

Steps Required for Nomination

- ___ 1. Prayerfully consider the most dedicated Christian young people in your congregation.
- ___ 2. Have the nominee(s) complete and return to you their portion of the written nomination form along with a photo of themselves. (Make sure they sign the form.)
- ___ 3. Have the church session endorse the nomination and have the appropriate church official sign the nomination form.
- ___ 4. Gather and submit all portions of the form together. Mail, FAX, or deliver the completed form to the Presbytery Office by **Saturday, February 25, 2012.**

About the PYC and the Selection Process

The Youth Council generally consists of 14 youth; three each from the four districts of Presbytery (when possible) plus two at-large members.

- Youth shall be active members of a Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in the Presbytery of St. Andrew and presently in grades 9, 10, or 11.
- Normally, selected youth will serve on the PYC until they graduate from high school.
- A minimum of four adult advisors shall serve with at least one from the Presbytery's Committee on Education, Nurture and Worship.
- If any PYC member (youth or adult) misses 3 consecutive meetings, the PYC can vote to dismiss this member.
- Youth members shall have been nominated by a "nominating committee" made up of 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 shall be received for consideration as potential PYC members. Nominees will be divided by district and selected by the Youth Sub-Committee of the Education, Nurture and Worship Committee. Normally, three from each district will be selected to provide balance.
- Selections will take place in March with selected youth being received and commissioned at the May meeting of Presbytery. Work of the PYC members will begin with a summer training and planning retreat in August. Dates for additional planning meetings will be set at that time. PYC generally meets for the initial training weekend in August, one Sunday afternoon in both September and October, an overnight (Sat./Sun) at Hopewell in November and a final full weekend in January to prepare for the retreats. 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 retreats are established, and the group develops as a leadership team during that first weekend together.

- PYC members have the responsibilities of planning, promoting, and sharing leadership of youth events for the presbytery.
- PYC members are expected to:
 - ❑ set a wholesome Christian example for other youth
 - ❑ work cooperatively with others
 - ❑ attend the 4 stated PYC meetings each year including the summer planning retreat
 - ❑ attend other meetings as needed
 - ❑ attend and help lead the Jr. and Sr. High winter retreats
- 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.

Nominations must be received by Saturday, February 25, 2012.

* * * * Thanks for your help and prayers! * * * *

2012 PRESBYTERY YOUTH COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM

Youth must be a member of a church in St. Andrew presbytery and presently 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. The Youth named here should complete the attached form. Mail nominations to: Rev. Ann Houston Kelly, St. Andrew Presbytery, 24 CR 231, Oxford, MS 38655.

Name of Youth _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Male _____ or Female _____

E-mail address _____

Age _____ Birthdate ____/____/____ Present Grade _____

School _____

Church Membership & Town _____

Reasons for Recommending this Youth:

Person(s) Making this Recommendation: _____

Relationship to Youth: _____

Name of Youth Advisor: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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: _____

All youth to be recommended for nomination to the Presbytery Youth Council should respond to these questions. [Type or print legibly. Use additional pages if needed. Answer all questions thoroughly and remember that may very well be the only information the Youth Subcommittee has to help them select one candidate over another. Please attach a photo of yourself to the application.]

Name _____ Date _____

What are your reasons for wanting to serve on the Youth Council?

What do you hope to contribute to the work/ministry of the Youth Council?

What has been the “biggest” single event in your life so far?

Please describe your activities and participation in your local church.

Please describe your participation in other activities (sports, chorus, dance, scouts, etc.) and how that might affect your ability to attend planning meetings and retreats.

Explain, in your own words, what is important about your faith and how it has changed your life.

From the list below, check the top three items of importance to you at this time.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Worship | <input type="checkbox"/> Time with family | <input type="checkbox"/> Boyfriend/Girlfriend |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Work | <input type="checkbox"/> Band/playing an instrument | <input type="checkbox"/> School/education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer jobs | <input type="checkbox"/> School Clubs | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Church activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Church choir | <input type="checkbox"/> Church School | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> PYF/Church Youth Fellowship | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Time with friends | <input type="checkbox"/> Summer vacation | |

Describe why or how those items you selected above are of value to you.

Describe in your own words what it means to you to be Presbyterian.

Do you anticipate having any conflicts that will make you unable to attend the PYC Planning Meeting at Camp Hopewell on August 3-5, 2012.

YES / NO

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?

Youth's signature: _____ Date: _____