

## FOOTHILLS PRESBYTERY YOUTH COUNCIL BY-LAWS

**Statement of Purpose** – The purpose of the Foothills Presbytery Youth Council is to nurture and help develop leadership skills with the youth council members and to plan, promote and implement events for Middle School and Senior High youth and their leaders for churches in the presbytery.

**Accountability** – The PYC is accountable to the Council of Foothills Presbytery.

### **Membership –**

- The PYC will strive to accurately represent the diversity of the presbytery with three classes of sophomore, junior and senior youth.
- Each class will ideally have 6 youth but no more than 18 youth in total for all classes.
- They shall serve a maximum of three years.
- All youth will be active members of churches in Foothills Presbytery.
- Ideally not more than one youth from each church will serve on PYC but flexibility is given if needed to maintain a strong number on the council.
- Adults also shall serve on the PYC and will be active members of churches of Foothills Presbytery. They will serve a three year term with the option of a second.

### **Nominations for Membership-**

- Each March nominations will be sent to each church asking for youth nominations to PYC.
- Applications will be sent to nominees and if applications are received back by the deadline, the youth will be interviewed for membership.
- Two PYC youth from each class, the outgoing Moderator, and the PYC adults will conduct the interviews in May and make the decision on membership.

### **Meetings-**

- The PYC will ordinarily meet once a month during August through May on the third Sunday afternoon from 2:00-4:00 pm. at Foothills Presbytery office on Woodruff Road.
- Other meetings may be called when and if needed.
- All PYC members are important and should make every effort to attend each meeting. **If a member needs to miss a meeting, they are to let the Moderator and the Foothills staff person know and ask for an excused absence.**
- Two consecutive unexcused absences will result in removal from the PYC. The Moderator will keep youth informed of their attendance responsibility so that it will not be necessary for removal. If a youth is removed from PYC for any reason, the session of their church will be notified as to why.

### **Election of Officers –**

- Officers for PYC are Moderator, Vice Moderator and Secretary and will be elected each April to serve only the following year. Nominations will be voted on by all members except seniors.

- The Moderator will be a senior, the Vice Moderator a junior or senior and Secretary will be any member that has served at least one year on PYC.

#### **WHAT IS A LEADER ON PYC?**

1. Leaders seek to follow the servant leadership modeled by Jesus Christ.
2. Leaders serve the followers.
3. Leaders are followers.
4. Leaders are visionaries and dreamers.
5. Leaders motivate and inspire the rest of the group.
6. Leaders encourage the group and build morale.
7. Leaders appreciate and affirm others. They are aware of others and treat them with respect.
8. Leaders lead by example and are role models.
9. Leaders can delegate.
10. Leaders have planning and organizational skills.
11. Leaders encourage participation and involvement.
12. Leaders teach.
13. Leaders are learners, are teachable and open to ideas.
14. Leaders are good listeners.
15. Leaders are good communicators.
16. Leaders care and are empathetic.
17. Leaders see themselves and others as equals.
18. Leaders must be trustworthy.
19. Leaders hold up under pressure.
20. Leaders create change.
21. Leaders are committed.
22. Leaders are creative and enthusiastic!