

Lamoni Heartland Mission Center Youth Leader

Position Summary

The Youth Minister as part of the Mission Center ministry staff will provide leadership and support for congregational youth ministries, training to youth ministry leaders, organize one link-wide or mission center wide activity per month, and arrange for transportation to and from activities. This includes providing 4-6 weeks of leadership and support for summer youth camping and reunions. The youth camping program is shared with Prairie Bluffs Mission Center at Guthrie Grove Retreat Center. The youth minister also provides leadership and organization of the mission center participation in World Church youth activities such as SPEC and IYF.

Qualifications:

- Registered Youth Worker through Community of Christ
- Membership in Community of Christ and active participation in congregational life
- High School degree and post high school education
- 21 years of age or older
- Priesthood member and passionate witness for Christ
- Demonstrated youth work experience
- Self-starter
- Heart for all youth
- Commitment to continuing education, i.e. CLW, MEADS
- Strong organizational skills
- Excellent communication skills (verbal and written)

Position Expectations:

Develop program and events designed to:

1. Meet the spiritual and relational needs of our youth.
2. Encourage reclaiming the semi-active or inactive in relationship with Christ and the church.
3. Increase youth participation base and begin recognizing/developing potential leaders from within that group.

Develop and coordinate a core of persons to provide outreach and support to youth, their friends, and others who contact the church:

1. Plan and develop ministry support programs.
2. Plan activities such as retreats, tours, classes, fellowship, worship, and spiritual renewal.
3. Provide leadership at reunions, youth camps, and SPEC.
4. Provide support and resources to congregational youth ministries.

Key Competencies and Responsibilities

A. Leadership

- Seeks to discern, develop and support the giftedness and talents of youth and congregational youth leaders.
- Serves as mentor and role model to youth and youth leaders.
- Understands appropriate disciplinary techniques.
- Able to create and cast a vision.
- Empowers youth and youth leaders to excel.

B. Organizational

- Plans and administers MC youth ministry programs and supports congregational programs.
- Comfortable with multi-tasks/multi-projects.
- Prioritizes work and programs based on the needs of the youth.
- Develops and adheres to an expense budget plus manages mission budget for youth ministries.

C. Communication

- Understands and uses good counseling principles plus good listening skills.
- Comfortable as a public speaker
- Understands the development of newsletters, desktop publishing, power point
- Works well within a multi-directional organization
- Understands and communicates well with all age levels.
- Understands the organization of the Lamoni Heartland Mission Center.

D. Interpersonal

- Sensitive to diversity in individuals and groups.
- Is patient and understanding.
- Has a good sense of humor.
- Relates to all ages.
- Knowledge of and ability to apply conflict resolution.
- Has a high degree of integrity, both personal and corporately.

E. Educator

- Life-long learner
- Can adapt existing materials to make relevant.
- Ability to impart or facilitate knowledge to others.

F. Faith

- Has a thorough understanding of the mission, theology, scripture and teachings of the Community of Christ.
- Has a strong conviction of his/her ministerial readiness and can express that conviction.

Application Procedure:

Submit letter of interest, resume, and three letters of reference to Mission Center President/Financial Officer Vince Lewis (vlewis@cofchrist.org); phone 515-577-4243).

Applicants will be interviewed by the Mission Center Youth Ministry Team and Counselors to the Mission Center President, with the desire to have selected persons in place no later than August 1, 2018.