

Terms of Reference for Children, Youth and Families Ministry

Mandate

To provide a welcoming and nurturing environment for children, youth and families to encounter faith and grow in their journey to learn, believe and share God's Saving Love.

Scriptural Basis

Matthew 28: 19-20

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of this age.

Scope

Children, Youth and Family Ministry is focused on the formal education and leadership training of children, youth, young adults and young families. Following the Leading with Care practices and policies the ministry recruits, screens, trains, places, oversees and recognizes people that are gifted in the Christian Education area that will support and enhance the memberships' spiritual journey of faith.

Responsibilities

For all age groups:

- Study - Education programs and all resources
- Social and Recreation programs
- Service programs in community
- Support and prayer
- Promotion of Gracefield Camp

Children (age 0-12):

- Cradle roll
- Nursery facilities
- Church School

- Summer Camp

Youth (Middle School - Grade 6-8; High School Grade 9-12):

- Participation in Congregational, Presbytery and Synod services and events
- Promotion and Participation in the wider Christian non-denominational organizations
- Promotion and Participation in PCC national events and mission projects

Young Adults:

- Participation in Congregational, Presbytery and Synod services and events
- Promotion and Participation in the wider Christian non-denominational organizations
- Promotion and Participation in PCC national events and mission projects

Young Families:

- Promotion and Participation in the wider Christian non-denominational organizations

Leading With Care (for all ministries within Knox affected by this mandated policy):

- Training for all teachers and leaders as required
- Collection, storage and updating of necessary documents

Organization/Membership

2 Representative Elders appointed by Session, one of which is Convenor
 Church School Coordinator
 Nursery Coordinator

Reporting

- The Convenor will report regularly to Session on CYFM activities and recommends leaders, teachers and curricula.
- The Convenor will communicate regularly with the minister and other ministry convenors where the children and young adults are included in special services and events.

- The Convenor will report to Session all Leading With Care evaluation, training and necessary updates required by ministry convenors and their membership.
- The Convenor will submit a budget for the November Session meeting and updates as needed at other times.
- The Coordinators are required to submit reports to the Convenor who in turn submits them to Session for inclusion in the annual report.
- The Convenor will submit ministry dates for the calendar to Session report.