

LYO BOARD JOB DESCRIPTION

Youth Team Member

General Description

The LYO Board consists of a Youth Team, a Middle School Adult Team, a Sr. High Adult Team, and the Synod Coordinator of Youth Ministry.

Youth Team members on the NE MN LYO Board are comprised of 12 members. Each of the five conferences of our synod is represented by two members, and the remaining two members serve as at-large representatives. Additional at-large members may be added as necessary.

The Youth Team, along with the adult teams, is primarily responsible for planning and implementing the Northeastern Minnesota Synod Middle School Gathering and Cardia Deo (Sr. High) Retreat.

Qualifications

- Youth must be baptized, active members of an ELCA congregation in the Northeastern Minnesota Synod, and display an active and growing faith in Christ.
 - Conference representatives must be members of an ELCA congregation in the conference in which they are selected.
 - At-Large representatives must be members of an ELCA congregation within the NE MN Synod.
- Youth must be in grades 9, 10, or 11 at the time of application.
- Willingness to serve the youth of Northeastern Minnesota for the sake of Christ.
- Ability to lead small group discussions with peers (training provided).
- This is a leadership position. Members must be committed, responsible, mature and willing to grow.
- Personal qualities desired: Positive attitude, respectful of others, open and willing to try new ideas and activities.
- A variety of individual gifts are also sought: Sense of humor, ability to listen, creative thinker, artistic abilities, “up front” personalities, “behind the scenes” workers, organizational skills and more.

Meetings and Trainings

- Attend six-day Summer Training Camp.
- Attend all LYO business meetings and trainings. Typically six meetings per year: January, February, March, April, September and November.
- Call conference adult to confirm your attendance and coordinate driving.

Middle School Gathering and Cardia Deo (Sr. High) Retreat

- Attend Middle School and Cardia Deo events as a member of the LYO Board.
- Attend pre-gathering preparation, Thursday night and Friday before each event.
- Responsible for leading small group Bible discussions at Cardia Deo.
- Responsible to work with board in determining hotel, meals, speaker, theme, logo and band for gatherings.
- Responsible for one assigned portion of the Middle School Gathering and Cardia Deo Retreat (i.e., clusters or entertainment – see assignment team descriptions).
 - Work with LYO members from your team to obtain ideas, research costs, plan and implement your assignment.
 - Must gain approval of LYO Board and Synod Youth Coordinator before booking any speakers, groups or supplies.
 - All contracts must be signed by the Synod Youth Coordinator or other paid synod staff.

Other

- As role models for young people in our synod, youth should display words and actions consistent with the Christian faith.
- It is expected that NE MN LYO Board members regularly attend worship and seek ways to grow in their faith.
- Youth are responsible for working primarily with the LYO members from their assignment team.
- Transportation to and from board meetings, planning meetings and gatherings is the responsibility of each board member. Coordinating driving with others in the same area is highly recommended. It is preferred that youth ride with adult leaders from their area.
- Once at a gathering/retreat/meeting site, it is expected that youth stay on site unless they have a written permission note from their parents or guardian.
- Other duties as requested and agreed upon.

Terms and Requirements

- Youth members of the LYO Board are selected to serve through the spring Cardia Deo Retreat of their senior year of high school.
 - If a Youth Team member wishes to serve a shorter term, it is expected that the member will complete the current program year before ending their term unless there are extenuating circumstances. To end a term early, a written note should be emailed or sent to the Coordinator of Youth Ministry.
- Youth Team members are selected through an application process.
 - Applications must be submitted prior to the deadline date, typically in February or March. Selections are made approximately 2 weeks after the deadline.
 - Selections are made by outgoing senior members, adult members and Synod Coordinator of Youth Ministry.
 - Terms begin at the first meeting following the Cardia Deo retreat, typically the same weekend as the Synod Assembly (late April/early May)
- Attendance at the Summer Training Camp is **REQUIRED** in order to serve on the NE MN LYO Board the following year.