First Unitarian Universalist Church of Nashville Committee Charge

Council: Program	Adopted: November 20, 2018

Youth Action Committee (YAC)

formerly known as Youth-Adult Committee

Purpose

The YAC's purpose is to support the youth of FUUN, defined as 9th through 12th Grades or homeschool equivalent. The Web of Youth Ministry model guides the YAC to create enriching, engaging youth programs that help group members discern their faith and their burgeoning identities (web linked here [PDF] and attached [JPG]). The YAC facilitates interactions among the youth, the congregation, and the broader world.

Charge

The YAC is charged to:

- 1. Program weekly Youth Group meetings with content that appeals to a wide range of learning styles, abilities and interests;
- 2. Create an environment that encourages faith exploration and development;
- 3. Provide opportunities for the youth to engage with their congregation and their community, live out their values, and put their faith into practice; and
- 4. Establish relationships with youth regionally and beyond, through conferences and area activities, as well as FUUN's future youth, the members of the 6th-8th Grade Religious Education class.

Responsibilities

 Work with RE Coordinator to recruit a full complement of YAC Officers, including: Senior & Junior Co-Chairs – youth leaders assuming consecutive one-year terms, first as junior, then as senior chair. This ensures continuity, allowing outgoing chairs to train incoming chairs. Typically, senior chair is a 12th Grader, and junior chair is 9th, 10th or 11th Grader;

Parent Liaison – a parent of a Youth Group member

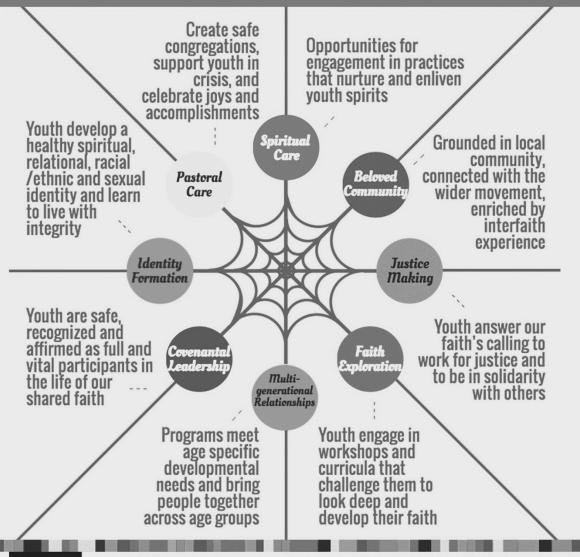
Advisor – an adult Youth Group advisor

At-Large – youth member(s), any grade. Not required but strongly encouraged;

- 2. Meet regularly throughout the church year; at minimum every eight weeks;
- 3. Program youth group activities, using the Web of Youth Ministry model as a guide;
- 4. Encourage increased group membership through outreach to middle school RE class;
- 5. Engage in activities in the wider community that speak to youth values and enrich the lives of group members; and
- 6. Establish a theme for the annual Youth Sunday service and work with youth, members and appropriate staff to build liturgy.

Web of Youth Ministry

A model for a balanced youth program





The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries
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