

Youth Adult Committee

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Action

- Include both current and potential.
- Include programs, education, spiritual experiences, attitudinal changes, and other experiences you think and feel would actively further our mission

and vision.

Time frame
or steps
If Applicable

Priority Rating _____ Based on action's potential to help achieve the vision.
Scale: 1 = highest priority, greatest potential

1 This action furthers the mission and work of our committee and the mission and vision of the church in the following ways.

Father Bill's: reestablish, strengthen, and grow our relationship with Father Bill's.

City Reach/City School: Plan for the opportunity for all youth to participate in one or both of these programs at least once while they are a member of youth group.

Youth Chat: Build on our existing program to continue to create safe space for youth to feel at home and explore their faith in the context of peer relationships.

Common Hearth: Generate interest in, attendance of, future participation in?

Social Action trip outside of MA: Beginning this year, plan for a trip next year. Build on this program to offer a trip every other year and make a stronger, more exciting program. Eventually make a it a multi-gen experience?

Annual Youth Retreat: Beginning this year, plan for an end of year retreat where we plan for the following year. Build the program into a multi-gen experience, with adult congregation members coming in to mentor.

In order to support these plans, we need to focus on planning, strengthening YAC, generating youth excitement for activities. We will continue to build our relationship with adults by including them in our activity planning and create relationships with younger church members by continuing to offer programs like the haunted house.

In addition, we will make an active effort to begin mentoring within youth group, building a youth sustained program.

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2 This action will contribute to the church's institutional health in the following ways.

We need to continue to bridge the gap between youth and adults – in order to create a feeling of commitment to youth, youth will work on creating individual relationships with the rest of the congregation and invite them to do the same. We'll also connect with incoming 7th graders at the end of the church year with a social activity designed to welcome them to youth group space.

With current actions, we'll continue to fundraise to match the church budget line for youth group (through clothing drive, holiday gift wrapping, spaghetti feeds, an additional pancake breakfast). Through our actions, we'll try to determine what our long range goals are around fundraising.

To outreach, we intend to hold a invite a friend dance, building community with area youth groups and also creating a fundraising opportunity.

3 This action will draw on the following resources.

We currently have about 0 to 70% participation from youth. We'd like to strive for 100% participation as our long term goal, with 85% the goal for this year.

We believe the church leadership needs to involve youth more – perhaps this could include a youth representative on the Parish Committee.

We need a church staff figure that is not the youth advisor who we feel is more connected to what we are doing. We need to know the staff/leadership/congregation is invested and interested in us.