
YAC INFORMATION FOR CHURCHES

TO: MINISTERS AND YOUTH LEADERS
FROM: KATIE GIBSON, REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY
SUBJECT: YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMISSION
DATE: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2017

Dear Church Leader,

We are writing this letter to invite you and your congregation to support the youth ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Georgia by inviting youth of your church to apply to the Youth Activity Council for 2018-2019. As you may know, the Youth Activities Commission (YAC) is commissioned to guide, nurture, and plan for our Region's youth ministries, including the annual assembly to be held in February at Epworth-by-the-Sea on St. Simon's Island.

We will be selecting youth for the commission differently this year. We are opening up fifteen spots to youth from around the state. We will be selecting youth based on applications, geographical diversity, and recommendations from you. While we will make every effort to ensure that the entire state is well represented on YAC, we are even more devoted to ensuring that this is a motivated and capable group, with a passion for ministry and servant leadership. Please encourage youth from your congregation to apply. We are looking for youth who are:

- A person of faith and integrity, with gifts and potential for leadership.
- An active member of your congregation: a regular participant in worship and youth activities.
- In eighth, ninth, tenth, or eleventh grade at the time of selection.
- Able to participate in planning meetings and retreats, as well as Regional Youth Assembly in 2019. A detailed meeting schedule is included on the *YAC Representative Application* form.
- A regular participant in Regional Youth Assemblies and summer church camp at Camp Christian or Camp Kicklighter.

Please have any YAC representatives complete the attached *YAC Representative Application* and return it to the Regional Office along with the *Pastor's Recommendation* which we would like you to fill out. Both forms need to be returned to the Regional Office no later than January 12, 2018.

In addition to young people, six adult leaders serve on YAC in staggered three year terms, so that two new members will be appointed each year. Appointments will be made by the Regional Youth Coordinator and affirmed by YAC. All adults serving with YAC will be required to submit a recommendation from their pastor and complete a criminal background check. If you have a suggestion for an adult member of YAC, please pass it along to us by January 12, 2018.

Please let us know if you have any questions or if we can be helpful in any way. Thank you for your help in calling the gifts of our young people to ministry!