**PRESBYTERY OF WEST VIRGINIA**

**YOUTH COUNCIL ORGANIZATION/OVERVIEW**

**ORGANIZING PRINCIPLES**

The Youth Council shall conform to the 5 theological intentions for youth ministry in all programming:

1. To call young people to discipleship in 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 world.

5. To be inclusive of all young people.

**ORGANIZATION**

1. The Presbytery Youth Council (YC) shall be accountable to the Nurture Committee of

 the Presbytery of West Virginia.

2. One adult member of the YC shall be a member of the Nurture Committee and shall act as a

 liaison to facilitate communication between the two bodies. In addition, the adult Moderator shall be invited to Nurture Committee meetings.

3. The YC shall be composed of 14 youth and 8 adults from across the presbytery, representing as many churches and geographic areas as possible. These youth and adults shall be members, or active participants (pre-confirmation), or staff of churches within the presbytery, or members of Presbytery.

4. A congregation may ordinarily be represented by one youth and one adult. Occasionally, it may

 be that two youth or two adults *serve* from the same congregation, though no two youth or

 two adults shall be *nominated* from the same congregation in the same year.

5. The YC shall be elected by the Nurture Committee.

6. The term of office shall be 3 years for adults, with the opportunity to serve a second three year

 term, and up to 3 years for youth, who may serve until graduation from high school. YC shall

 ordinarily be balanced between 10th, 11th, and 12th grades as far as possible. The year will run

 from July to June.

7. There shall be a youth and an adult Co-Moderator of the YC. The youth shall be elected annually by the YC upon approval of the Nurture Committee. The adult shall be appointed annually by the Nurture Committee.

8. The YC shall elect a Secretary to take minutes of all meetings, and submit them to the Nurture Committee upon approval by the YC.

9. The Presbytery Associate for Educational Ministry will staff the YC.

10. Youth members of YC ordinarily shall not drive to events beyond ten miles of their residence. Adult Youth Council members will ordinarily provide transportation to YC events. It is the parent or guardian’s responsibility to get their youth to meet the adult YC member at a mutually agreed upon place. If transportation is an issue, parents should contact the adult moderator of the YC.

***Presbytery of West Virginia Youth Council***

***Session Nomination Form - For Youth and Adults***

**(Please type or write legibly with blue or black ink)**

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Youth Nominee - school grade of nominee, fall of 2018\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Adult Nominee Male Female

In what ways has this person been active in the life of your congregation?

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How has this person demonstrated Christian discipleship and leadership?

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Has this person participated in Presbytery, Synod or General Assembly events? Which ones? (Applicants will be considered regardless of participation in larger church events.)

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On the back of this form, please tell us anything more you wish us to know about your nominee.

The nominee must be endorsed by Session. Date of Session endorsement\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Pastor/DCE/Moderator of Session Signature of Clerk of Session

(this should be someone not related to the nominee, if possible)

**Return by July 16, 2018 to: Susan Sharp Campbell (Only one youth and/or one**

 **Presbytery of West Virginia adult shall be nominated 520 Second Avenue from a congregation in the**

 **South Charleston, WV 25303 same year)**

**PRESBYTERY YOUTH COUNCIL APPLICATION – Youth and Adults**

**(Please type or write legibly with blue or black ink)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Church where you are a member or pastor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

School Grade in fall 2018 (for youth) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***For Youth and Adults***: Please answer the questions below, using additional paper if needed.

***For Adults***: In addition to the questions below, please include a letter of endorsement from a youth with whom you have worked.

1. Why do you want to serve on the Presbytery Youth Ministry Council?

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

3. In what ways do you participate in your local church?

4. In what presbytery youth events and activities have you participated? (Applicants will be considered

 regardless of participation in larger church events.)

5. Do you have a job? If so, what is it? How many hours per week do you normally work and how flexible is your employer about time off?

6. In what extra-curricular activities are you involved? (Athletics, clubs, lessons, etc.)

7. What are your goals and dreams for the future?

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

**Return this application by July 16, 2018, along with the parental/guardian consent form (youth); and youth endorsement (adults) to:**

Presbytery of West Virginia

Attn: Susan Sharp Campbell

520 Second Avenue

South Charleston, WV 25303

**PRESBYTERY YOUTH COUNCIL PARENT/GUARDIAN**

**SUPPORT FORM**

Presbytery Youth Council offers its members the opportunity to serve the church and their peers 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.

An important component of an effective Youth Council is parents/guardians of the youth who are supportive of their responsibilities and are willing to encourage their active participation on the Council. 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 and/or providing transportation to and from events and meetings.

I am aware that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is applying for a position on the Presbytery Youth Council and have read the job description for youth council members. I will support his/her participation on Youth Council if selected.

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Signature of parent/guardian

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