
Student Ministries Leadership Team**Purpose:**

The Student Ministries Leadership Team advises and assists the Minister to Students to implement the mission statement of our Student Ministries which is stated as follows: Our Student Ministries exist to REACH teenagers with the love of Christ, to help them GROW in their faith, to CONNECT them with other believers, to equip them to SERVE others, and to CELEBRATE Christ.

Relationships:

The Student Ministries Leadership Team assists the church, to implement strategies of the student ministries purpose in fulfilling the church's mission: *To proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to minister to the needs of our congregation, the community, and the world through the leadership of the Holy Spirit.* The Student Ministries Leadership Team shall utilize the five Biblical Functions of Worship (Celebrate), Fellowship (Connect), Discipleship (Grow), Ministry (Serve), Evangelism (Reach) in meeting the teams' purpose and duties and in communicating, coordinating, collaborating, and cooperating with other ministries, councils, committees, and ministerial staff.

Membership:**STUDENT LEADERSHIP CORE**

The Student Leadership Core consists of the Minister to Students who serves as Team Leader, the Junior High and Senior High Student Bible Study Department Directors, and the Lead Teacher of each Student Bible Study Class. A congregational representative, who is the parent of a student, recommended by the Minister to Students to the Nominating Committee and elected by the church for a one-year term of office, which begins in June. In the absence of the Minister to Students, the congregational representative presides as Chair. The team meets at least quarterly. Adults elected to serve shall be church members.

Duties:

1. Forward a written report and/or recommendations to Church Council of plans for reaching, growing, connecting, serving, and celebrating strategies for Student Ministries, for the purpose of communicating, coordinating, collaborating, and cooperating with other ministries, councils, committees, and ministerial staff.
2. Participate in meetings as required, or at least quarterly.
3. Assist the Minister to Students and the Nominating Committee in the recruitment, screening, placement, and training of volunteer workers for Student Ministries.
4. Assist the Minister to Students as the reviewing and approval agency for literature used in Student programs and activities.
5. Assist the Minister to Students in the recommendation of the annual Student Ministries Budget and in the implementation of the approved annual Student Ministries Budget.

6. Serve as an advisory team to the Minister to Students in matters related to Student Ministries.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Student Leadership Team consists of The Student Leadership Core and all Adults elected to serve as Bible Study Leaders in Student Ministries. At least two students (male and female) from each of grades 7 – 12 are elected to serve for one year, which begins in June. Students who serve as team leaders for various Student Ministries Teams serve as ex-officio members for the period of time they serve as the team leader. Students should be enlisted with the goal of balance between the number of adults and students serving each year. Students and Adults who are elected to serve shall be church members.

Duties:

1. Assist in the development and implementation of a strategy for Making Disciples. Maturing Believers, and Multiplying ministries consistent with stated purpose of Student Ministries
2. Through the Church Council, coordinate with other councils, committees, and ministerial staff Student Ministries Schedules such as: Bible Studies, Retreats, Mission Projects, Outreach, Special Events, the use of facilities and resources with the church calendar, with a view of the total church program.
3. Assist in developing opportunities that will involve as many students as possible in the overall Student Ministries, including the use of Lead teams, helping students to discover their SHAPE (*Spiritual Gifts, Heart, Abilities, Personality, and Experiences*) for ministry.
4. Collaborate with the Adult Ministries Council in developing a Parent Ministry consistent with the Purpose of Student Ministries, providing training, resources, and support for Parents of Students.
5. Assist in keeping the church membership informed of the activities and opportunities for students and their parents through newsletters, announcements, and the web site.
6. Report to the Church Conference on the state of Student Ministries.
7. Conduct an annual review of Student Ministries with a view toward enhancement, continuance, elimination or the addition of strategies, programs and/or events to lead the Student Ministries to fulfill purpose.