

REGIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

of the Moravian Church, Southern Province

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of the Regional Youth Council is:

- To glorify God through service and mission to/for youth groups in the province with an attitude of selfless love and acceptance for each other and those we serve.
- To be a representative council serving the province by providing a communications link between churches.
- To develop unity and friendship within the province among youth, thereby striving to unify the youth ministries program of the Southern Province.
- To assist with the planning and coordinating of provincial youth activities.

Meetings

The Regional Youth Council meets once a month during the school year or when necessary, usually on the third Sunday afternoon of the month.

Representation

Representation in the Regional Youth Council is open to a maximum of two youth (between grades nine and twelve) from each interested church (The Florida District currently has their own RYC). The number and definition (example: 2 members or 1 member, 1 alternate, etc.) of RYC representatives are determined by each church's youth group. In consideration of the needs of those churches outside of Forsyth County, the number of representatives can be negotiated with the RYC Coordinator.

- a) Representatives can be elected by their groups or chosen by their leaders, whatever way the leader feels is best. It is suggested that representatives serve for one-year ~~terms~~.
- b) A congregation is entitled to an additional representative if one of their representatives is elected to the RYC Executive Committee.
- c) Youth groups are asked to elect/appoint representatives by the May RYC meeting of the previous school year.

Responsibilities of Representatives

1. To be active members of their own youth groups.
2. To serve as communication links between their youth group and the Regional Youth Council.
3. To educate his/her youth group and leaders of news and events of each meeting
4. To regularly attend meetings of the RYC and be involved in the programs (but NOT at the expense of their own youth group activities).
5. To be active as role models in serving the youth of their own Moravian Church.
6. To attend the RYC winter leadership retreat.
7. To act as leaders and role models for youth at provincial events.

Executive Committee of the Regional Youth Council

The Executive Committee of the Regional Youth Council is made up of President, Vice President, and 4 random members. The Committee is elected sometime after RYC winter retreat and takes office at May meeting. The vice president-elect will automatically become president the year following the vice presidency year, so cannot be a rising senior in high school. The other elected members of the council can be any grade level (except senior of course). The election to a position takes place by simple majority by whatever election method works the best.