



FUMC DALLAS YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM

AUGUST 2019-AUGUST 2020

WHY THE YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM EXISTS:

- To equip students with essential skills for leadership in youth ministry
- To provide a variety of opportunities for students to grow their leadership skills
- To explore each student's gifts and discover what leadership opportunities best match their gifts
- To collaborate with other students in leadership and continue to learn and grow together as a team

WHAT WE EXPECT FROM YOU AS A YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM MEMBER:

DISCIPLESHIP:

- Devote time and effort to continue growing in faith and discipleship
- Continue to be active in seeking a relationship with God and others
- As a leader, students will be active in the youth community

INVOLVEMENT:

- Student leadership team members are expected to regularly attend and participate in:
 - Sunday school
 - Youth retreats
 - Higher Ground
 - Youth mission trips/service projects
 - Youth events
 - Youth leadership team meetings (once a month)

COMMITMENT:

- Commit to faithfully serving in leadership
- Arrive on time to youth events
- Actively participate and engage in activities and discussions
- Be kind, respectful, and inclusive of others
- Seek ways to help others discover and live out their own skills for leadership
- Use this leadership position to help, lift up, and empower other students

LEADERSHIP:

- Regularly attend the leadership team meetings
- Be consistent in attendance and participation
- Be open to challenges - seeking opportunities for growth in leadership
- Work towards finding balance in honoring the traditions of the past while also making space for new ideas and changes for the future
- Embrace dreaming and imagining what could be for our community and where we hope to grow in the future

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM THE ADULT LEADERS:

GUIDANCE:

- We are available to meet with students to help and guide them in their leadership
- We will seek to work as a collaborative team
- We will communicate with the leadership team on a regular basis
- We will work with students to provide clear roles and expectations for our leadership team
- We will eagerly request feedback in all aspects of youth ministry programming

PROGRAMMING/EVENTS:

- We will work with each student to identify a leadership role for them that is valuable for our youth ministry
- We will communicate the agenda and information with leaders prior to the event
- We will continue to challenge students to learn and grow in their leadership and to try new things in a variety of leadership roles
- We will be prepared for all youth events and leadership team meetings
- We will seek opportunities for students to be in leadership in church-wide events and worship services

MENTORSHIP:

- We will challenge and encourage students to be courageous in their leadership
- We will lead with grace and understanding
- We will seek, as well as help students seek compassion in the midst of any disagreement and misunderstanding
- We will keep the whole community in our focus as we plan and lead



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Application

1. WHAT ARE SOME QUALITIES OF A GOOD LEADER? WHAT ARE SOME LEADERSHIP QUALITIES THAT YOU IDENTIFY IN YOURSELF?

2. HOW DO YOU HOPE TO GROW IN YOUR LEADERSHIP AND DISCIPLESHIP BY BEING A PART OF THE YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM?

3. WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE A PART OF THE YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM?

4. BELOW ARE SOME OF THE LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE HAVE IDENTIFIED FOR THIS LEADERSHIP TEAM.

PLEASE NOTE- THIS IS NOT AN EXTENSIVE LIST OF LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES.

- WORSHIP/DEVO LEADER:** *Examples:* Leading in 8:45am or 11:00am worship services - serving communion, reading Scripture, leading prayers. Leading in youth worship services on retreats and mission trips. Sharing devotional reflections at Higher Ground
- ACTIVITY LEADER:** *Examples:* Brainstorming/writing/leading activities and programs in Sunday school and Higher Ground. Helping develop activities and themes for youth events, retreats, mission trips
- PRAYER LEADER:** *Examples:* Writing/leading prayers during youth events, and developing a creative prayer ministry for the youth community.
- COMMUNICATION/ OUTREACH:** *Examples:* Helping with student outreach, communication, and recruitment. Personal invitations to youth events, helping design communications, helping take pictures at youth events.
- CONFIRMATION MENTOR:** *Example:* Being paired with a 7th grader to mentor and guide them through their confirmation journey and their first year in youth ministry.
- CARE TEAM:** *Examples:* Helping with congregational care aspects within the youth ministry and developing care notes and outreach for youth and their families.

**RATE THE FOLLOWING MINISTRY AREAS ON A SCALE OF 1 TO 6 -
1 BEING MOST INTERESTED IN AND 6 BEING LEAST INTERESTED IN:**

WORSHIP/DEVO LEADER

COMMUNICATION/OUTREACH

ACTIVITY LEADER

CONFIRMATION MENTOR

PRAYER LEADER

CARE TEAM



OTHER

Collaboration is a key element to our leadership council - we want you to know that this is not the full list of leadership opportunities.

5. WHAT IS ANOTHER CATEGORY OF LEADERSHIP THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A PART OF THE YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM THAT IS NOT LISTED ABOVE? TELL US ABOUT YOUR IDEAS!



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application:

YOUTH LEADERSHIP COVENANT:

I _____ agree to the following in order to participate in the Youth Leadership Team.

Student's Name (Print)

- WE WILL ARRIVE ON TIME AND COME WITH AN OPEN MIND AND HEART
- WE WILL BE RESPECTFUL OF ALL STAFF, ADULT LEADERS, AND PEERS
- WE WILL FOLLOW DIRECTIONS AND ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES AND DISCUSSIONS
- WE WILL REGULARLY ATTEND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL, HIGHER GROUND, WORSHIP, AND YOUTH EVENTS
- WE WILL CONTINUE TO LEARN AND GROW IN MY FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP
- I UNDERSTAND THAT IF I DO NOT UPHOLD THE EXPECTATIONS STATED ON PAGE ONE AND THE ABOVE COVENANT, IT WILL RESULT IN PROBATION FROM THE YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM UNTIL THERE CAN BE A MEETING BETWEEN THE STUDENT, THEIR PARENTS, AND THE YOUTH MINISTER

Student Signature

Date

PARENT COVENANT:

I _____ agree to the following in order for my student to participate in the

Parent's Name (Print)

Youth Leadership Team.

- WE WILL DISCUSS THE EXPECTATIONS ON PAGE ONE AND THE ABOVE COVENANT WITH OUR STUDENT
- WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO GET OUR STUDENT TO ALL YOUTH EVENTS/GATHERINGS ON TIME
- WE WILL SUPPORT OUR STUDENT AND WALK ALONGSIDE AND GUIDE THEM IN THEIR LEADERSHIP AND DISCIPLESHIP
- WE WILL SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE OUR STUDENT'S EFFORTS TO REGULARLY ATTEND SUNDAY SCHOOL, HIGHER GROUND, WORSHIP, AND YOUTH EVENTS
- WE WILL SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF THE YOUTH MINISTRY AND VOLUNTEER AS WE ARE ABLE

Parent Signature

Date