

Westminster Presbyterian Church Youth Guideline Covenant

All youth (6-12 grade) are welcome, provided that a safe and respectful environment is created, with the following Youth Group Guidelines:

Heart

- 1) Come with a pure, humble, & ready heart for worship, fellowship, lessons, & service. - Psalm 51:10
- 2) Be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger. - James 1:19
- 3) Do to others as you would have them do to you. - Luke 6:31
- 4) Return love, patience, and blessing to hate. - Luke 6:35
- 5) Be faithful, available, and teachable.

Interpersonal Relationships:

- 1) Leave drama at the door.
- 2) Know your audience and schedule a time for issues you wish to discuss.
- 3) All discussions are private unless given permission first or in the name of safety.
- 4) Be kind, respectful, and use common sense to build relationships, or hold your tongue.
- 5) Learn to set and maintain boundaries while remaining in control of your emotions.
- 6) Always forgive, set points of restoration, and balance truth and grace with others. - Matt 18:15
- 7) Respect others personal space, privacy, personalities, preferences, and temperaments.

Noteworthy things to avoid:

- 1) Hijacking & interrupting conversations
- 2) Losing control (over emotions, tongue, physical, withdrawal)
- 3) Complaining (in opposition to discussing) - Philippians 2:14
- 4) Bringing interpersonal arguments into the youth group (see #2 under interpersonal relationships)

Activities:

- 1) Inner-church activities (gatherings, lessons, lock-ins, fund raisers, and service events) are open.
- 2) Outer-church events that are part of the above, service projects, and fund raisers are open.
- 3) All other fellowship trips, unless exception is previously given, are for active youth members.
- 4) Parents, adult church members, and youth alumni are welcome to all events.

Financial Aid

- 1) Youth funds can be used for open activities for fund raiser participants within the last year.
- 2) Adults that are working the trips will have the same price, or lower, than fundraiser participants.

Youth Membership

- 1) Active Youth Member:
 - Attends at least 75% of the last 12 Sunday and/or Wednesday gatherings (4 if new)
 - Participates in 50%+ of the service projects in the current and last semester (or since joining)
 - Has agreed, signed, and follows these guidelines
- 2) Active Youth Member entitled to youth funds:
 - Has participated in at least one fundraiser since joining
 - Participates in at least one of the last two fundraisers

Youth Council Membership is open to all active youth members who have demonstrated their love of God, are faithful, available, and teachable, and are approved by the youth council.

Chaperons, youth council with youth pastor oversight & adult church members can help enforce the guidelines.

I have read, agree, and with God's help follow these guidelines, follow the youth council, youth pastor, chaperons, and adult church members, and will with God's help come with a renewed mind, prepared heart, and loving attitude – X _____