

ARE YOU

- a **YOUTH** Currently in grade
9, 10, or 11?

OR

- an **ADULT** who enjoys working
with **YOUTH**?

Consider applying to serve as a Member
of the

Presbytery of West Virginia's

YOUTH COUNCIL

Complete information, including application and endorsement forms, can be found at www.wvpresbytery.org/ministries/youthevents. Talk with your pastor, educator, youth minister or clerk of session about this exciting possibility to join with other youth and adults from all over the presbytery in developing leadership skills and planning for youth retreats and other event.

Questions? Contact Susan Sharp Campbell, Associate for Educational Ministry,
susan_sharp_campbell@hotmail.com or 304-645-4568.

Application deadline is Thursday, April 30.

PRESBYTERY OF WEST VIRGINIA YOUTH COUNCIL

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. Adult Youth Council Members will ordinarily provide transportation to YC events. It is the parent's responsibility to get their youth to meet the adult YC member at a mutually agreed upon place. Youth members of YC ordinarily shall not drive to events beyond 10 miles of their residence.

PRESBYTERY YOUTH COUNCIL APPLICATION
(PLEASE TYPE OR WRITE LEGIBLY IN BLUE OR BLACK INK)

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone (h) _____ (c) _____ Email _____

Church where you are a member or pastor _____

School Grade in fall 2020 (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 April 30, along with the session nomination form (youth and adults) and the parental/guardian consent form (youth) or the background check, volunteer information form and youth endorsement (adults) to:

Presbytery of West Virginia
Attn: Susan Sharp Campbell
520 Second Avenue
South Charleston, WV 25303

**Youth Council Nomination Form
For Youth and Adults
Presbytery of West Virginia**

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (h) _____ (c) _____

Church making nomination: _____ Cluster _____

Youth Nominee - fall 2020 school and grade _____

Adult Nominee

Male

Female

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

How has this person demonstrated Christian discipleship and leadership?

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

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

Nominee must be endorsed by Session. Date of Session endorsement _____

Signature of Pastor/DCE/Moderator of Session
(This should be someone not related to the nominee, if possible)

Signature of Clerk of Session

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**(No more than 2 youth
and/or one adult are to be
nominated from a particular
congregation in the same year)**

**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 the 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 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.

Signature of parent/guardian

Home phone number

Cell phone number

Email

Date _____

APPENDIX A

**PRESBYTERY OF WEST VIRGINIA
INFORMATION FORM FOR WORKERS WITH
CHILDREN, YOUTH AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

1. Name (last, first, middle, maiden name) _____

If you have ever used another name, please indicate the name and the time period(s) used: _____

Current Address: _____

How long have you lived at this address: _____

How long have you lived in West Virginia: _____

Gender: M ___ F ___ Birth date: _____

Home Phone: _____

Place of Employment: _____

Work Phone: _____

2. *(skip number 2 if your position does not include driving)*

Drivers License Number: _____

Have you ever had your driver's license suspended or restricted for any reason? _____ If yes, please describe the dates and reasons for each such occurrence on the back.

3. Please answer the following questions:

Name of church in which you participate _____

How long have you been regularly participating _____

Are you a member? _____ Date you became a member? _____

4. Have you served as a volunteer at any church in the past ten years? If so, please state the name and address of the church, the pastor of the church, the time period(s) of your volunteer work and describe generally the nature of your volunteer work:

5. Have you served as a volunteer for any civic organization in the past ten years? If so, please state the name and address of that organization, the person overseeing the volunteer work the time period(s) of your volunteer work and describe generally the nature of your volunteer work. Please indicate which organizations involved working with children and youth.

6. Have you ever been arrested, charged, indicted or convicted for any criminal offense (misdemeanor or felony) other than a traffic violation? _____ (If yes, please explain on the back.)
7. Have you ever been subject to any disciplinary action, complaint or allegations that you violated any employer's or any organization's policy concerning sexual misconduct? _____ (If yes, please explain on the back.)
8. References: Please list the names, addresses, occupations, and telephone numbers of three people who are not related to you who are familiar with your character and abilities. References will be contacted.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Work Phone</u>	<u>Home Phone</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

12. I understand and agree that:
 - a. All Information that I have provided may be verified. I agree to release from liability any person or organization that provides information concerning me, including these persons I have listed as references. I understand and agree that any information received will not be disclosed to me, and I hereby waive any right I may have to inspect any information provided about me by any person or organization identified by me on this form.
 - b. By signing this form, I certify and affirm that the information I have given is true, complete, and correct in all respects.
 - c. I have read, understood and agree to abide by the Statement of Policies and Procedures for the Protection of Children, Youth and Persons with Disabilities of the Presbytery of West Virginia.
 - d. [Only applicable to persons eighteen years of age and older] I have completed the release of information form.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____
(If under age eighteen)

This form is confidential and will be kept in a locked file.

BACKGROUND CHECK CONSENT FORM

Applicant should complete all relevant information and sign and date the form

PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY!

Applicant's Name (Printed): _____
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

Maiden Name: _____

Other Names Used: _____ Telephone: _____ Gender: _____

Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

*NOTE: The above information is **required** for identification purposes only, and is in no manner used as qualifications for employment, internship, or service as a volunteer. Presbytery of West Virginia abides by all applicable state and federal employment laws.

ADDRESSES (for the past 5 years)

Present Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

How long have you lived at this address? _____

Former Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

How long did you live at this address? _____

Former Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

How long have you lived at this address? _____

MOTOR VEHICLE RECORDS

Name as it appears on License: _____

Driver's License Number: _____ State of License: _____

I, _____, hereby authorize Presbytery of West Virginia, and/or their agents to make an independent investigation of my background, references, character, past employment, education, credit history, adult criminal or police records, and motor vehicle records including those maintained by both public and private organizations and all public records for the purpose of confirming the information contained on my Application and/or obtaining other information which may be material to my qualifications for service now and, if applicable, during the tenure of my employment or service with the Presbytery of West Virginia.

VOLUNTARY DISCLOSURE STATEMENT: Have you ever been arrested, charged, or convicted of any criminal offense, misdemeanor or felony, other than a traffic violation? ____ Have you ever been subject to any disciplinary action, complaint, or allegation that you violated any employer's or organization's sexual misconduct policy? ____

(If you answered yes to either question, please submit a type-written explanaiton along with this form.)

I release Presbytery of West Virginia and their agents and any person or entity which provides information pursuant to this authorization from any and all liabilities, claims, or law suits in regards to the information obtained from any and all of the above referenced sources used. The name above is my true and complete legal name and all information provided above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

Signature of Applicant

Date

Youth Council Application – Adult Endorsement Letter (to be completed by a youth).

_____ is applying to be a part of the Presbytery of West Virginia's Youth Council. As part of the application, adult applications need a letter of endorsement from a youth who knows them, which is why an adult applicant has shared this with you. In the space below, please include the following:

- how long you have known the applicant
- in what capacity you have known the applicant
- why you would, or would not endorse the application for Youth Council