

Regional Youth Council (RYC) Application

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Regional Youth Ministry in KY

The Regional Youth Council (RYC) is a youth-led, adult-supported leadership team that plans and leads retreats, camps, worship experiences, service opportunities, and regional youth events throughout the year.

RYC members serve as ambassadors for their camp areas, congregations, and the wider church while helping create meaningful Christian community for children and youth across the region.

Youth leaders are entrusted with planning themes, worship, recreation, activities, small groups, and leadership experiences while adult leaders serve as mentors, guides, and support persons.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of serving in this ministry.

Applicant Information

Name: _____

Preferred Name/Nickname: _____

Street Address or PO Box: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Current Grade:** _____

School: _____

Church/Home Congregation: _____

Pastor/Youth Minister: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Leadership Experience

Camp and Event Participation

How many years have you attended church camp? _____

Which camp area do you represent? _____

Please check all that apply:

- ☐ WAYC Member
- ☐ YLT
- ☐ Youth Co-Counselor
- ☐ CYF Retreats
- ☐ Regional Youth Retreat
- ☐ Youth Mission Trips
- ☐ Other Regional Events

Please list other church, school, community, or leadership activities you have participated in:

Leadership & Faith Questions

Please answer the following questions thoughtfully. You may attach additional pages if needed.

1. Why would you like to serve on the Regional Youth Council?

2. What gifts, talents, or leadership skills would you bring to the council?

(Examples: music, speaking, technology, organization, recreation, hospitality, worship leadership, creativity, communication, etc.)

3. Describe your involvement in your local church and youth ministry.

4. Describe a meaningful camp, retreat, worship, or faith experience that impacted you.

5. How do you hope to help other youth grow in faith, community, and leadership?

6. Describe a time you worked as part of a team. What role do you usually take in group settings?

7. What do you believe are the goals or purpose of the RYC?

Expectations & Commitments

Members of the Regional Youth Council are expected to:

- Be active participants in their local congregation and youth ministry
- Attend required RYC meetings, retreats, camps, and leadership events
- Participate in planning and communication throughout the year
- Help lead retreats, worship, recreation, small groups, and activities
- Serve as ambassadors for camp and regional youth ministry
- Work collaboratively with youth, adults, and regional staff
- Maintain respectful, Christ-like behavior at all regional events
- Promote welcoming, safe, and inclusive Christian community
- Arrange transportation to meetings and events as needed

The RYC meets in person at least two times annually and communicates throughout the year through Zoom, email, text messaging, and other digital platforms.

Because RYC members help lead ministry events and represent the wider church, leadership positions require responsibility, teamwork, flexibility, and commitment.

RYC Covenant

As a member of the Regional Youth Council, I understand that this is both a privilege and a commitment. If selected, I covenant to:

- Support the ministry and mission of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
- Participate actively in my local congregation and youth ministry
- Attend and participate in RYC meetings and events to the best of my ability
- Work respectfully and collaboratively with others
- Encourage and support younger youth leaders
- Help create welcoming and safe spaces for all participants
- Lead with integrity, humility, compassion, and faith
- Represent Christ and the church positively during regional events and gatherings

I understand that repeated absences, failure to participate, or behavior inconsistent with the expectations of the RYC may result in removal from leadership responsibilities.

References

Please list two references who know your leadership abilities and involvement in church, camp, school, or community activities.

Reference #1

Name: _____

Relationship to You: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Reference #2

Name: _____

Relationship to You: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Signatures

Applicant Commitment

I have read the expectations and covenant for the Regional Youth Council. If selected, I agree to serve faithfully and participate fully in the ministry and leadership responsibilities of the council.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Support

I have read the expectations and commitments of the Regional Youth Council and support my child in applying for this leadership position.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Congregational Recommendation

This applicant is recommended by our congregation for leadership within the Regional Youth Council.

Minister/Youth Minister/Church Leader: _____

Church: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Application Information

Applications are due: **JULY 12, 2026**

Please return completed applications to:

Rev. Mike McColl, First Christian Church, 300 South Main St., Lawrenceburg, KY 40342

Questions may be directed to: Rev. Mike McColl; mjmfcc@gmail.com