

# YOUTH DELEGATE APPLICATION

(Due no later than May 1)

**Applicant:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Currently \_\_\_\_\_

What part has the church played in your life so far?

What do you consider your personal strengths?

Why are you interested in serving as a Youth Delegate?

In your opinion, what is the greatest issue facing the youth in Wisconsin?

By signing this application, I acknowledge the responsibilities and expectations of a Youth Delegate, and, if selected, I commit to fulfilling them (see page 2). I commit to be present and attentive to all parts of the Annual Conference, to be faithful in my voting and leadership, and to be a voice for all youth in my church, circuit, district and across the state of Wisconsin.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

**Recommendations:**

In addition to the application itself, all applicants are required to get a recommendation from their head pastor or youth leader. This recommendation should include some basic information regarding the applicant's church involvement and why they would make a good Youth Delegate. This recommendation is due May 1, 2023, and should be sent in with the application if possible.

**Responsibilities of a Youth Delegate:**

Youth Delegates on the Wisconsin Annual Conference are an important voice at the conference. They represent United Methodist youth all over the state. As a delegate, you will be expected to be present at all parts of the Youth Delegation: Plenary and legislation sessions, worship and fellowship. You will be expected to be an active part of setting policy and addressing critical issues, so we expect you to have read your Annual Conference information when it arrives in the Spring.

As a Youth Delegate, you will also be expected to represent yourself at the highest standard. Delegates will adhere to the rules and schedule. We will look, sound and act in a way that is reflective of the honor we have been given by being part of this process. The delegation as a whole will be a positive, uplifting group of individuals loving God and people. Even in disagreement, we will treat all people with the respect and love that Jesus has shown us.

As a Youth Delegate, if there is something you do not understand, we expect you to ask. To be an informed member of the broader delegation, you need to understand what is happening so that you can honestly and accurately reflect your opinions and what you believe the opinions of the youth of Wisconsin would be.

Lastly, as a Youth Delegate, we expect you to be open to the life-changing experience you are about to undertake. This experience will be educational, spiritual, formative and fun. You will learn about how the church as a whole functions and changes. You will be present in worship unlike you have ever experienced before. You will find yourself challenged and encouraged to do try new things. You will meet other teens and adults from around the state, brought together by a love of Christ and a desire to build His Kingdom in Wisconsin. This experience will change you if you let it.

**Parent(s) of Applicant:**

I \_\_\_\_\_ understand the commitment my child is making if chosen to be a Youth Delegate for the Wisconsin Annual Conference. I commit to have them present at the conference in its entirety from Friday June 9 through Sunday, June 11, 2023. I will be supportive and encouraging to my child during this process and understand that it is an honor to serve the conference.

Parent's Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

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