

Award of Excellence in Youth Ministry

Application

The Award of Excellence in Youth Ministry will be presented to the United Methodist Church/Charge of the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church that exhibits overall excellence in youth ministry including consideration of involvement beyond the local church, involvement in mission, balance in program, attention to discipleship and spiritual growth, attention to outreach and committed youth participation. This is not an award for an individual. Overall size of church and strict number of youth are not determining factors. Quality is considered over quantity. Recognition of the recipient church for the award will be made at Pilgrimage in November. The award recipient will be determined by a Committee of the Conference Council on Youth Ministries from the applications received. Complete responses to the application questions are necessary for fair representation to the committee. **Completed applications are to be received or postmarked no later than Saturday, September 1, 2012.** Applications should be sent to:

NCCUMC Youth Ministry Award of Excellence
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Please print or type. Additional pages may be added to respond to questions. Visual materials (pictures, fliers, etc.) may be offered to elaborate on responses to application questions.

Name of Church _____ Name of Pastor _____

District: _____ Church Website _____

Name of Person submitting Application _____

Address of Applicant _____

Applicant's Phone (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

Applicant's Email Address _____

Definition of YOUTH is all persons in school grades 6-12 and age 12-18.
Note: Youth Ministry within a local congregation may mean Sunday School, UMYF, youth arts, Bible study, mission teams, or any additional activities.

- 1) Why does your youth ministry stand out?

- 2) How are youth involved in the total life of your church?

- 3) How is your youth ministry involved beyond the local church?
(i.e. how do you participate in the life of the greater connection)

- 4) How is inward and spiritual life evidenced by outward and physical signs?

- 5) List a sample of a year's ministry activities within your youth ministry...

- 6) What would you like to see grow about your youth ministry?

- 7) What does outreach mean to you? How are you participating in outreach ministries?

- 8) What is your congregation's total membership?
What is your congregation's active worship attendance?
How many total youth are members of your congregation?
How many total youth are ACTIVE in your youth ministry?

- Note: Active is defined as involved and participating in a majority of ministry activities of which youth are invited to be a part (as opposed to occasional participation). Please be honest with these numbers. Size is not a determining factor - level of participation is.

- 9) How does the "Called to Christ" affirmation attached describe your youth ministry?

United Methodist Youth
Called to Christ

We are called to Christ-
to experience his grace that from birth and baptism has sought us and loved us;
to know him as our Lord and Savior;
to encounter him again and again throughout our lives.

We are called to be Christ's church-
to join with children, other youth, and adults as disciples;
to study the Bible;
to experience the richness of a church of many cultures and colors;
to celebrate Christ's presence through the sacraments;
to call the entire Church to a deeper witness and faith.

We are called to grow in Christ-
to pray, to study, to give of our gifts;
to make faithful decisions in all that we do;
to know God and be known by God more and more, day after day.

We are called to serve Christ-
to bring light and hope to the world;
to tell of God's grace in our lives;
to work for God's justice and peace;
to view all of life as vocation, a call to follow Christ;
to passionately and boldly live this call in our community and world.

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