

## **Great Lakes Region Teen Ministry Policies**

### **WHO CAN ATTEND?**

**Uniteens:** In order to attend a regional Unitreat or Area Wide Event, Uniteens must be in grades 6, 7, 8 or equivalent, with a minimum age of 11 and a maximum age of 14 on the first day of the event. Uniteens must maintain a 50% attendance and have attended at least 3 Sundays in the 2 months prior to registration. Uniteens must also have 4 hours of service.

**Y.O.U.:** In order to attend a regional YOU Rally, Retreat or Area Wide Event, YOUers must be in grades 9, 10, 11, 12 or equivalent, with a maximum age of 18. A 19 year old may only attend if they are still in high school – Consultant permission required. Youers must maintain 50% attendance in their chapter and have attended at least 12 meetings. They must also complete 12 hours of service.

### **QUALIFICATIONS FOR UNITEENS & YOUers**

Uniteens must be able to honor heart agreements, function in a group setting.

Youers must be mature, responsible, self-disciplined teens, endorsed by sponsors, parents and minister.

All Uniteens & YOUers MUST attend the entire weekend from check-in on Friday thru closing on Sunday.

Youth with special needs requiring close, personal adult supervision must be accompanied by a parent or familiar adult who is not the primary adult responsible for the rest of the group. Youth Events Director reserves the right to request a doctor's permission for youth with high medical or emotional needs to ensure their safety.

### **ADULT LEADERSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

Adult chaperones can be the leaders of the group and/or other adults approved and screened by your ministry. Chaperones must be members of the church, be familiar with Unity principles and have a national criminal background check on file at your ministry.

A minimum of one sponsor/adult who is at least 25 years old from your ministry must travel and stay onsite with your group for the entire event. It is highly recommended

by the Great Lakes Region and Church Mutual Insurance Company that two adults accompany groups while traveling. (Be sure to check your church's insurance requirements regarding drivers and travel coverage.)

Junior Sponsors age 21-24 may attend but **may not** be the lead chaperon for the chapter and **may not** drive to/from the event.

Seat belts must be provided for & used by ALL occupants of cars and vans.

Co-ed leadership is REQUESTED for co-ed groups. This helps with housing and provides co-ed support from your local ministry for your YOUers. Male leadership is especially needed.

All adults MUST attend the entire weekend from check-in on Friday thru closing on Sunday.

### **CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS**

For the safety of our youth and in compliance with the guideline of Unity Worldwide Ministries, a National Criminal Background Check must be held on file at the ministry office for all adults attending regional and national events.

### **Y.O.U. CANDIDATES FOR REGIONAL OFFICE**

Request the "What Do I Do" sheet for detailed information.

All teens interested in running for regional office must submit a completed Officer Candidate form to the Youth Events Director postmarked by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Applicants for Regional Office must be present at the time of nomination at the Official Regional Rally business meeting.

Applicants must be:

- 16 to 18 years of age when installed in office.
- If application will be in college, they must be able to attend a YOU chapter meeting twice a month.

**For additional qualifications and information see the, "WHAT DO I DO" sheet.**