

Ministry Job Description: Youth on Fire Director

Goal of Position

“So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.” 1 Thessalonians 2:8 (NRSV)

The primary purpose for Youth on Fire Ministry is to provide a safe, warm and welcoming community where youth get a sense of belonging, are nurtured in their faith and encouraged to live a life of discipleship. As such the goal of this position is for leaders to be seen as role models in conduct, speech and attitudes, who are intentional about building relationships with youth and help facilitate various activities and opportunities that will guide youth in their faith formation.

Responsible to

Child and Youth Discipleship Director

Job Description

The main role for the Youth on Fire Director is to build loving and caring relationships with a group of teens and facilitate the effectiveness of group meetings. This includes the following:

- Lead a junior/senior youth group on a weekly basis.
- Recruit and sustain a team of volunteer leaders.
- Prepare for weekly meetings that include some or all of the following: devotions, worship, interactive discussions on various topics, social and outreach activities.
- Cultivate a fun, safe and welcoming environment where youth can grow in relationship with others and with Jesus Christ.
- Create opportunities/activities that enrich discussions and prayer times.
- Look for ways to develop meaningful relationships with youth in your group, connecting with them in different settings ie: Sunday worship, sports activities, school events etc.
- Involve volunteer leaders in decisions about meetings, discussion materials, fun activities etc.
- Liaise with leaders to identify opportunities for youth participation in the wider church.
- Encourage youth participation in service/mission projects.
- Seek out youth who are not participating and help motivate them to become involved.
- Pray for the youth in your church and especially for those who are struggling.
- Connect with parents
- Maintain accurate records of youth group members.
- Create and submit an annual budget.

Time required

The Youth on Fire Director is required to participate in all youth group activities, including weekly meetings and special events. Additionally, the Youth on Fire Director should take time during the year to connect with members of the youth group on a more personal basis, getting to know each student. On average leaders should commit to about 4 hours per week.

Length of commitment

The Youth on Fire Director would need to commit for at least a full school year.

Qualifications or special skills

The Youth on Fire Director is passionate about relating to teens and

- Gives evidence of a sincere commitment to Christ and the Reformed faith
- Is a confessing member of Georgetown Christian Reformed Church and committed to its core values and ministry goals.
- Is a regular attender at Sunday worship.
- Has a good relationship with family and others.
- Has a servant heart and shows spiritual maturity.
- Is a good communicator and listener and has a heart for youth.
- Has a positive attitude and knows how to have fun, laugh and enjoy life.
- Is flexible and open to what can sometimes be the messiness of youth ministry.
- Has a desire to see spiritual growth and transformation in the youth of your church.
- Is committed to work as a team member with other youth ministry leaders.
- Commits to participate in training events in order to build capacity for the role.

Lastly, the church is not just a place of worship and where ministry programs happen, but also a place of safety and trust. Parents will want to know that not only are their youth being cared for spiritually, but also that they are in a safe environment. As such, those serving in the Youth Ministry program will be required to provide a current police background check and possibly be required to go through a Safe Church application process subject to approval by the church council (or other governing body).

Benefits to this position

In your role as Youth on Fire Director, you will likely be challenged in some ways, but you'll also be blessed in abundance. Here are some things you can expect:

- *Develop some wonderful relationships with your Youth Ministry Team.*
- *Develop some very meaningful relationships with youth from your congregation.*
- *Witness the transformation of lives within your youth group.*
- *Growth in your own faith journey.*
- *Increase the ability to talk about your faith.*
- *Enjoy lots of fun opportunities in the building of relationships with youth.*
- *Joy in seeing God at work through this ministry.*

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