

## **Introduction**

YAC stands for the Youth Adult Committee, which is the committee that plans conferences for the youth in the Ohio Meadville District. But there are some things that YAC and its elected officers can do for the congregations that most people don't know about.

## **Adult Co-chairs**

There are usually four adult co-chairs on the committee at any one time. These adults are part of the committee to help the youth make decisions, deal with rule infractions in conjunction with the youth co-chairs and help the youth on YAC deal with any problems that they are having with churches or other committees. They are also an adult voice and back-up for YAC. The rest of the YAC elected positions are held by youth that are YAC members.

## **Youth Co-Chairs**

The YAC committee has several officers that help with the planning and organization of conferences. The youth co-chairs are in charge of all of the arrangements for and advertising of the conferences. The co-chair position is a two-year position and there is a new co-chair elected every year at the summer YAC meeting. The first year after election the youth is the Communications Co-chair and is in charge of sending information about the conferences out on the YAC email list and getting things for and organizing the youth part of the

district newsletter, *Coffee, Tea or Schmeh*. The second year of the position the youth is the Conference Dean and is in charge of the location, timing and other logistics of the conference. They are also in charge of keeping the conferences running smoothly and on time and dealing with any rule infractions at the conference in conjunction with the other youth co-chair and the adult co-chairs. Both co-chairs are elected by YAC and are YAC officers and attend a congregation in the district.

## **Registrar and Secretary**

There are two positions on YAC that are very important but not recognized enough for all that they do: the secretary and the registrar. The secretary is in charge of taking detailed notes of all YAC meeting and posting these notes on the YAC website. These notes help the YAC members remember what jobs they have volunteered to do at the conferences along with what the theme of the conference is and what the workshops are. Also the secretary is the head of the Bylaws Committee that discusses and drafts any bylaws changes that need to be made and then takes their proposals to YAC to be voted on.

The registrar is in charge of getting and recording all of the conference forms and taking these forms to the conferences so that all of the medical information on them is at the conference in case it is needed.

They are also responsible for telling the co-chairs how many people are attending and the dietary restrictions of the attendees so that the co-chairs can tell the host churches how much of what kinds of foods to make. Also the registrar has to send the number of registered attendants and their home church to the touch group coordinator so that they can do their job.

## **Touch Group Coordinator**

The touch group coordinator is responsible for splitting the youth and adults that are attending the conference into small groups that YAC calls touch groups. These are small groups of youth and adults from different churches that meet periodically throughout the conference to touch base with each other about how their conference is going and to make friends. The touch group coordinator is also responsible for assigning leaders to each of these touch groups. The touch group leaders are YAC members that have been trained in how to do things like lead ice-breaking games and other things that are done during touch group meetings.

## **Social Action Coordinator**

The social action coordinator in the social justice leader of YAC. This person is responsible for heading the Social Action Committee that plans at least one social justice project for every conference as well as the annual Social Action Conference. This person

is also a resource to youth groups in the district. If any youth group in the OMD has problems with or questions about social justice projects, they can contact the Social Action Coordinator who will do their best to help that group get what they need.

### **Spirituality Coordinator**

The Spirituality Coordinator is responsible for the Spirituality Committee. This committee attends the Saturday Worship Planning Workshop and helps to promote a spiritual space at each conference. The workshop is open to anyone who is attending the conference, and the people who participate are in charge of planning and organizing the Saturday night worship at the conference. The Friday night worship is done by the youth group at the host church but the youth group can ask the Spirituality Coordinator for help if they need it. Also, if any youth group in the district has problems planning youth worships they can contact the Spirituality Coordinator who makes sure they get all of the resources and help that they need.

### **Youth Council Representative and OMD Board Representative**

There are two elected positions on YAC that are representatives of OMD YAC and youth to larger committees. One of these two positions is the Youth Council Representative. This person represents the OMD YAC at the Youth Council meetings every

summer. Youth Council is the main national governing body of UU youth. The Youth Council Representative will go to the Youth Council meetings as a voting member and represent the interests of OMD youth at this council.

The other representative is the Ohio Meadville District Board Representative. This person attends as many OMD Board meetings throughout the year as possible and represents YAC's interests at a district level. This person is not a voting member of the Board but they are allowed and encouraged to voice their opinions about issues that affect YAC. Both of these positions are elected at the Spring YAC meeting instead of the Summer YAC meeting because their positions require work in the summer.



# Basic Information About OMD YAC



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