

Instructions for completing the Youth Leadership Team Application

1. Pray about where God would have you best use your gifts during this year as a member of the Youth Leadership Team.
2. Read these instructions, the expectations, the available positions and the entire application **before** you begin to fill it out. If you have questions, contact the Director of Youth Ministries or one of the youth counselors.
3. The Youth Leadership Team is open to youth group members who will be in **grades 7 – 12** during the upcoming school year.
4. Please fill out the application in its entirety. Preference will be given to applications that have been filled out completely and with all questions answered according to the instructions.
5. Once you begin filling out the application, if you have questions, please contact the Director of Youth Ministries (see contact information on the application) or one of the youth counselors.
6. Please return completed applications to the Youth Ministry office. The application deadline is **Sunday, July 22nd, 2007**. Decisions will be announced on **Sunday, July 29th, 2007**.
7. The areas available for service are listed below. In Section 4 of the application, you will need to choose a specific area where you would like to serve. You may indicate a first and second choice, but **you must indicate at least one area** where you would like to serve.
8. Our first meeting will be **August 1st - 2nd**. This will be a mini-retreat that will serve as a fellowship time and preliminary planning session. We will meet on the evening of August 1st and in the morning of August 2nd through lunchtime. We realize that some academic and athletic activities will have started by that time; we will encourage everyone who becomes part of the Youth Leadership Team to attend as they are able.

Expectations for all members of the Youth Leadership Team:

Members of the Youth Leadership Team will faithfully attend worship and UMYF, and will lead youth fellowship by their Christ-like example in all walks of life.

Youth Leadership Team Positions

UMYF President

The President will be one of the spiritual leaders of St. Luke UMYF. The President will also be an administrative leader, helping to lead the Youth Leadership Team meetings and assisting with other duties appropriate to this ministry. The President sits on the Youth Council, the Youth and Young Adult Ministry Team and the Church Council.

UMYF Vice-President

The Vice President will serve as a spiritual and administrative leader along with the President. The Vice President also sits on the Youth Council and the Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Team, and will fill in for the President at Church Council meetings if the President is unable to attend.

Worship

This group will work with the Director of Youth Ministries and the pastoral staff to plan worship opportunities for St. Luke UMYF, including music, drama and other expressions of worship. They will also help to plan youth-led worship events such as Youth Sunday and Senior Sunday.

Service

This group will help locate service project opportunities for St. Luke UMYF, recruit volunteer youth teams to work these projects, and coordinate our participation at the service project site.

Study

This group will help nourish the spiritual development of the youth fellowship. They will work with the Director of Youth Ministries to select teaching topics for our Sunday night gatherings, Bible study materials for small group studies, and give input into Sunday school curriculum options. This group will also help to recruit members for small-group Bible studies.

Outreach

This group will help coordinate our efforts to bring new young people into our youth fellowship, help get them plugged into discipleship opportunities and lead our efforts to make visitors and new members of the youth fellowship feel welcome when they visit.

Fellowship

This group will primarily encourage our youth's ministries to and for one another. This will include keeping our UMYF leaders informed about pastoral opportunities among our members and making sure that our youth members are contacted when they are absent. This group will help with planning fellowship activities, and will also help with documenting the history of our group through the year (pictures, trip journals, etc.)

Fundraising

This group will coordinate our fundraising events, specifically the Advertising Calendar fundraiser as well as a spring fundraiser, and help recruit youth to participate in these fundraising events.

Middle School Representatives

These members will represent the concerns of the Middle School youth at Youth Leadership Team meetings, as well as inform Middle School youth of the decisions made at the those meetings, such as service opportunities, worship opportunities, etc.

2007 – 2008 Youth Leadership Team Application

Please fill out this application in its entirety and return to Jay Locklear by Sunday, July 22nd. Decisions for Youth Leadership Team will be announced on July 29th. If you have questions about the application, please get in touch with Jay (776-2012 / 353-2263 / youth@saintlukeumc.org) or one of the youth counselors.

Section 1 – Tell us about yourself

Name _____ Male Female

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

Parent / Guardian's Name(s) _____

Grade _____ School _____

Section 2 – A little more about you

My favorite thing(s) to do for fun is/are _____

My favorite style of music is _____ Favorite singer _____

My favorite movie is _____

Section 3 – You and God

Please share when and how you became a Christian. **Please note:** *this question is not asking about your baptism or confirmation or your attendance at youth events. While those experiences are important in your faith journey, we are wanting to find out when you began your personal relationship with Jesus Christ. If you are unclear about what this question is asking, please ask Jay, one of your pastors, or one of the youth counselors.*

Please share what you are doing to continue to grow in your faith in Christ.

How would your church friends describe your relationship with God?

How would your unchurched friends describe your relationship with God?

How would your family describe your relationship with God?

Section 4 – You and Others

Why do you want to serve on the Youth Leadership Team? Please be specific.

In what area do you feel led to serve on the Youth Leadership Team in the coming year? Again, please give this some prayerful consideration and be specific. *(Refer to the list on the other page of this application for position names - responses such as “I’ll do whatever” or “Any position is fine” will not be accepted)*