**Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) General Youth Council**

**Job Description and Expectations**

For the purpose of this information and future correspondence you may see the following acronyms for terminology that is repeated throughout.

GYC – General Youth Council DHM – Disciples Home Missions DOC – Disciples of Christ

The GYC shall consist of youth and adults that are active in their home congregations, who have a desire to give leadership and who commit themselves to the work of the General Youth Council.

GYC plans, implements and evaluates the total general youth ministry program for the Christian Church (DOC). Service on GYC provides opportunities to grow as future leaders of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), to represent and bring the voice and concerns of youth to the wider church, and to support such opportunities for youth throughout the denomination. Specific events may include: General Assembly Youth Programs and other youth centered events sponsored by the Christian Church (DOC).

There are generally one to two in-person meetings per year. One meeting is held during the winter, generally in January, and one during General Assembly every other year. In a year when General Assembly is not held, GYC will forego the second meeting. Meetings will last three to four days with travel days being on the first and last dates of those meetings. All travel expenses incurred by the members of GYC will be paid by DHM. Meal expenses incurred during the winter meeting will be paid by DHM as well. **All GYC members are to attend all meetings. (NOTE: In-person gatherings dependent on current status of the pandemic and determinations of appropriate safety for travel and gathering.)**

**All GYC members are to attend and participate in General Assembly or other Youth Ministry Event.** GYC will be requested to arrive at least one full day in advance and remain through the entire event and in some cases remain an additional day after for evaluation. GYC will be responsible for personal expenses other than travel, rooming and registration.

GYC members meet and communicate regularly through the year via Zoom or other electronic platforms.

GYC is composed of approximately 15-17 people, 10-12 youth, 4-5 adults and one support staff person from DHM. Candidates will be interviewed by phone or online via Skype, Zoom, or other electronic platform and voted on by members of the GYC currently serving with final approval from DHM. GYC will seek to be representative of youth in the whole church through a balance in gender identity, racial/ethnic background and geographical representation. Members will be selected in October and November with new service beginning the following January with the GYC’s first meeting.

**A youth representative must be completing their sophomore year of school to be eligible to serve and serve a term of 2 years.**

All GYC members are to promote and interpret Disciples youth events as opportunities arise through local church, regional and constituency events and communication with the General Office for information and resource materials. To the extent possible, members of the GYC are to provide representation in awareness and support of youth ministry across the whole church and bring the voice and concerns of youth to the wider church.

All GYC members will keep open and regular communications with DHM.

It is expected that GYC members will not consume alcoholic beverages or illegal-controlled substances when at GYC sponsored events or together as a General Youth Council.

Each applicant must return this packet in its entirety in order to be considered for the position of GYC representative.

Being a member of General Youth Council is a privilege, a commitment and a responsibility. Adult Sponsors are expected to assist in keeping Christian values at the center of all meetings and to mentor representatives as they explore the opportunities for Christian and social growth in their lives.

**\*\*Please keep this copy for your records.\*\***

**Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) General Youth Council**

**Adult Covenant of Service**

I understand that GYC shall consist of youth and adults that are active in their home congregations, who have a desire to give leadership and who commit themselves to the work of the Youth Council and agree to share and uphold this commitment.

I agree to serve a term of two to three years if selected to GYC.

I am aware that in order to be considered for position of GYC representative, I must return this packet in its entirety and I am responsible for ensuring all needed references are included or have been submitted to DHM.

I understand placement as a DHM GYC volunteer is contingent on satisfactory completion of criminal background check.

I am aware that the selection of GYC occurs in October/November with new service beginning the following January with the GYC’s first meeting.

I understand that GYC seeks diversity in gender identity, race/ethnic background and geographical representation; however, in doing so, will not sacrifice the value of GYC representation.

I understand that I will be interviewed by phone or an online method.

I will attend all in-person and online meetings of the GYC as well as General Assembly and other Youth Ministry Events and understand that failure to do so could result in removal from GYC. I also understand that these meetings may take place in a part of the United States to which air travel may be required.

As a member of GYC, I will work with the youth representatives, my fellow GYC sponsors and DHM staff with planning, preparation and presentation of Youth Ministry Events.

I understand it is my duty to promote and interpret Disciples youth events as well as provide representation in awareness and support of youth ministry across the whole church and bring the voice and concerns of youth to the wider church.

I will not consume alcoholic beverages or illegal-controlled substances when at GYC sponsored events or together as a General Youth Council.

I understand that being a member of General Youth Council is a privilege, a commitment and a responsibility. I agree to uphold Christian values as the center of all meetings and commit myself to mentoring the youth representatives as they explore Christian and social growth and opportunities found in the Church and with the General Youth Council.

Applicant Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Talent Release Form**

I, the undersigned, do hereby give Disciples Home Missions of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the

United States and Canada (henceforth referred to as DHM), the photographer, and parties designated by

DHM, including clients, licensees’ purchasers, agencies, and periodicals, the irrevocable right to use my name

(and/or any fictional name) and photographic images for reproduction in any medium, including video and

Internet, and for purposes of advertising, trade, display exhibition, or editorial use. I have read this release and

fully understand its contents.

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**General Youth Council Financial Policy**

The travel and ministry of the General Youth Council (GYC) is possible by funds from the Disciples Mission Fund and other generous gifts to Disciples Home Missions. This allows accepted members the opportunity to attend events like winter retreats, General Assembly and other leadership development opportunities. As a member of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and GYC, we are called to be good stewards of the gifts and resources made available to us.

Anytime you travel for GYC and DHM covers the cost of your travel (including but not limited to airfare, rental cars, lodging and registration fees) financial resources are made available in good faith that you will be present for the duration of the event. While inevitable events will always happen, we are hopeful that you will honor your commitments by attending the events you have covenanted to be present for.

DHM recognizes that volunteer time and contributions are vital to our success and achievement. However, if you need to cancel/change your plans for your personal schedule, you (or your parent/guardian) will be responsible for the costs incurred for any cancellation, rebooking or associated fees in its entirety. Payment will need to be made to DHM within 30 days of the changes.

By choosing to be a member of GYC as either a youth or adult member you and/or your parent/guardian are agreeing to these terms.

GYC Member Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) General Youth Council**

**Adult Sponsor Emergency Contact**

In case of emergency please contact the following person.

Applicant’s Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Relationship to applicant:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) General Youth Council**

**2022-24 Adult Application**

Before submitting this application please make sure you have reviewed the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) General Youth Council Job Description and Expectations. If you would like more information visit

**https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/dhm/dhm-ministries/general-youth-council/gyc-expectations/**.

I. **GENERAL** (Please print or type)

 Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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 Email:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Age:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Racial/Ethnic Background:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Gender Identity:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Region and/or Constituency group you represent:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Are you a part of an underrepresented or minority community that you wish to disclose?­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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 What days/times are the best for GYC to schedule your interview?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

II. **CHURCH AFFILIATION**

 Name of church you are currently attending:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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 Name of Minister:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Are you a member of this church? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ If no, are you a member of a church? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Name of church where you are a member (if different from above):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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 Name of Minister:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. **INVOLVEMENT** On a separate sheet of paper please list any offices or responsibilities you have had in the following areas.

 **a. Church**

 **b. Profession**

 **c. Community**

 **d. Other**

Please indicate below the following events in which you have participated. Indicate the event or committee and year(s) attended or served.

 **Local:**

\_\_\_\_\_Youth leadership events:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 \_\_\_\_\_Congregational Committees:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 \_\_\_\_\_Congregational Board Member:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 \_\_\_\_\_Other:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 **Regional/Area:**

 \_\_\_\_\_Canadian Youth Encounter:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 \_\_\_\_\_Regional/Area Assemblies/All Canada Convention:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 \_\_\_\_\_Voting Delegate:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 \_\_\_\_\_Conventions/Assemblies:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 \_\_\_\_\_Voting Delegate:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 \_\_\_\_\_Regional International Affairs Seminar:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 \_\_\_\_\_Camp and/or Conference:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 \_\_\_\_\_Regional/Area Youth Leadership Events:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 \_\_\_\_\_Regional/Area Board Member:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 \_\_\_\_\_Regional/Area Committees:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 \_\_\_\_\_Other:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**General:**

 \_\_\_\_\_General Assembly:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 \_\_\_\_\_Voting Delegate:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 \_\_\_\_\_International CYF Conference (ICYF):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 \_\_\_\_\_Youth Ministry Congress (YMC) or Youth Ministry Event (YME):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 \_\_\_\_\_North American Pacific/Asian Disciples:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 \_\_\_\_\_Obra Hispana (Hispanic and Bilingual Ministries):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 \_\_\_\_\_National Convocation:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 \_\_\_\_\_International Affairs Seminar:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 \_\_\_\_\_General Board Member:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 \_\_\_\_\_Member of other General Unit Boards:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 \_\_\_\_\_Other:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

IV. **PLEASE RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER.**

 a. What have you been doing recently with family, friends, in church, at work and in the community that is

 important to you? Why is this important?

 b. What is it about the position of General Youth Council representative that makes you want to apply?

 c. Recognizing that each individual has different gifts, how do you believe you can contribute to the General Youth Program?

 d. Recognizing that we keep Christian values at the center of our meetings, finish the following sentence.

 I experience God when/by/because...

1. **RECOMMENDATIONS** Please have the following people email a letter of recommendation on your behalf with at least one of them being from a Christian Church (Disciples of Christ minister. Letters should be sent to kharris@dhm.disciples.org and **received by October 15, 2021.**

 **a. Your local minister**

 **b. Adult Regional, Area, or Constituency Leader**

 **c. Person familiar with your work in ministry**

**COVENANT OF SERVICE, EMERGENCY INFORMATION, ADDITIONAL FORMS & COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM MUST BE EMAILED OR MAILED AND RECEIVED BY October 15, 2021 to kharris@dhm.disciples.org or**

**Disciples Home Missions, Attn: Kelly Harris, P.O. Box 1986, Indianapolis, IN 46206-1986**

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**Frequently Asked Questions**

-What do I do if my parent/I am the pastor of my church?

If you are interested in applying for GYC but are an adult serving as the senior pastor, or a youth whose parents serve in this position, please contact either an elder or officer of the church and have him/her complete one of your recommendations. Make sure to note on your application why you have someone else completing the form.

-What if I do not currently have a pastor at my church, or we have an interim with whom I am not well acquainted?

It is important to have individuals who know you well complete your recommendation forms. Sometimes our congregations either have a new pastor or an interim pastor who is not well acquainted with your work. If you find yourself in this situation, please contact either an elder or officer of the church and have him/her complete one of your recommendations. Make sure to note on your application why you have someone else completing the form.

-When should I hear back about the GYC decisions?

GYC will be accepting applications through October 15. Members of GYC will then review applications and begin scheduling group interviews with each applicant during October. Please note the section on the application that asks for the best days/times to schedule your interview. Final decisions will be made no later than November 15 with notifications going out around November 20. You will have until December 1 to either accept or decline should you be offered a position to serve.

-What if we aren't currently an active member of a congregation?

GYC understands that life happens and sometimes circumstances change that are beyond our control. If you find yourself either without a church home or are no longer active, but still have a desire to serve with GYC, please provide a short explanation about why you are not currently a member. This can include your personal story of faith, how you are connected to the Disciples, or your hope for the Church.