



Dear 2010 RYC Applicants;

The Regional Youth Commission of the Northwest Region of the Christian Church is an active and viable ministry. If you are interested and have felt God's calling for this commission, this is your time to shine. We will be accepting several new members this year and hope to have a full compliment of 12 RYC members from both the east side west sides of our region.

Promptness in getting your application is a necessity and will be greatly appreciated as **we will not accept any late applicants.** This shows us your responsibility and understanding of deadlines. We will be going through your applications and with decisions and notifications coming at the end of the CYF Winter Retreat. We look forward to you applying and our thoughts and prayers are with you.

If you have any questions regarding the RYC you may contact me at kami@adventprint.com or at my office (206) 433-8004 ext. 3012.

Blessings to you all,

Kami Voliva

Volunteer RYC Coordinator
Northwest Region of the Christian Church

So You Want To Be An RYC Rep?

So you want to be an RYC Rep? Your child is hoping to be chosen as an RYC Rep? Let's take a few moments, cover what exactly an RYC Representative does, and find out if you can step up and lead!

The Regional Youth Commission of the Northwest Regional Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is a body of young people, serving on the RYC during while in grades 10, 11 and 12 along with their Adult Sponsors. You must currently be in at least Grade 9 to apply. Along with the Youth and Young Adult Ministries sponsors, the Regional Youth Commission members plan events for youth in the Region, participate in the governing of the Region, and provide a peer presence for other youth to look towards for leadership.

Also known as the RYC, its members are wholly responsible for the planning and follow through of the annual Winter Retreats and often plan other events for youth at Regional gatherings such as Regional Assembly. It is important to know up front that any youth (and their parents) chosen to be an RYC member will have to face a balancing act during their term on the Commission which is made up of choices, time constraints, responsibility and travel. Let's talk to the youth interested in the RYC for a moment and describe what they will balance as they represent.

- **Time**

As a son or daughter, student, athlete/musician/artist/actor and an RYC Representative you would have lots of activities to juggle! You will be asked to manage your time and make the RYC a priority at the start. Look at your current commitments carefully, before you apply to be a Representative, evaluate your schedule with your parents and decide if you truly have the time and desire to fill this role too.

- **Choices**

It's Friday afternoon and the final bell is about to ring. You've just been slipped a note that says your friends are going to the dance after the game, are you coming too? Darn! There is an RYC meeting in Ephrata (that starts tonight!); you have to get on the road soon to be on time. It would be fun to go to the dance, but you've known about the meeting for weeks, committed to being there, RYC is a priority... No, meetings are not always just fun and games and there may be something better to do, but by applying to be an RYC Representative, you have promised your time and availability to the group and the Region.

- **Responsibility**

As an RYC Representative, responsibility and all of its hallmarks are key to enjoying your time on the Commission. Responsibility will be balanced with the urge to do what your other friends are doing during retreat and camp that may not be in keeping with your commitment to model leadership at all times and be a Christian example. You will be expected to take the high road at all times and own up to mistakes and accept their consequences as needed. Responsibility is not always fun, but it is rewarding when you become an example to look up to for another young person!

Parents, you play a part too in your child's interest in being a Regional Youth Commission Representative. Take a look at what is needed from you as you sign your name to your child's application.

- **Travel**

Your youth will need to be available to travel. Efforts are made at every level to have carpools put in place that allow time-strapped parents a night off from taking their kids to RYC meetings, but it is unfortunate that it does not always pull together right for everyone to take advantage of the offer. The RYC needs your understanding and commitment to your youth for any travel needs that arise, that they can get to meetings and home again. You should be aware that travel over the Cascades is often required and safety is our top priority.

- **Support**

The RYC and the Northwest Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) asks that you support your child's efforts to be involved in the RYC as they are chosen to be Representatives. Support comes in so many forms! Travel, your time, encouraging their schedule to work in the RYC, keeping clear dates and times as they are settled so no one is caught off guard in planning, planning ahead for fees and registration deadlines. Listening to their ideas and offering your own...asking them about the meetings and their commitments to the plans of the group. These are all important ways of supporting your youth as they participate in the RYC. But they are easy to accomplish for you- you do them everyday as good parents!

We hope that the balancing act you and your youth will perform, as an RYC Member and parent, have not made you turn your back on the idea! The benefits of participation are too many and too good to pass up.

- Deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and Church
- Friendship
- Leadership Skills
- Problem Solving
- College Application extras
- Real-World Experience in planning and follow through, project management
- Self-Esteem Building
- Learning About One's Self

And there are more benefits than can be listed, some as simple as a warm feeling when a Representative sees a peer enjoying the game your youth thought up!

After taking time to consider all these things, please do fill out the application. Feel free to call the Regional Office or contact the RYC Coordinator, Kami Voliva, if you have any questions at all. If it is helpful, we can put you in touch with a current RYC member and their Parent to get first hand commentary on participation and what the program gives back.

The NWRCC and the Regional Youth Commission thanks you for your application, your effort, and your time.

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RYC Applicant Strengths, Gifts, Activities and Interests

Check all that apply:

- | | | | |
|--|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guitar Player | <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper | <input type="checkbox"/> Storytelling | <input type="checkbox"/> Bible Studies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computers | <input type="checkbox"/> Group Building | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Vespers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crafts | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> Video |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drama | <input type="checkbox"/> Keynoting | <input type="checkbox"/> Worship | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Group Study |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Games | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Song Leading | |

Other: _____ Other: _____

In what church-related activities have you participated in over the last two years?

List your hobbies, interests, school and community activities and/or organizations in which you are involved.

RYC Applicant Statement of Interest

I desire to serve as a Regional Youth Commission Representative. I promise to cooperate with the other representatives, the Adult Sponsors and the Regional Church Staff. I will uphold all the standards of conduct set forth by the Northwest Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); and with God's help, I will seek in every way to model leadership. To the best of my ability, I will participate in all activities and meetings of the RYC and at all times will conduct myself as the Christian example God has called me to be.

Youth Signature

Date

RYC Applicant Parent or Guardian Permission

I have read the information about the Regional Youth Commission of the Northwest Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and my youth's signed Statement of Interest. I hereby give the above signed youth permission to serve as an RYC Representative if he/she is elected. I understand that he/she is expected to make the RYC a priority. I also understand that although adult coordinators try to arrange car-pooling to and from RYC activities, **I am ultimately responsible for providing transportation to all RYC meetings and events. I understand that there will be financial needs for meetings and fees for events.** I will support my youth's effort and will work with the Adult Sponsors and Regional Staff to make this a positive and successful experience for my youth.

Signature

Date

RYC Applicant Personal Statements

1. In ***at least*** 300 words, state why you wish to be a part of the Regional Youth Commission of the NWRCC. (Use the space provided or attach an additional piece of paper if needed.)

2. In **at least** 100 words, state your expectations and what you hope to gain from your term on the Regional Youth Commission of the NWRCC. (Use the space provided or attach an additional piece of paper if needed.)



Pastor Reference Form

~ May be completed by a Congregational Pastor or Youth Director/Pastor ~

- Please return this form the NWRCC Regional Office when complete:
18000 72nd Avenue South, Suite 171
Kent, WA 98032
Fax: 425-251-4967
- **Deadline, March 15, 2010**
- **NO EXCEPTIONS**

This reference form is for:

_____ Printed Applicant Name

I, the undersigned, acknowledge that I am applying for election to the Regional Youth Commission of the Northwest Regional Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). I, the undersigned, expect the person completing this form to be honest and forthright with all knowledge they have about me and my qualifications to serve as a representative to the RYC.

_____ Applicant Signature

_____ Date

Name of person completing this Reference Form: _____

If you are not the Pastor of applicant's home church, please name your office held at that church: _____

_____ Signature

_____ Date

Please rate the applicant as follows:

	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Don't Know
Maturity - Ethical	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maturity - Emotional	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maturity - Intellectual	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maturity - Spiritual	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Self-Motivation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Resourcefulness and Creativity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Willingness to Work Hard	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to Work with Adults	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to Work with Peers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Presence Before a Group	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

How long and in what capacity have you known this applicant? _____

How well do you know this applicant? _____

Why should this applicant be considered as an RYC Representative, do you agree they are qualified to be an RYC Representative? _____

How has this applicant demonstrated an ability or potential to lead? _____

In your estimation, what kind of role model will this applicant be? _____

In what way(s) has this person demonstrated commitment to Jesus Christ? _____

Thank you for your time and consideration in answering these questions.



Church Leader Reference

May be completed by a Congregational Leader familiar with the applicant ~

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Applicant Signature

Date

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Signature

Date

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