

RUL 26-04 | YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINISTRY BOARD

SUBMITTED BY: Next Generations Ministries Task Force

Rationale of Proposed Change:

The current structure requires youth and young adult councils with officers serving four-year terms, creating unsustainable turnover; youth older than 14 at the time of election cannot complete a full term.

The existing model is primarily top-down and does not adequately empower districts or local churches to lead young people's ministry.

Campus Ministries and Wesley Foundations have been effectively disconnected from the Annual Conference's young people's ministry structure.

The proposed Young People's Ministry Board consolidates the Conference Council on Youth Ministries (§649 The Discipline) and the Conference Council on Young Adult Ministries (§650 The Discipline) into a unified structure that fulfills the requirements of both paragraphs of The Book of Discipline, while enabling more flexible, district-centered, and sustainable ministry with young people across the California-Pacific Annual Conference.

Proposed Changes:

- Amend Section 3.a.ii.(a) and (b) to replace the CCYA and CCYM representative seats on the LD-EMT with one youth (ages 13–17) and one young adult (ages 18–35) designated by the new Young People's Ministry Board.
- Strike Section 4.b (Conference Council on Young Adult Ministries) in its entirety; replace with new Section 4.b: Young People's Ministry Board.
- Strike Section 4.c (Conference Council on Youth Ministries) in its entirety; replace with new Section 4.c: District Young People Coordinators.
- Strike Section 4.d (Regional Councils for Young People's Ministries) in its entirety.
- Renumber former Sections 4.e, 4.f, and 4.g as Sections 4.d, 4.e, and 4.f respectively.

3. Membership and Officers of the LD-EMT

a. The Leadership and Discipleship EMT shall be constituted with sixteen (16) voting members as follows:

ii. Six (6) Voting Members of the following councils.

(a) ~~One (1) from Council on Young Adult Ministry (CCYA) of this charter, with a multi-cultural and multi-contextual awareness and competency that the Council designated by the YA Council (the CCYA).~~ **One (1) young adult (ages 18–35), designated by the Young People's Ministry Board.**

(b) ~~One (1) from the Conference Council on Youth Ministry (CCYM) designated by the CCYM.~~ **One (1) youth (ages 13–17), designated by the Young People's Ministry Board.**

4. Structure of the LD-EMT

b. ~~Conference Council on Young Adult Ministries~~ **Young People's Ministry Board**

~~The purpose of the Conference Council on Young Adult Ministries is described in §650 The Discipline.~~

1 i.—Definition

- 2 (a) ~~Young Adults in the Conference shall be considered to be individuals out of high~~
3 ~~school and between the ages of approximately 19 through 35 including those selected~~
4 ~~as young adult representatives at local church, district and conference levels.~~
5 (b) ~~College Age students shall be those Young Adults who are students in colleges or~~
6 ~~universities or in the age range of undergraduate studies.~~
7 (c) ~~Young Professionals shall be those Young Adults who are out of college and under~~
8 ~~35.~~
9 (d) ~~Young Adult representatives to General, Jurisdictional and Conference Boards and~~
10 ~~Agencies are ex officio members of the Council (with voice if General or~~
11 ~~Jurisdictional representative). Local churches are urged to structure ministry and~~
12 ~~fellowship groups (including the age ranges) for College Age and Young Professionals~~
13 ~~so as to maximize the effectiveness of their local church ministries.~~
14 (e) ~~All Coordinators and Representatives on the Conference Council on Young Adults~~
15 ~~shall be young adults age 19–35.~~
16 (f) ~~CCYA members must be members of their District A Team.~~
17 (g) ~~The Council shall select one representative to the Sessions Committee.~~

18 ii.—Membership on the Conference Council on Young Adult Ministries shall include:

- 19 (a) ~~One elected District Young Adult Coordinator from each of the districts.~~
20 (b) ~~One appointed District Young Adult Representative from each of the districts.~~
21 (c) ~~Three (3) to six (6) appointed District Young Adult Representative from each of the~~
22 ~~Districts. District Young Adult Representatives must be between the ages of 18–30.~~
23 (d) ~~One elected Young Adult President of CCYA.~~
24 (e) ~~Conference Director of Young People Ministries.~~
25 (f) ~~Conference Coordinator of Young Adult Ministries.~~
26 (g) ~~Seven members at large.~~

27 iii.—Elections and Appointments

- 28 (a) ~~District Young Adult Coordinator~~
29 (1) ~~Election of the District Young Adult Coordinator shall take place every two years~~
30 ~~with a limit of five terms.~~
31 (2) ~~Nominations may be submitted by District A Teams, District Superintendents~~
32 ~~and the Conference Director of Young People Ministries.~~
33 (3) ~~Election will be made by District A Team participants and will be overseen by~~
34 ~~the District Superintendent and Conference Director of Young People~~
35 ~~Ministries.~~
36 (4) ~~First four Districts in alphabetical order shall hold District Young Adult~~
37 ~~Coordinator elections during even years and the latter four Districts shall hold~~
38 ~~elections during odd years.~~
39 (b) ~~District Young Adult Representatives shall be appointed for a minimum one-year~~
40 ~~term by each District A Team.~~
41 (c) ~~CCYA Cabinet~~
42 (1) ~~The President position shall be independent from the positions of Coordinator~~
43 ~~and Representative. The President of CCYA shall be nominated and elected~~
44 ~~annually from current Young Adult members of CCYA.~~
45 (2) ~~The positions of Vice President and Secretary shall be held by current Young~~
46 ~~Adult members of CCYA. Vice President and Secretary shall be nominated and~~
47 ~~elected annually.~~

- 1 ~~(d) Conference Coordinator of Young Adult Ministries shall be nominated each year by~~
2 ~~the District Leadership Team upon recommendation of the Conference Director of~~
3 ~~Young People Ministries to provide guidance and support to the ministries with~~
4 ~~Young Adults.~~
5 ~~(e) Members at Large may be appointed by the Conference Coordinator of Young Adult~~
6 ~~Ministries and the District Superintendents upon confirmation by the Conference~~
7 ~~Director of Young People Ministries.~~
8 ~~iv. The Conference Council on Young Adult Ministries is responsible to the Leadership and~~
9 ~~Discipleship Essential Ministry Team.~~

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11 The purpose of the Young People's Ministry Board is to fulfill the requirements of
12 ¶¶649 and 650 of The Book of Discipline while providing unified vision, coordination,
13 and resourcing for ministry with confirmed youth (ages 13–17) and young adults (ages
14 18–35) throughout the Conference — supporting district-based ministry, equipping
15 local church young people's leaders and pastors, administering grant programs, and
16 ensuring meaningful participation by young people in the Annual Conference.

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18 i. Membership

19 (a) The Young People's Ministry Board shall consist of twelve (12) designated
20 voting members:

21 (1) One (1) youth (ages 13–17), to serve as the Young People's Ministry Board
22 representative to the LD-EMT.

23 (2) One (1) young adult (ages 18–35), to serve as the Young People's Ministry
24 Board representative to the LD-EMT.

25 (3) One (1) representative from the Grant Oversight Sub-group, designated by
26 that Sub-group.

27 (4) One (1) representative from the Annual Conference Planning Sub-group,
28 designated by that Sub-group.

29 (5) One (1) representative from an Ethnic Caucus, designated by the Inter-
30 Ethnic Strategy Group.

31 (6) One (1) representative from Campus Ministries and Wesley Foundations,
32 designated by the Higher Education and Campus Ministry Council.

33 (7) One (1) representative from Camp and Retreat Ministries, designated by the
34 Camping, Outdoor, and Retreat Ministries Council.

35 (8) Five (5) District Young People Coordinators, one from each district of the
36 Annual Conference (see Section 4.c).

37 (b) The Conference Director or Manager of Young People Ministries (or equivalent
38 conference staff position) shall serve as staff support with voice but without vote.

39 (c) Meetings of the Young People's Ministry Board are open to active confirmed
40 youth (ages 13–17) and young adults (ages 18–35), who shall have voice but
41 without vote.

42 ii. Terms of Office

43 (a) Designated representatives shall serve one-year terms, renewable for a maximum
44 of four (4) consecutive years.

45 (b) Representatives designated by the Grant Oversight Sub-group, Annual
46 Conference Planning Sub-group, Inter-Ethnic Strategy Group, Higher
47 Education and Campus Ministry Council, and Camping, Outdoor, and Retreat

1 Ministries Council are subject to the election or appointment processes of their
2 respective bodies. The Youth and Young Adult members designated to serve as
3 the Board's representatives to the LD-EMT shall be elected annually by the
4 Young People's Ministry Board.

5 (c) District Young People Coordinators serve on the Board ex officio by virtue of
6 their district role with both voice and vote.

7 iii. Meetings

8 The Young People's Ministry Board shall meet no fewer than four (4) times
9 annually.

10 iv. Sub-groups

11 The Young People's Ministry Board shall maintain two (2) standing sub-groups:

12 (a) Grant Oversight Sub-group: A standing sub-group of five (5) to ten (10)
13 members who administer the Annual Conference's young people's grant
14 program, including micro-grants to support local church and district ministry
15 with youth and young adults. The Sub-group shall also assist Next Generation-
16 related ministries in identifying and applying for third-party grants. Sub-group
17 members shall serve as mentors to grant recipients, maintaining quarterly contact
18 to support goal achievement and long-term sustainability. The Grant Oversight
19 Sub-group shall designate one (1) member to serve as its voting representative on
20 the Young People's Ministry Board.

21 (b) Annual Conference Planning Sub-group: A standing sub-group responsible for
22 ensuring meaningful and prepared participation by youth and young adults in
23 the Annual Conference Session. Responsibilities include: coordination with
24 districts to support young people's representation on conference slates; program
25 planning for youth and young adult engagement at the Annual Conference; and
26 coordination with conference leadership on matters affecting young people. The
27 Annual Conference Planning Sub-group shall designate one (1) member to serve
28 as its voting representative on the Young People's Ministry Board.

29 v. Task Groups

30 (a) Task Groups may be created by the Young People's Ministry Board to address
31 specific needs or initiatives related to youth and young adult ministry.

32 (b) Each Task Group shall have a life of one (1) year. The Board may renew a Task
33 Group for one (1) additional year.

34 (c) Each Task Group shall include a minimum of two (2) confirmed youth (ages
35 13–17) and two (2) young adults (ages 18–35).

36 (d) Each Task Group shall submit quarterly reports to the Young People's Ministry
37 Board and shall have a designated Board member serving as liaison.

38 (e) Task Groups shall have voice but no vote before the Young People's Ministry
39 Board.

40 vi. Responsibility

41 The Young People's Ministry Board is responsible to the Leadership and
42 Discipleship Essential Ministry Team.

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44 c. Conference Council on Youth Ministries District Young People Coordinators

45 i. ~~The purpose of the Conference Council on Youth Ministries is described in ¶649 The~~
46 Discipline.

- 1 ii. ~~Membership on the Conference Council on Youth Ministries shall include one youth~~
2 ~~from each Mission Area in the Annual Conference, 3-6 Adult Youth Coordinators per~~
3 ~~District, the elected Youth President of the Council, the Conference Manager of Young~~
4 ~~People's Ministries, and nine youth members at large (selected by the Nominations~~
5 ~~Committee). It is recommended that at least two-thirds of the membership of the~~
6 ~~Council be youth.~~
7 iii. ~~Officers of the Council are elected by the members of Council on the first meeting after~~
8 ~~Annual Conference.~~
9 iv. ~~The Conference Council on Youth Ministries is responsible to the Leadership and~~
10 ~~Discipleship Essential Ministry Team.~~

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12 **i. Each district of the Annual Conference shall have at minimum one (1) Young**
13 **People Coordinator responsible for organizing and supporting youth and young**
14 **adult ministry within the district.**
15 **ii. The District Young People Coordinator shall serve as the primary connection**
16 **between local church young people's leaders and the Young People's Ministry Board,**
17 **and shall serve as a voting member of the Board.**
18 **iii. The role of District Young People Coordinator shall be defined, supported, and**
19 **resourced by the Young People's Ministry Board in collaboration with district**
20 **leadership.**
21 **iv. District Young People Coordinators are accountable to both their respective district**
22 **leadership and the Young People's Ministry Board.**
23 **v. The District Young People Coordinators are responsible to the Leadership and**
24 **Discipleship Essential Ministry Team through the Young People's Ministry Board.**

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26 d. Regional Councils for Young People's Ministries

- 27 i. ~~Definition: The Regional Council is a multi-Mission Area based leadership committee~~
28 ~~open to all youth and young adult workers from a common geographic region within the~~
29 ~~California Pacific Annual Conference. Regional Councils meet to network, plan multi-~~
30 ~~Mission Area events and training, and voice their feedback and needs to their Mission~~
31 ~~Area, District and Annual Conference.~~
32 ii. ~~Organization: A district may have more than one Regional Council in order to cover~~
33 ~~large areas under approval and supervision of the Conference Manager of Young People~~
34 ~~Ministries. Each Regional Council will designate an annual calendar for gatherings.~~
35 ~~When a district has more than one Regional Council, district-wide gatherings shall be~~
36 ~~scheduled for all Regional Councils to participate in a single gathering.~~
37 iii. ~~Leadership: The Executive Director of Connectional Ministries shall assign a Conference~~
38 ~~Manager of Young People Ministries to provide leadership, vision and accord among the~~
39 ~~Youth and Young Adult ministries in the Conference, including Regional Councils,~~
40 ~~CCYM and CCYA. Adult coordinators will be appointed by the Conference Manager to~~
41 ~~provide leadership to Regional Councils.~~
42 iv. ~~The Regional Council is responsible to the Leadership and Discipleship Essential~~
43 ~~Ministry Team.~~

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45 Sections formerly numbered 4.e, 4.f, and 4.g are renumbered 4.d, 4.e, and 4.f respectively. No
46 changes to content.