

# 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. The presbytery staff member 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 a maximum of 14 youth and 8 adults from across the presbytery, representing as many churches and geographic areas as possible. Youth are eligible to serve on Youth Council as 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. These youth and adults shall be members, active participants, or staff of churches within the presbytery, or members of Presbytery.
4. A congregation may be represented by more than one youth and adult. Ordinarily, no more than 2 youth and/or 2 adults shall be *nominated* from the same congregation in the same year.
5. The YC members shall be selected from those who apply by the Nurture Committee.
6. Ordinarily, the term of office shall be 3 years for adults, with the opportunity to serve a second 3-year term. Youth serve from the time elected through graduation. The YC year is July 1- June 30.
7. There shall be an Adult Moderator and a Youth Moderator (or two Youth Co-Moderators) of the YC. The adult shall be appointed by the Nurture Committee; the youth shall be elected by the Youth Council youth.
8. The Presbytery Associate for Educational Ministry will staff the YC.
9. 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. If transportation is an issue, parents should contact the Adult Moderator of the YC.