
YAC INFORMATION FOR PASTORS

TO: PASTORS
FROM: REV. TROY TATUM, REGIONAL YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR
SUBJECT: YOUTH ACTIVITY COUNCIL
DATE: MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2009

Dear Pastor,

I'm writing this letter to invite you and your congregation to support the youth ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Georgia by appointing a representative to the Youth Activity Council for 2010-2011. As you may know, the Youth Activity Council (YAC) is commissioned to guide, nurture, and plan for our Region's youth ministries, including the annual assembly to be held January 8-10, 2010 at Epworth-by-the-Sea on St. Simon's Island.

Each congregation in the Region is encouraged to select one young person to represent them on YAC. The method you use for selecting your representative is entirely up to you and, if applicable, your youth group and youth leaders. The youth you select should be:

- A person of faith and integrity, with gifts and potential for leadership.
- An active member of your congregation. By "active" we mean 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 2011. 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.

Once your church makes a selection, please have your YAC representative 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 December 1, 2009.

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 me by December 1, 2009.

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