

# *AY Leadership*

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# Roles and Responsibilities

- AY leaders chairs the AY Ministries Committee
  - Members of this committee are
    - All elected officers of the society plus
    - Personal Ministries leader
    - Youth Sabbath School division leader,
    - Health ministries leader
    - Pathfinder Club director,
    - Adventurer Club director
    - The sponsor
    - The Pastor

# AY leader

- “Exemplif[ies] the graces of a genuine Christian”
- Desires ... soul winning
- Is concerned about conserving and reclaiming youth
- Helps youth work together and takes responsibility
- Guides, counsels and encourages the youth, helping them to gain an experience and the joys of achievement.
- Is involved in succession planning
- HR Cycle

# AY leader's relationship

- Team player
  - A team without stars often beats a group of stars who do not play as a team.
- Secretary
  - Supervises the activities of the AY Secretary
  - Is ultimately responsible for reports coming in to the SCC
- Other departments

- Pastor
  - Discuss items with the pastor
  - Invite him to your meetings
- Church Board
  - Be proactive
    - Carry items at least two months ahead
  - Speak with the power brokers before and get their feelings
  - Be organized – carry the plan / do all your homework
- Youth director
  - Cooperating with the plans of the Department
  - Keeping informed and getting training

# Chairing Committee Meetings

- Web-conferencing
  - Skype, MSN and Yahoo Messenger
- Facilitates the smooth flow of meeting
- Gets all involved
- Stays on the issue
- Minutes are important
  - Reminder of decisions taken / follow up
  - Secretary keeps the wheels moving – call and remind persons of their responsibilities.
  - Motion, seconds and voting
    - Show of hands,
    - Voice,
    - Secret ballot,
    - When does the chair vote?

# Planning Programs

- Think about
  - Who
    - age, gender, likes / dislikes, family relationships and needs
  - Why
  - What – the details are determined after you know the purpose and with the other factors in mind.
  - When
    - Appropriate for the majority of people you wish to meet.
    - Think outside the box. We are locked into Sabbath afternoon.

# Planning Programs (cont.)

- Where
  - Make sure you have the facilities and the resources available to accomplish the ministry.
- How
  - Involve the various interest groups in developing and implementing the program.

# Organization of the Department

- Outreach
- Inreach
- Social and Cultural

# The Emphasis

- Uniform ministry
- Making A Difference
- Symposium with Parents and Teens
- Bible Bowl
- Being involved in national activities
- Do your research on the youth of the church and meet their needs
- AY Summit

# Resources

- Youth Culture 101 by Walt Mueller
- Purpose Driven Youth Ministry by Doug Fields
- Church Manual
- Bible
- Youth Ministry Handbook by YMD of GC

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