

Appendix P: Youth Connection Committee (YCC)

Functions:

1. To model the “**Five Intentions of Youth Ministry**” by providing education, encouragement, and commitment to local congregations and to the wider church.
 1. To call young people to be disciples of Jesus Christ.
 2. To respond to the needs and interests of young people.
 3. To work together in partnership, young people and adults.
 4. To be connected to the whole church, community, and the world.
 5. To be inclusive of all young people.
2. Organize events and activities for youth and youth leaders in Mission Presbytery as well as encourage participation and support for those events: **Youth at Presbytery**, the **Main Event for Youth at John Knox Ranch**, the **Spring Youth Rally**, **Presbyterian Youth Triennium**, and **Mission Trips**.
3. To promote youth ministries throughout Mission Presbytery and to support and nurture youth and youth leaders within Mission Presbytery through the **website**, **Facebook**, the **Youth Ministries Contact List**, and **youth leader training events**.
4. To support and encourage our connectional system through **Regional Area** youth gatherings.

Membership

The Youth Connection Committee will be composed of **up to** 13 youth (grades 9-12), 4 college students, and 6 adults. Youth and college students will be selected from submitted YCC nominations; adults will be selected from among individuals submitting Presbytery nomination forms. YCC Crew will reflect geographic, ethnic, small church, and large church diversity. Selection will be made by YCC Crew Leaders.

Terms of Membership

Youth and college students will serve a one-year term; adults will serve a two-year, renewing term. Terms begin in December and run through the beginning week of the following October.

Meetings

The Youth Connection Committee meets four times each year for planning, in addition to attendance at the programmatic events; dates and locations to be decided by YCC leaders.

Leadership

The Adult and Youth Co-Chairs will be selected for service terms reflecting membership terms, from interested persons within the Youth Connection Committee.

The Midwinter Planning Team

Purpose: To plan and implement the Mission Presbytery Midwinter Youth Conferences at Mo-Ranch.

Function: To develop a nurturing community that provides the Midwinter participants an opportunity to grow in their relationship with God.

For Informative Purposes - Members: MPT will be composed of **up to 30** youth and **up to 6** adults. Youth will be selected from submitted applications and will reflect geographic, ethnic, small church, and large church diversity. Selection will be made by the MPT adults.

Meetings: The Midwinter Planning Team meets three times per year for community building, theme selection, nuts and bolts planning in addition to attending the four Midwinter Conferences.