



# Youth Mentor Coordinator

## Congregational Vision Statement

*We are empowered to worship, to assist our church family through life's journey, to extend the hand of service and to invite others to faith.*

## Summary of Role:

By intentionally walking alongside our young people through mentoring relationships, both young and old can grow and learn in their journeys of faith.

All youth upon entering their seventh grade will be invited to choose an adult from the congregation as their mentor. The mentoring coordinator will help facilitate this process and do the actual pairing of the participants.

## Reports to:

Associate Pastor

## Ministry:

Youth and Young Adults

## Term

1 year

## Type

Elected

## Typical Meeting Frequency

Involvement with the Youth Ministry Team is recommended - meetings occur monthly.

## Membership Requirement

Active Attendee

## Screening Requirements

Police Background Check required (new *or* on church file for less than five years)

## Recommended Skills/Experience:

- Passion
- Communication
- Organization
- Discernment

## Responsibilities

### Overall

- Develop awareness of and rationale for mentoring relationships in the congregation. Interpret to the congregation the need for this approach in ministry with the youth.
- Match all young persons entering grade seven (or at other time designated by the congregation) and check with other youth who are new to the congregation or who chose not to participate earlier to invite/re-invite their involvement.
- Plan at least two training & check-in sessions for mentors each year.
- Check in personally (telephone, in person, etc.) with each mentor periodically to listen and assess feelings related to the mentoring relationship; provide needed counsel and affirmation.
- Coordinate the annual covenant development/renewal at the beginning of each year (September).
- Coordinate with worship committee and/or the pastors to incorporate a time of affirmation for all youth-mentor pairs during a worship service in early Fall.
- Coordinate an annual evaluation process for each mentor-youth pair until the youth completes high school.
- Arrange for the planning of 2-3 group activities each year with all of the mentor-youth pairs. Coordinate this with the schedule of regular youth events.
- Arrange for occasional reporting to the congregation through personal sharing of experiences, notes in congregational newsletters, announcements in church bulletin, involvement in worship, etc.

### Associated Documents (provided)

- Explanation & Description
- Message for Parents of Youth
- Message for Youth choosing a Mentor
- Mentor Match Form
- Information for Adult Mentors
- Mentoring Relationship Covenant Form
- Evaluation Form for Mentors
- Evaluation Form for Youth