

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Upper Midwest
2018-2019 Upper Midwest Youth Council (UMwYC) Application

Please review this page with your pastor or youth leader

(Please Print)

Name: _____ Gender (Please Circle) Male Female

Grade: _____ (Applicants need to be juniors or seniors in the upcoming school year)

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____ Church: _____

Parent Email: _____ Parent Phone: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ High School: _____

I have read the UMwYC Covenant and have gone over it with my parent/guardian and my pastor/youth leader. I am excited about the opportunity to serve in the ministry of the Upper Midwest.

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Application Guidelines

1. Please enclose **in letter form**, written to the Interview Committee, why you would like to serve on UMwYC. Letters must be typed, double spaced, and two to three pages MAXIMUM. As you write this letter, you may want to focus on the following:
 - a. Describe what you think it means to be a Christian.
 - b. Describe your most significant Christian experience.
 - c. Describe a camping experience that has been significant to you and explain why.
 - d. Describe the ways you are and will continue to be involved in your church.
 - e. Touch on your hobbies, interests, and talents.
 - f. Describe your hopes, dreams, and goals.
 - g. What gifts do you bring that would make you an effective UMwYC member?

This letter helps the Selection Committee to get to know you and begin to see what ministry gifts you could offer to the youth council.

2. A letter of recommendation from your pastor or youth leader is also required and is due on Friday, August 31st at 5 p.m. Also due at the same time is the "UMwYC Covenant" signed by you, your pastor/youth leader and your parent/guardian.
3. If selected, UMwYC members must attend the entirety of the CYF Midwinter Retreat. Other meetings may be partially missed, if absences are **worked out in advance**.

The front page of this form, attached to the applicant's letter, must be filled out and returned to the Christian Conference Center / Regional Office by **Friday, August 31st at 5 p.m.** To be fair to everyone, late applications will not be accepted.

Recommendation letters from your minister or youth leader may be emailed to tiff.umw@gmail.com or mailed to the Christian Conference Center, 5064 Lincoln St., Newton, IA 50208. If you have any questions, please contact Tiff Williams, Associate Regional Minister, at 641-521-3115.

Dates and important information:

- UMwYC Leadership Training Retreat – November 16-17, 2018
- Midwinter Planning Meeting – February 8-10, 2018
- CYF Midwinter Retreat – March 1-3, 2018

Optional events where UMwYC help is appreciated:

- Chi Rho Retreat – November 2-4, 2018

The purpose of the Upper Midwest Youth Council (UMwYC) is to equip youth to become the best servant leaders that they can be, and to empower them to serve God and the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the best of their ability.





Dear UMwYC Applicant,

I'm so glad that you're thinking of pursuing a year of servant leadership. UMwYC can change lives. I know because it changed mine. UMwYC made me a better servant of God, a better leader of my peers, and a more faithful follower of Jesus. In addition to all that, it made me eligible for significant college scholarships at all Disciples of Christ related colleges and universities in the country.

Don't let the application intimidate you. All we need is a letter from you, a letter from your pastor or youth leader telling us why you would be a good addition to UMwYC, and we need you to sign a covenant. The covenant promises that you understand that UMwYC is a big responsibility and that we want you to take it seriously.

Don't hesitate to talk to me if you have questions about UMwYC or about the application. I look forward to serving with you!

Grace and peace,

Tiff Williams
Associate Regional Minister
Christian Church in the Upper Midwest