

PERRY HIGHWAY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Youth Team

PURPOSE

To provide ministry to and with young people, so that they may grow in faith and in their understanding of themselves as members of the congregation; to work for the involvement of young people in all aspects of congregational life.

MEMBERSHIP

The committee will consist of no less than six members of the congregation, including a chair appointed by the congregational council. At least two members of the committee will be under the age of 25. The pastor, the Director of youth and Education will be advisory members of the committee.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- ◆ Develop social, educational, and service opportunities for adolescents and young adults in the congregation.
- ◆ In cooperation with other committees, seek to involve young people in leadership roles in all areas of the congregation's life and ministry.
- ◆ Provide programs that address concerns of young people, including stressful life situations and behavior that puts them at risk.
- ◆ Provide programs that addresses concerns of young people, including their faith development, and assist them in forming goals for living.
- ◆ Provide programs that include the parents of young people and help build or renew supportive relationships among parents and between parents and their children.
- ◆ Develop ways for young people of high School age to help others and reflect on their experiences in the light of the Gospel.
- ◆ Develop ways for young people to meet young people from the larger church in a setting designed to be celebrative, educational, and spiritually nourishing.
- ◆ Provide a system for the congregation to maintain contact with young people after their graduation from High School, especially with those who are living apart from their parents or childhood home.

TIME COMMITMENT

The term of service is one year. The committee meets monthly, as well as for special meetings at times mutually agreeable to all committee members. Those serving on this committee may also be asked to serve as liaisons to various subcommittees, with the time commitment varying as needed.

POSSIBLE SUBCOMMITTEES

Lutheran Youth Organization
Youth Gatherings/retreats
Servant Events
Young Adult Ministry

SKILL DEVELOPMENT EXPECTATIONS

- ◆ Review annual ELCA Youth Ministry Packet
- ◆ Attend annual Congregational Committee leadership training event.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND REPORTING

The chair of the committee will meet regularly with the pastor of the congregation and the Director of Youth and Education to coordinate plans for the committee's work and discuss ways to increase its productivity and effectiveness.

The committee will provide a monthly written report of its accomplishments and recommendations to the congregational council.

The committee will prepare an annual written report of its work to be included in the reports given at the annual meeting of the congregation. This report will include recommendations for greater effectiveness.

The committee will prepare an annual budget request as part of the congregation's budget development process.

A council member will be appointed as the committee's liaison and will be the connecting link between the two bodies.

The committee will provide quarterly reports to the Staff Support Committee and comment on the effectiveness of staff members who serve as advisory members of the committee.