

## **UPPER OHIO VALLEY PRESBYTERY YOUTH COUNCIL JOB DESCRIPTION**

Serving on the Youth Council is a unique way for youth and adults to serve the church of Jesus Christ, to gain new and valuable skills, learn more about the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and make new and lasting friendships with others from around the Presbytery.

The Youth Council will have a primary responsibility for:

- working with directors of summer camping program
- planning and implementing the weekend retreats for senior high and middle school youth
- providing a balance of quality Presbytery programming that offers opportunities for fellowship, study, service and worship
- promoting Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly opportunities for youth participation

Youth who serve on the Youth Council must meet the following criteria:

- be an active participant in their local church and youth activities
- be a rising 9-11 grader and able to serve a two year term
- be a Christ-like role model for other youth
- be willing to learn new skills and take risks in leadership roles
- be willing to make the Youth Council a priority in their schedules and be regular in their attendance at meetings and events

Adults who serve on the Youth Council must meet the following criteria:

- be an active participant in their local church and youth activities
- be able to serve a two year term
- be a Christ-like role model for youth and adults
- be willing to learn new skills and take risks in leadership roles
- be willing to make the Youth Council a priority in their schedules and be regular in their attendance at meetings and events

Youth Council members will be chosen based on the following:

- a balance of male and female
- racial/ethnic inclusion
- geographic diversity
- balance of large and small church membership
- balance of grade membership
- balance of experienced and first-time youth council members

Council members will normally serve a two year term. At the end of two years, they may reapply for the position, but will be given the same consideration as all other applicants.

**UPPER OHIO VALLEY PRESBYTERY  
YOUTH COUNCIL  
APPLICATION – YOUTH AND ADULT**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CONGREGATION IN WHICH YOU WORSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL GRADE: (FOR YOUTH) \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer the following questions, using additional paper if needed.  
Return this application along with (for the youth) the parent/guardian consent form to:

Nancy DeStefano  
907 National Road  
Wheeling, WV 26003  
Or e-mail to [nd4art@yahoo.com](mailto:nd4art@yahoo.com)

Have you attended church camp?  
Where?

Why do you want to serve on the Youth Council?

What skills and gifts do you feel you have to contribute to the Youth Council?

In what ways do you participate in your local church?

In what Presbytery youth events and activities have you participated?

What are your goals and dreams for the future?

What does your Christian faith mean to you and how do you express it in your day to day life?

**UPPER OHIO VALLEY PRESBYTERY  
YOUTH COUNCIL  
PARENT/GUARDIAN SUPPORT FORM**

Presbyterian Youth Council offers its members the opportunity to serve the church of Jesus Christ as they plan and implement presbytery wide youth events. It is hard work and makes demands on busy schedules, but the experience is also very rewarding and faith building. Youth Council members will develop leadership and planning skills, experience many unique events and opportunities, and make lasting friendships with other youth from around the Presbytery and denomination.

For the Youth Council to be a success, it will take the support and encouragement of the parents of the Council members. If your child is selected to serve on the Council, we need to know that it meets with your approval and that you would provide encouragement, support, and occasional help in making transportation arrangements to and from events and meetings.

I am aware that \_\_\_\_\_ is applying for a position on the Presbyterian Youth Council and I have read the job description for Youth Council members. I will support their participation on Youth Council.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**UPPER OHIO VALLEY PRESBYTERY  
YOUTH COUNCIL  
REFERENCE FORM**

The youth or adult listed below is applying for a two-year term on the Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery Youth Council. The position involves participation in the summer camping programs, planning and implementing presbytery-wide youth events for grades 6-12, regular participation in all events and planning meetings, willingness to learn new skills, provide leadership, and regular participation in their local church youth and congregational activities.

We would appreciate your comments regarding this person's application for this position. Your comments will be kept strictly confidential.

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you believe this person has the skills, and leadership potential to enable him/her to be an effective member of the Presbytery Youth Council? Would you recommend him/her and why?

What are the strengths of the applicant?

Do you believe that the applicant's family will be supportive of his/her participation on Youth Council?

Is the applicant active in the life of your congregation? In what ways?

How would this person be a good role model and example for others?

If an adult applicant, briefly describe how this person relates to young people.  
If a youth applicant, briefly describe how this person relates to adults.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Reference

\_\_\_\_\_  
Position in Church

Please use the back of this form if necessary and return to:  
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907 National Road  
Wheeling, WV 26003  
e-mail: [nd4art@yahoo.com](mailto:nd4art@yahoo.com)