

“For in Him we live, and move, and have our being.” – Acts 17:28

Reorganization of Youth Board St. John the Divine, Houston TX

- **Purpose:** The Youth Board is a team of committed adults, who have a lively Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, are active in the life of the parish, have a passion to see the youth ministry thrive and are actively involved in the youth ministry. This Board seeks to do ministry with and for youth in grades 6-12. Members of the Youth Board not only have a vested *interest* in the vitality of the youth ministry at St. John the Divine, but also have a vested *involvement* in it as well.
- **The Youth Board’s Mission is to:**
 1. Support the Youth Staff, both by prayer and **Action** by providing hands on support in planning and implementing programs and major events as well as serving as a sounding board for ideas for the youth ministry. (Team of 6, comprised of the Volunteer Coordinator and MAPPs)
 2. Ensure **Accountability** within the youth ministry by being the keeper of the goals, benchmarks and core values of the youth ministry as well as serving as a resource and advocate for youth ministry concerns and needs. The accountability team also serves as sounding board for all single item youth program expenditures over \$1000.00 (Team of 2-3 folks)
 3. Serve as an **Advocate** for the youth ministry by helping to communicate “good gossip” and facilitating creative marketing regarding the youth ministry to the parish and the community. (Team of 2, AV and Vestry Representatives)
- **Structure and Roles:** Youth Board members include the Chair, participants from the following areas: parents, SS teachers, staff, congregants, and at least one Vestry member and Associate Vestry Member. All meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend.

Chair (who has served as Vice-Chair): coordinates with youth staff in setting the agenda (week before), moderates meetings and checks with the Youth Program Coordinator about reminder cards (send agenda with reminder calls).

Vice-Chair (has served one year on the Youth Board prior to serving as Vice-Chair, will assume role of Chair): Assists the Chair

Accountability Team (2 or 3 representatives selected by the chair in consultation with the Youth Director): serve as keepers of goals, benchmarks and core values and also as a resource and advocate for youth ministry concerns and needs. Also a sounding board for all single item youth expenditures over \$1000.00.

Vestry Representative: sole job is advocacy to the parish and parish leadership

Associate Vestry Representative: works with the Vestry representative to ensure good gossip is happening within the parish regarding the youth ministry.

MAPP Volunteer Coordinator: oversees and works with the Ministry Area Point Persons (MAPPs)

Ministry Area Point Persons: recruit Major Event Coordinators for their assigned area and take responsibility for coordinating with the staff for each of the events falling under the specific area of ministry. The key to the role of the MAPPs is that they allow the youth staff to focus on the pieces of the ministry which involve the most relational components.

Youth Staff (ex-officio)

Clergy Supervisor of Youth Ministries (ex-officio)

- **Attendance:** Monthly meetings; please make every effort to attend.
- **Tenure:** Varies by position (see organizational chart). Up to 3 years.
- **Other Responsibilities:**
 - Consults and reports to the Vestry
 - Works with youth staff in setting youth budget.
 - Seek resources for scholarship fund and special student ministry initiatives.

MAPP MINISTRY AREAS

EDUCATION EVENTS:

Parenting Seminars/Fellowship Events
Senior Sunday
Rally Day/Kick Off
Sex, God and Me

CONFIRMATION:

Retreat
Social
Confirmation Ceremony

NURTURE:

College care packages
Senior Prayer Partners
Birthday Cards
Sunday School Food

SERVICE EVENTS:

30 Hour Famine
Servant Saturdays

PARENT CONNECTIONS:

Middle School – to find grade reps
High School – to find grade reps

STAFF MINISTRY AREAS

DAVID, ZACH, JENNI

Volunteer Training
Youth Sunday
Small group Bible study/Midweek
Sunday School
Recruiting
Youth Worship Team
Student Leadership Team

CODY

Working with MEC's
Recruiting
Retreats
Mission Trips
Christmas Parties
Super Bowl Parties
Ski Trip