



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA NEVADA CONFERENCE
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Youth RoundTable

Southern California Nevada Conference, United Church of Christ

Information and Nomination Process: 2011-2012

1. What is the Youth RoundTable?

The Youth RoundTable (YRT) is the youth leadership organization of the Conference. The YRT is comprised of youth (grades 9-12) and adults (should be age 25 and up) who represent the Associations and the various recognized special ministries. The YRT plans a variety of events for the youth of the Conference and the participants have the opportunity to develop and use their leadership abilities.

2. Who may be nominated?

To be a member of the Youth RoundTable, you must belong to a local United Church of Christ (UCC) church in the Conference. Youth who are not yet members of a local church may be nominated as long as they are recognized as affiliated with a local UCC church (for example, if they are in Confirmation Class for that church). Adults must be a member of a local UCC church. There are two age categories on the YRT: youth (grades 9-12) and adults (should be age 25 and older). The positions to be filled include 4 youth delegate positions and 2 adults for each association. At-Large positions are created as needed to enable the YRT to be truly representative of the diversity present in our Conference as well as fill vacant spots in order to maintain a viable group.

3. What kind of commitment is required?

The term is one year, beginning at the Conference Youth Ministries Camp (CYMC) in July or August (after the election at Annual Gathering) until the next CYMC camp the following year. Youth RoundTable members are asked to place the YRT among their top priorities. Members are expected to attend all meetings and the events planned by YRT. There are four meetings each year: one in September, one before Christmas, one in March, and one in May. The regular meetings usually include an overnight stay. The first meeting is usually held at Pilgrim Pines Camp and the other three meetings are held in local UCC churches throughout the Conference. The events of the Youth RoundTable are Funtastic Festi-Fall (November), Feb Camp (President's holiday weekend), Youth Uniting in Mission (April), Annual Gathering (June), and CYMC (late July-early August).

Members work together to plan the events and take on the various tasks of the YRT. Most of the work takes place during the regular meetings, but occasionally there are conference calls or special meetings to attend. In addition, some YRT members provide leadership at Jr. High JANboree (MLK Jr. holiday weekend in January), Annual Gathering Planning Committee, and often have the opportunity to serve in other ways in the life of the conference.

Please note that Missing more than one meeting and missing more than one YRT sponsored events in a Youth RoundTable year is cause for dismissal from Youth RoundTable and may also exclude you from consideration for the next year's Youth RoundTable.



Two years (two consecutive one year terms) is the preferable duration for participating in Youth RoundTable as a youth (but a youth may serve up to four consecutive years). Youth RoundTable guidelines state that an adult can serve up to four consecutive years and then can be nominated again after one year of non-participation.

4. What kind of support do Youth RoundTable Members need?

Youth RoundTable members need the prayerful support of their parents and local church to help keep calendars cleared and to coordinate transportation to help get members to meetings. A roster is provided, so that members may carpool with other YRT youth and adults from their area. In special cases, train, airline, or bus transportation is provided. In addition, for some YRT members, specifically those who have an extremely long commute may be able to participate in meetings via teleconferencing or Internet Web Conferencing. While YRT members may be asked to bring a snack to share, in general meals, lodging, and other expenses related to the YRT are covered through the Conference budget (which is supported by your OCWM gifts) or by host churches where we meet.

5. Who is considered an eligible candidate for Youth RoundTable?

To be considered an eligible candidate for Youth RoundTable, a nominee must have attended at least one of the Youth RoundTable sponsored youth events in the last year. Their nomination form must be completely filled out and must be in the Conference Office by the deadline or postmarked by the nomination deadline. Their two reference forms must be in the Conference Office no later than 7 days after the nomination deadline. Finally, nominees must be active in their local church (in church school or youth group or church committee or choir etc.). The deadline for this year is April 15, 2011.

6. What if all youth positions in my Association are currently filled?

As previously mentioned,

If you will be in 10th or 11th grade next year and meet the guidelines to be an eligible candidate (see #5 above), you may be given a priority for participation if the following situation occurs in your Association:

It appears that there will be no open delegate positions open next year because there are currently no youth delegate positions open, none of the currently serving youth are in the 12th grade, and at least one of the currently serving youth is in their second consecutive term.

Thus if you are a new youth nominee who will be entering 10th or 11th grade, and you are an eligible candidate, and the above situation occurs, a youth currently serving in their second year may be asked to step aside from the delegate position to open up a delegate position for the next year. This guideline allows new, eligible candidates the opportunity to serve when there are more people interested in serving than there are delegate positions available.

In this situation, incoming 9th graders and those who will be entering 12th grade will not get priority. An incoming 9th grader has the opportunity to apply again in the future and still serve two consecutive terms. Someone who will be in 12th grade would not be able to serve a second year because of their graduation and it is preferable when youth can serve two consecutive terms.



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If there is one or more youth delegate positions currently open or there will be at least one youth delegate position opening up, all eligible candidates will be considered.

7. What is the nomination timeline process?

A nominating committee will review the applications and notify applicants of their decision by May 15th, 2011. Then those who are chosen and nominated will be asked to attend the Annual Gathering, June 3 – 4 in San Diego. During the Annual Gathering, the nominees will be recognized and installed.

Nomination Timeline:

- Forms must be postmarked by April 15th, 2011.
- Applicants notified **May 15th, 2011.**
- Chosen nominees attend Annual Gathering June 3-4 in San Diego

8. Who do I contact for more information?

Questions may be directed to:

Neal Washburn

Youth and Young Adults Ministries Coordinator

626/798-8082, Fax: 626/798-6648, E-mail: washburn@scncucc.org

Download Nomination Forms from:

<http://www.scncucc.org/youth/Youth Roundtable.html>

Nomination/Application Form 2011-2012

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1. Personal Information

Name	_____	Phone	_____
Address	_____	City/State/Zip	_____
E-Mail	_____	Cell Phone:	_____
Birth Date	_____	Gender	_____

Choose One: Youth (Grade 9-12) Entering: _____ in fall 2011 or Adult (age 25+)

Church	_____	City/State	_____
Pastor	_____	Youth Leader	_____

Racial/Ethnic Group: (If mixed, check any that apply)

African Am. Asian Am. Caucasian Latina/o Pacific Islander Other _____

2. References: Please ask two adults who are not from your immediate family to complete the reference forms. We would like it if at least one of those persons could be a leader at your church (pastor, youth leader, church school teacher, moderator, etc.)

3. Questionnaire: Please answer the following questions (attach another sheet if you need more room):
What have you been involved with at your church?

What have you been involved with in your school or community?

What major responsibilities do you have right now? Will you have enough time for Roundtable? (in addition to: job, club leadership, sports, youth group, etc.)

Why would you like to serve on the Youth Roundtable?

What would be your transportation to meetings and events? Can you count on this?

Which of these Roundtable events have you attended? (Please indicate number of times attended for each event)

____ Funtastic Festi-Fall ____ FEB Camp ____ Youth Uniting in Mission ____ Annual Gathering ____ CYMC

Other UCC youth events you have attended: ____ Jr High JANboree ____ Summer Camp ____ General Synod
____ Western Regional Youth Event ____ National Youth Event



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Tentative Roundtable Events 2011-2012

Date	Event	Location
July 31-Aug 6, 2011	CYMC	Pilgrim Pines
Sep. 16-17, 2011	Roundtable Meeting I	Pilgrim Pines Camp
Nov. 2011	Funtastic Festi-Fall	Peppermint Ridge
Dec. 3-4, 2011	Roundtable Meeting II	TBD
Jan. 13-16, 2012	Jr. High JANboree, (6th-8th grades)	Loch Leven
Feb. 17-20, 2012	FEB Camp, (9th-12th grades)	Pilgrim Pines Camp
Mar. 9-10, 2012	Roundtable Meeting III	SCNC Office (Altadena)
Mar. 16-18, 2012	Confirmation Retreat (Optional)	Pilgrim Pines
Mar. 23-24, 2012	Founders Day (Optional Event)	Chapman University
Apr. 14, 2012	Youth Uniting in Mission, (Jr. & Sr. High)	TBD
May 5-6, 2012	Roundtable Meeting IV	TBD
Jun 8-9, 2012	Annual Gathering	TBD
Jul 10-14, 2012	National Youth Event (optional event)	Purdue University
Jul 29-Aug 4, 2012	CYMC	Pilgrim Pines Camp

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Youth RoundTable Youth Participation Covenant 2011-2012

Serving on the Youth RoundTable is an honor that comes with a high level of responsibility and expectations. *Should I be chosen to serve* on the Roundtable, I agree to the following:

- All meetings are important and I will attend at least three of the four meetings of the Youth RoundTable. I will notify one of the Youth RoundTable Leaders (Youth Moderator, Youth Vice-Moderator, Youth Secretary or an adult advisor) of an absence prior to the meeting.
- I recognize that any Youth RoundTable responsibility that I take on (i.e. tasks/assignments for an event, phone calls, or an elected office position) is important and that follow through is imperative. I will communicate with one of the Youth RoundTable adult advisors if I am in need of assistance.
- All Conference youth events are important and I agree to attend at least four of the five Southern California Nevada Conference UCC youth events in the coming year including Funtastic Festi-Fall, FEB Camp, Youth Uniting in Mission, Annual Gathering, and CYMC. I will notify one of the Youth RoundTable Leaders or Adult Advisors of an absence prior to the event:
- I agree to abide by all Conference youth event guidelines. I also recognize that if I have any knowledge of another youth breaking an event guideline I will report it to the adult leadership of the event. A copy of all guidelines is available by request.
- I agree to be a regular and active participant in my local United Church of Christ congregation. Participation may include attending worship, attending or teaching church school, attending youth group, serving on a church council/board/committee, or singing in choir. I understand that an adult advisor of Youth RoundTable may contact my local pastor and/or youth leader in regard to my participation in my local congregation.
- My participation on the Youth RoundTable is a privilege and I understand that I am representing my local church as well as the Conference during all Conference related youth events.
- I agree to treat all youth and adults with respect and dignity. I also agree to abide by the Statement of Policy for Protecting Children and Youth.
- I recognize that maintaining passing grades in school is equally as important as my position on Youth RoundTable.
- I recognize the importance of living my faith daily and I will continue to grow in my faith through out my term on Youth RoundTable.
- I agree to abide to all of the above and recognize that I may be dismissed from Youth RoundTable if I fail to uphold the guidelines and requirements listed above.

Participant Signature

Date

I have read the covenant and will do my best to support this youth in following these guidelines and meeting the expectations.

Parent/Gaurdian Signature

Date

Pastor Signature

Date



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Youth RoundTable Adult Participation Covenant 2011-2012

Serving as an adult advisor on the Youth RoundTable is an honor that comes with a high level of responsibility and expectations. *Should I be chosen to serve* on the Youth RoundTable, I agree to the following:

- All meetings are important and I will attend at least three of the four meetings of the Youth RoundTable. I will notify one of the other Youth RoundTable adult advisors or Conference staff of an absence prior to the meeting.
- I recognize that any Youth RoundTable responsibility that I take on (i.e. tasks/assignments for an event, phone calls, or an elected office position) is important and that follow through is imperative. I will communicate with one of the other Youth RoundTable adult advisors if I am in need of assistance.
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- My participation on the Youth RoundTable is a privilege and I understand that I am representing my local church, Association, as well as the Conference during all Conference related youth events.
- I agree to treat all youth and adults with respect and dignity. I also agree to abide by the Statement of Policy for Protecting Children and Youth.
- I understand that my role as adult advisor is to guide the youth and to be a resource for the youth. I also have a responsibility for the safety and well being of the youth during meetings and events.
- I recognize the importance of living my faith daily and I will continue to grow in my faith throughout my term on Youth RoundTable.
- I agree to abide to all of the above and recognize that I may be dismissed from Youth RoundTable if I fail to uphold the guidelines and requirements listed above.

Participant Signature

Date

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One form is to be completed by your pastor or youth leader.
The other form is to be completed by an employer, teacher or adult family friend.

I, _____, am applying for a position on the Youth Roundtable. The Roundtable is the leadership organization for youth ministry in the Southern California Nevada Conference, United Church of Christ. Your frank appraisal will assist the nominating committee in evaluating my qualifications and abilities. When you have completed this form, please mail it no later than April 23, 2011 to:

Neal Washburn, 2401 N. Lake Ave., Altadena CA 91001
washburn@scnucucc.org

Please rate the applicant on the following areas, using a scale of 1-5. **1=excellent, 5=poor**

- ___ Dependability
- ___ Judgment
- ___ Christian Commitment
- ___ Emotional Stability
- ___ Cooperation
- ___ Initiative and Resourcefulness
- ___ Intellect
- ___ Personality
- ___ Adaptability

Do you recommend this applicant for the Youth Roundtable? Yes, No

Please provide any further information that would be helpful in appraising the applicant. Please use the back of this form or attach a separate sheet if more space is needed.

How long have you known the applicant? _____ In what capacity? _____

Your Name _____ Title _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Day phone(_____) _____ Evening phone(_____) _____

Email: _____



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