

As you consider who in your church might be interested in serving on the Presbytery's Youth Council:

The Youth Council is a very important part of our presbytery's work with youth as it plans and leads two youth retreats each year, and assists with promoting other events for youth in our presbytery. Those nominated to serve on the Presbytery Youth Council should be actively involved in a congregation within the presbytery and place a high priority on their commitment to Jesus Christ. While other events do come up in the lives of youth and adults, it is important that those chosen to serve make Youth Council participation a high priority. The commitment includes being present for the two retreats, one in November, the other in March, as well as a Leadership Development and Planning Retreat in August and a planning meeting in January.

The Youth Council is composed of 14 youth and 8 adults, representing the different geographical areas of our presbytery and as many churches as possible. Youth must be in grade 10, 11 or 12 in the fall of 2021; it is anticipated that, if selected, they will serve until they graduate from high school. Adults serve a three-year term, with opportunity to serve a second term. We try to involve youth and adults from as many churches as possible. If a youth or adult from your congregation is already serving on Youth Council, you may nominate another youth or adult, realizing that their selection will be considered in light of efforts to achieve representation by as many churches as possible on the Youth Council. **Please note that we are in great need of adults, and we particularly need male adults.**

Currently, we are in a rebuilding phase, as there are openings for 10 youth and 5 adults.

Completed applications/nominations must be received in the Presbytery Office **no later than Wednesday, March 31, 2021 (and, yes, that is the middle of Holy Week)** to be considered by the Nurture Committee at its April meeting. All but the information and background check from can be completed online at wvpresbytery.org/ministries/youthevents. Please note that **applications will be considered complete only when all the forms are returned**, including the Session nomination form, the application form, the parent/guardian support form (for youth); and the release authorization and information form and youth endorsement letter (for adults).