 - To serve as communication links between their youth group and the Regional Youth Council.
- 3 - To educate his/her youth group and leaders of news and events of each meeting
- 4 - To regularly attend meetings of the RYC and be involved in the programs (but NOT at the expense of their own youth group activities).
- 5 - To be active as role models in serving the youth of their own Moravian Church.
- 6 - To attend the RYC winter leadership retreat.
- 7 - To act as leaders and role models for youth at provincial events.

Executive Committee of the Regional Youth Council

The Executive Committee of the Regional Youth Council is elected sometime after the RYC winter retreat and takes office at the May meeting. The vice president-elect cannot be a rising senior in high school. It should be understood by the vice president-elect that

he/she will automatically become president the year following the vice presidency year. The other elected members of the council can be any grade level (except senior of course). The election process is written ballot by simple majority.

The responsibilities of the officers are:

- PRESIDENT**
- To officiate over all meetings of the council
 - To call meetings with the consent of the Director of Youth and College Ministries
 - To be a member of any subcommittees
 - Serve as a member of the Youth Commission
 - Serve as a youth representative to the Bd of Christian Education
 - Such service on the Bd of CE includes a weekend retreat in Nov
- VICE-PRES.**
- To act as president in the event of the president's absence
 - Serve as a member of the senior high camp planning team
 - Cannot be a rising senior upon election, as he/she becomes president of RYC the following year
 - To be a "support person" to the President and the Executive Committee during and between RYC meetings to follow through with whatever tasks have been set before them
- SECRETARY**
- To handle all correspondence of the RYC
 - To record minutes of all meetings and make them available to all RYC members prior to the next meeting of council.
 - To be a "support person" to the President and the Executive Committee during and between RYC meetings to follow through with whatever tasks have been set before them
- PUBLICITY COORDINATOR**
- To coordinate the production of the youth newsletter for youth in the province
 - To coordinate the production of all posters, fliers, etc. used in promoting provincial events
 - To be a "support person" to the President and the Executive Committee during and between RYC meetings to follow through with whatever tasks have been set before them
- MEMBER-AT-RANDOM**
- To act as vice-president or secretary in case of their absence.
 - To attempt to involve the youth groups that do not have representatives and encourage representation
 - To be a "support person" to the President and the Executive Committee during and between RYC meetings to follow through with whatever tasks have been set before them

The Executive Committee consists of all serving officers of the RYC, the Youth Commission chair and the Director of Youth and College Ministries. The Executive

Committee will meet prior to each RYC meeting to determine agenda. The President and the Director of Youth and College Ministries will call all Executive Committee meetings.

Additional Committee Membership

A second member to the Youth Commission shall be elected from RYC membership at the first meeting of the school year. The Executive Committee shall appoint a second youth representative of the Board of Christian Education. The Executive Committee will appoint a second member of the senior high camp planning team.

Director of Youth and College Ministries

The Director of Youth and College Ministries shall act as advisor and consultant to the RYC. All meetings and activities shall be planned in consultation with the director.

Members of The Youth Commission shall act as advisors to RYC and be present whenever possible at meetings and events.

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