

PRESBYTERY OF ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERY YOUTH COUNCIL NOMINATION FORMS

Steps Required for PYC Nomination

___ 1. Prayerfully consider the most dedicated Christian young people in your congregation *that can devote time and attention to the council.*

___ 2. Have the nominee(s) complete and return essay portion of the nomination form, available as an online form at the link below. If your youth needs a PDF version to print and complete on paper, contact Allison Wehrung at the email address below and she'll be happy to get you one.

<https://form.jotform.com/241005047943147>

___ 3. Have the nominee(s) and a parent/guardian complete and sign the Signature Page, after they have carefully read the "About PYC" section below, paying special attention to the retreat attendance commitment.

___ 3. Have the church Session endorse the nomination and have the appropriate church official sign the Session Endorsement form.

___ 4. Gather the Signature Page and Session Endorsement and submit them together by **Friday May 31, 2024**. (Emailing a scanned copy is fine.) Also confirm that your youth has completed the online portion by that date.

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ABOUT PYC

- Youth members shall be active members of a Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in the Presbytery of St. Andrew and presently (when nominated) in grades 9, 10, or 11. Normally, selected youth will serve on the PYC until they graduate from high school.
- PYC members have the responsibilities of planning, promoting, and sharing leadership of youth events for the presbytery.
- PYC members are expected to:
 - Set a Christian example for other youth.
 - Work cooperatively with others.

- Attend the 2 stated PYC planning retreats each year. (Note: In an effort to enable full participation from all PYC members, this is one less planning retreat than previous years. See more information about planning retreats below.)
- Attend Zooms as needed between in-person retreats (frequency/schedule TBD based on need and PYC availability).
- Attend and help lead the winter/spring retreat for youth of the presbytery.
- PYC members will receive:
 - reimbursement for expenses incurred in carrying out their duties.
 - leadership training and experience.
 - the joy of serving God through this youth ministry.
- The work of 2024-2025 PYC members will begin with a planning retreat **August 2-4, 2024**. Dates for one additional planning retreat, as well as the main retreat, will be set at that time. All of the retreats take place at Camp Hopewell. **It is vitally important that all members of PYC be able to attend the initial planning retreat** since the dates for subsequent meetings are set, theme and plans for the winter retreat are established, and the group develops as a leadership team.

ABOUT THE SELECTION PROCESS

- New PYC members should be nominated by representatives of the church's youth, youth advisors, staff, and the Session. For churches without designated youth leaders, a teacher or adult familiar with the youth may make the nomination. **All nominees shall be endorsed by the Session of their church.**
- All nominees will be considered by the PYC Advisors, and selections will receive final approval from the presbytery's Education, Nurture and Worship Committee.
- Final approval will take place by **June 8** and youth and churches will be notified after selection.

Nominations must be received by FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2024.

2024 PRESBYTERY YOUTH COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM & SESSION ENDORSEMENT

To be completed by Youth Leader or Pastor.

Youth must be a member of a church in St. Andrew presbytery and currently in grades 9, 10, or 11. Session endorsement is required.

Please use this form for submitting names of youth recommended to serve on the Youth Council of St. Andrew Presbytery.

Name of Youth _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Youth's Cell Phone _____ Gender _____

Youth's E-mail _____

Birthdate ____/____/____ Current Grade _____

School _____

Church Name & Location _____

Reasons for Recommending this Youth:

Person(s) Making this Recommendation: _____

Relationship to Youth: _____

Name of Youth Advisor (if different): _____

Email of Youth Advisor: _____

Endorsement of the Church Session

The session of _____ Church enthusiastically endorses the above named youth from our church to serve, if selected, on the Youth Council of St. Andrew Presbytery.

Clerk or Pastor Signature: _____ Date: _____

SIGNATURE PAGE

To be completed by youth:

Can you answer the following questions with, “I do” or “I will”?

Circle one: YES NO

- Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior and through him believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?
- Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ and God’s Word to you?
- Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture?
- Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for reconciliation of the world?
- Will you strive to set a Christian example for other young people, not only at Presbytery youth events, but also at school, church, home, and among your peers?
- Will you seek to serve with energy, intelligence, imagination and love?
- Will you be a faithful member of the Youth Council of St. Andrew Presbytery, striving to bear faithful witness to your Lord, Jesus Christ, in all you do and all you say?

Have you read the “About PYC” information, including the date of the opening planning retreat, and can you agree to the commitment it describes?

Circle one: YES NO

Youth’s signature: _____ Date: _____

To be completed by a parent or guardian:

Please sign below signifying that you have also read the “About PYC” information, including the date of the opening planning retreat, and understand and give permission for your child’s commitment to and participation in this Youth Council per the explanation at the beginning of the application. We ask that you help them to understand their commitment, and to help make sure that they attend all of the retreats and are fully present in this important work of our presbytery.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian’s Cell Phone Number: _____

Parent/Guardian’s Email Address: _____