

**INDIANA YOUTH COMMISSION
CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) IN INDIANA**

APPLICATION FORM

A. Written Statement by Applicant

1. I would like to serve as a representative on our Indiana Youth Commission because:

2. Gifts, talents, and skills which I have to offer to regional youth ministry:

3. I can help reflect the diversity of the region of Indiana because:

4. Some of my past and present church, school, and community involvements include:

5. School and/or community employment which may interfere with full participation in meetings and events of the Indiana Youth Commission include:

6. I ___would ___would not have reliable transportation to/from meetings/events because:

7. My participation in the life of the church, local and "beyond:"

1. I am a member of _____ Christian Church in _____, Indiana.

b. On the average, I am present for worship _____ Sundays per month; Sunday Church School _____ Sundays per month.

c. I participate in the life of my own church youth group (mark one):
___just special occasions; ___about half the time; ___most of the time.

d. Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Indiana camps/conferences and/or mission trips that I have participated in: _____ Chi Rho _____ CYF Conference/Mission Trip

Approximate dates/year/location:

B. Please enclose letter from parent/guardian giving support to your full participation in our Indiana Youth Commission.

C. A letter of recommendation from an adult leader--other than relative--in applicant's home church such as minister, youth minister, elder, sponsor, teacher, or any other adult who knows applicant well, can be mailed separately or included with this application.

Please mail to: Indiana Youth Commission
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Indiana
1100 West 42nd Street, Suite 150
Indianapolis, IN 46208-3345

Applicant's Name _____ Current Year in School _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Email address _____

Please note: The Indiana Youth Commission planning meetings are normally scheduled for the third weekend in January, then a weekend in May or June, and a Saturday in August. New members of the Commission begin their term at the Spring meeting.

WHAT IS OUR INDIANA YOUTH COMMISSION?

The importance of Youth to the Life of the Church:

Believing the nature of the Church is such that it is made up of all who believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Indiana recognizes the need for youth to express their faith in God, and thus affirms and supports the lives of its youth by the creation of the Indiana Youth Commission.

Mission Statement:

The Indiana Youth Commission exists to enable all youth to discover, experience, and share the love and grace of God, to nurture the presence of the Holy Spirit, to reveal and celebrate a Christian lifestyle, and to provide a community of faith for young people based upon at least these seven components of youth ministry: Recreation, Study, Community, Worship, Mission, Servant-hood, and Leadership.

Statement of Purpose:

The Indiana Youth Commission (IYC) will fulfill its mission by providing the opportunity for all youth to build a community of friendship, caring, and faith, within the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Indiana. To accomplish this, the IYC, in accordance with our Mission Statement, will:

- A. PROVIDE learning, sharing, and growing experience for the youth of Indiana;*
- B. LISTEN to the youth of our respective areas; and*
- C. RESPOND to their concerns at a regional level.*

What does the Indiana Youth Commission do?

- ✓ Plan and produce CYF Assembly: usually a November weekend.*
- ✓ Plan and produce a Chi Rho event: Saturday afternoon - Sunday afternoon event.*
- ✓ Represent youth of our region on Regional Cabinet and Regional Board.*
- ✓ Help facilitate regional youth participation at regional and general assemblies.*
- ✓ Assist in other youth ministry as needed.*

When does the Indiana Youth Commission meet?

- ✓ Retreat: usually Friday-Saturday, in May or June; new people "come on board!"*
- ✓ A Saturday in August, usually on site of forthcoming CYF Assembly.*
- ✓ The Friday afternoon prior to CYF Assembly, on through to end of CYF Assembly.*
- ✓ A mid-winter retreat: usually Friday night-Saturday, in January.*

- ✓ *The Friday night prior to Chi Rho event - on through end of event.*
- ✓ *Individual "reps" and teams of "reps" carry on own work in between meetings.*

Who is eligible to serve? How to apply?

- ✓ *Youth in grades 9-11 **this year**, member of and active in local Disciple church: submit Application Form.*
- ✓ *Adults - any age! - who work with youth in church setting: submit Application Form but may omit items 7b and B.*
- ✓ *Applications due by postmark date of December 31 - but "the sooner the better."*