

CYPU Report – Fall 2022

Dear Brothers,

Greetings in Christ! The new CYPU board has been meeting regularly since its formation this past spring and is hard at work. Here is an update on our work and the current season of CYPU ministry:

1. We continue to seek a new director. A director's profile (i.e. job description) has been developed and approved by the board, but we don't have anyone yet to fill the position. If you have suggestions, please contact me.
2. We have held one event, which was "Spring Bash," since the Presbytery Child Protection Policy was set in place. The event was successful, and we worked hard at being in compliance with the policy.
3. We have decided not to try to do Fall Ministry Project, due to the lack of a director and challenges presented us by the Child Protection Policy.
4. In addition to the director's profile, we have been forming guidelines for the Youth Leadership Team, which is an essential piece to the function of CYPU, especially with a largely volunteer director.
5. The 2022-23 Youth Leadership Team (YLT) has met several times now, without a director, but with appropriate adult supervision and leadership. The YLT has scheduled two events so far for the current season of ministry: a "Fall Party" in lieu of Fall Ministry Project, and plans have begun for Winter Conference 2022. We have event coordinators for these events and counselors will be recruited soon, the Lord willing, suggestions welcomed. Publicity material should be coming soon to your church, along with registration information, but please begin publicizing these two events with the youth of your congregation.
6. We have the capability to do background checks through [MinistrySafe.com](https://www.MinistrySafe.com). We have been in compliance with the Child Protection Policy for doing background checks and expect to be as we go forward.
7. Much of our time has been spent on comparing the Child Protection Policy with the actual realities at youth events. The toughest events for us to be in compliance are Fall Ministry Project, Winter Conference, and Theological Foundations Weekend. These three events are overnight events and comprise ostensibly 3/4 of our ministry. The challenges to compliance include: youth members traveling, required ratios between youth and leaders, overnight arrangements.
8. We are on the agenda for the October meeting of Presbytery, at which time we will be reporting and requesting advice for implementing the Child Protection Policy. We are working hard and trust that our efforts are appreciated.
9. CYPU Board Members (AIC approved) are Kevin Duffey (Orlando RPC); Bryan Planalp (Columbus RPC); Steve Rhoda (Terre Haute); Anna Roberts (Christ Church RPC); Joy Whitt (Terre Haute RPC).

Upcoming CYPU Events

1. Fall Party, Saturday, November 5, 2022, details forthcoming, but a one-day event (like Spring Bash).
2. Winter Conference, December 28-30, 2022, same location and general schedule as past years, details forthcoming

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Blessings in Christ,
Steve Rhoda

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