

## **YAC INFORMATION FOR CHURCHES**

Dear Church Leader,

We are writing this letter to invite you and your congregation to support the youth ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Georgia by inviting youth of your church to apply to the Youth Activities Council for 2024-2025. As you may know, the Youth Activities Council (YAC) is commissioned to guide, nurture, and plan for our Region's youth ministries, including the annual assembly to be held in the winter at Epworth-by-the-Sea on St. Simon's Island.

We are opening up to fifteen spots to youth from around the state. We will be selecting youth based on applications, geographical diversity, and recommendations from you. While we will make every effort to ensure that the entire state is well represented on YAC, we are even more devoted to ensuring that this is a motivated and capable group, with a passion for ministry and servant leadership. Please encourage youth from your congregation to apply. We are looking for youth who are:

- Individuals of faith and integrity, with gifts and potential for leadership.
- Active members of their congregations: regular participants in worship and youth activities.
- In eighth, ninth, tenth, or eleventh grade at the time of selection.
- Able to participate in planning meetings and retreats, as well as Regional Youth Assembly in 2025. A meeting schedule is included on the *YAC Representative Application* form.
- Regular participants in Regional Youth Assemblies and summer church camp in the Region.

Please have any applicants fill out the YAC representative application and minister recommendation forms linked on the YAC page on the CCinGA website.

Please let us know if you have any questions or if we can be helpful in any way. Thank you for your help in calling the gifts of our young people to ministry!



Georgia YOUTH ACTIVITIES COUNCIL 2024-2025  
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Georgia

*What is Georgia's Youth Activities Council?*

The Youth Activities Council (YAC) is commissioned to guide, nurture, and plan for our Region's youth ministries, including the annual assembly to be held in the winter of 2025. A group of high-school aged youth will be selected to represent their churches and region on the council. These youth will work with adult volunteers and the Regional Youth Directors to foster and support ministries that develop the full potential of youth as disciples of Jesus as they participate in the congregational, district, regional and general expressions of the church. Two YAC members also serve on the Regional Board for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Georgia.

Youth are selected to serve on YAC by the Regional Youth Directors along with adult volunteers and the Regional Directors. The youth chosen should be:

- People of faith and integrity, with gifts and potential for leadership.
- Active members of their congregations: regular participants in worship and youth activities.
- In eighth, ninth, tenth, or eleventh grade at the time of selection.
- Regular participants in Regional Youth Assemblies and summer church camp at Camp Christian.
- Able to participate in planning meetings and retreats, as well as Regional Youth Assembly.
  - *January 2024*: Meet and Greet Sunday Morning at the 2024 Regional Youth Assembly
  - *Spring 2024*: Overnight meeting in conjunction with Regional Assembly.
  - *Summer 2024*: 2 nights at Camp Christian Conference Center
  - *Fall 2024*: Overnight Meeting. Location TBD
  - *Winter 2024*: Zoom or Lock-in. TBD
  - *January/ February 2025*: Thursday evening and Friday leading up to Youth Assembly
  - There may be other opportunities in which you may choose to participate, such as small task group meetings, district rallies, visiting other congregations, etc.
  - YAC members will be given a calendar in the early spring of 2024 with all of the specific meeting dates. If changes are made, YAC will be given a minimum of two (2) months' notice of date change.