

Director of Youth Ministry

Palmetto Presbyterian Church

1720 Carolina Park Boulevard, Mount Pleasant, SC 29466

Purpose

To provide leadership for Palmetto Presbyterian Church's ministry to middle school and high school students, so that we accomplish the mission of our youth ministry: ***To create a community where adults and students share authentic relationships, deepen their faith, and serve others, as students use their spiritual gifts in meaningful leadership.*** PPC seeks to base the church's youth ministry on the model set forth in *The Godbearing Life: The Art of Soul-Tending for Youth Ministry* (revised edition), by Kenda Creasy Dean, Ron Foster, and Megan Dewald.

Relationships

Relationships are at the core of this position. It will be essential for the Director of Youth Ministry to cultivate constructive relationships with youth, parents, volunteers, staff, and the congregation at large.

Volunteers

The Director of Youth Ministry will work in and through volunteer teams, encouraging, supporting, accompanying, and sharing leadership. This is not "my ministry" that volunteers help me with; it's our ministry, with the "our" including the entire congregation. The Director of Youth Ministry will collaborate with staff and volunteers in recruiting, empowering, and training volunteers, and will maintain effective and timely communication with and among volunteers and staff to facilitate effective ministry and fulfilling volunteer experiences.

Responsibilities

The Director of Youth Ministry will provide leadership, coordination, and oversight for the church's ministries with middle school and high school students, including:

1. Regular gatherings to deepen relationships and foster spiritual growth.
2. Regular opportunities for mission and service.
3. Occasional retreats and special events.
4. An annual mission trip.
5. The confirmation program (in collaboration with the pastor).
6. Meaningful connection with students outside of church programs, including attending sports events, plays, concerts, etc. in which students participate.

7. Regular communication with youth, parents, volunteers, staff, and the congregation, including publicity for all youth activities.

Accountability

The DYM is accountable to the Pastor as Head of Staff and to the Session through its Personnel Committee. This accountability will include an annual review.

Hours

This is a part-time position, with a weekly schedule set, in coordination with the Head of Staff, to accomplish most effectively the necessary ministry tasks. As part of their hours, the DYM will work on Sunday mornings and will have some early morning, evening, and weekend responsibilities.

Requirements

1. Significant experience in church ministry, either volunteer or paid.
2. Theological compatibility with a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA).
3. Passing a background check.

Applying

Applicants will be considered on a rolling basis with June 30th as the final deadline for receiving applications. Please submit a cover letter, resume, a list of references, and/or direct any questions to:

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