

Grace Presbytery Senior High Youth Connection 2024

A Call for Small Group and Assistant Small Group Leaders

We are committed to select Small Group and Assistant Small Group Leaders who represent our diverse geographical distribution, racial/ethnic diversity, and both paid and volunteer church leadership.

Who is eligible to be a Small Group Leader?

Small Group Leaders are adults who must be in their 3rd year of college or 21yrs of age.

Who is eligible to be an Assistant Small Group Leader?

Assistant Small Group Leaders are adults who must be in their 2nd year of college or 20yrs of age.

When is the deadline to apply?

January 10, 2024

Small Group Leader Training Required:

Because we value the small group experience for the participant, you are **required to attend** one of the training meetings.

- 1) Saturday, January 20, 2024; 10:30am – 12pm, Presbyterian Mission Center, 6100 Colwell Blvd, Irving
- 2) Friday, January 26, 2024; 2 - 4pm, Austin College, Sherman, TX

What is my commitment?

- 1) You are expected to attend one of the Small Group Leader Trainings listed above.
- 2) Help the Planning Team to achieve the goals of the conference.

What is my purpose?

To provide young people with a supportive and caring environment in which to examine significant issues of faith and personal life.

Medical Release:

All participants are required to complete a Medical Release Form that the leadership will have on file in the event of an emergency

Background Check:

To participate in a leadership role, you must clear a background check. If your church has conducted a background check and will certify that you have cleared, we will accept that. Otherwise, we will perform a background check. Please complete and sign the Consent for Criminal Background History Check (last page of this packet).

How do I Apply?

Complete the Small Group Leader Application, Medical Release Form and Background Check

email: miranda@trussell.com

Mail to: Tammy Stepka (SHYC), Grace Presbytery, 6100 Colwell Blvd #100, Irving, Texas 75039

**GRACE PRESBYTERY SHYC 2024
Small Group Leader Application**

_____ **Small Group Leader**

_____ **Assistant Small Group Leader**

Small Group Leader/ Assistant Preference _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME _____
LAST FIRST PREFERRED NAME

BIRTHDATE _____ AGE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ / _____ / _____
Cell Home Work

ADDRESS: _____
STREET OR MAILING ADDRESS

_____ CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PRESENT OCCUPATION: _____

_____ CHURCH IN WHICH YOU ARE A CONFIRMED MEMBER City State

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

Have you been a small group leader before? If yes, list the conference(s) and year(s)

List any leadership experience with youth you have in your home church. – Activities and year(s)

List any leadership experience outside of your home church. – Organizations, activities, year(s)

Do you have any additional comments you wish to share?

I understand that I am expected to attend a Small Group Leader meeting training and I plan to attend one of the following training sessions:

January 20, 2024; 10am – 12pm January 26, 2024; 2 – 4pm

REFERENCES

1) Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Position _____ Length of Acquaintance _____

Email _____ Phone _____

2) Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Position _____ Length of Acquaintance _____

Email _____ Phone _____

3) Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Position _____ Length of Acquaintance _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Endorsement of Pastor, Christian Educator, Youth Leader (circle position of person endorsing):

Name (printed)

Signature

Date

SMALL GROUP LEADER RESPONSIBILITIES

Your responsibilities during this weekend will include but not be limited to the following:

- 1) Prepare approximately 4 small group meetings, including
 - Activities to enable your group members to get acquainted
 - Activities to create a community of faith
 - Activities to support the biblical theme presented by the Keynote Speaker
- 2) Be responsible for the activities of a group of 10 - 15 youth and adults.
- 3) Bring ideas and activities to share with other small group leaders.
 - Ideas for small group process
 - Activities of games, get acquainted, theme

In most cases two adults will be assigned to your group to assist you with these responsibilities. These adults come as youth sponsors from local churches. As you design your small group, please consider ways of sharing leadership with the Assistant Small Group Leader, adult leaders and youth participants. The goal of the group leader is to enable the members to become the leaders of the group.

Be creative and **come prepared** for an exciting weekend with some dynamic High School youth and adults.

ASSISTANT SMALL GROUP LEADER RESPONSIBILITIES

Your responsibilities during this weekend will include but not be limited to the following:

Assist the Small Group Leader to:

- 1) Prepare approximately 4 small group meetings, including
 - Activities to enable your group members to get acquainted
 - Activities to create a community of faith
 - Activities to support the biblical theme presented by the Keynote Speaker
- 2) Be responsible for the activities of a group of 10 - 15 youth and adults.
- 3) Bring ideas and activities to share with other small group leaders.
 - Ideas for small group process
 - Activities of games, get acquainted, theme

The Small Group Leader and the Assistant will consider ways of sharing leadership along with the adult leaders and youth participants.

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CONSENT FOR CRIMINAL BACKGROUND HISTORY CHECK

AUTHORIZATION/WAIVER/INDEMNITY

Each staff member or volunteer who is to be screened must sign an authorization/waiver/indemnity form, giving approval for Grace Presbytery and Intellicorp or other appropriate agency as contracted by Grace Presbytery to perform the criminal background search.

I _____ (print name legibly) hereby give my permission to Grace Presbytery to obtain information relating to my criminal history record through the Intellicorp, or other appropriate reporting agency as contracted by Grace Presbytery. The criminal history record, as received from the reporting agencies, may include arrest and conviction data as well as plea bargains, deferred adjudications, and delinquent conduct committed as a juvenile. I understand that this information will be used, in part, to determine my eligibility for an employment/volunteer position with this organization. I also understand that as long as I remain an employee or volunteer here, the criminal history records check may be repeated at any time. I understand that I will have an opportunity to review that criminal history as received by Grace Presbytery and a procedure is available for clarification, if I dispute the record as received. I also understand that the criminal history could contain information presumed to be expunged.

I, the undersigned, do, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, hereby remise, release and forever discharge and agree to indemnify Grace Presbytery, Intellicorp, and/or any other appropriate reporting agency contracted by Grace Presbytery, and each of their officers, directors, employees and agents and hold them harmless from and against any and all causes of actions, suits, liabilities, costs, debts and sums of money, claims and demands whatsoever (including claims for negligence, gross negligence, and/or strict liability of Intellicorp, and/or any other reporting agency as contracted by Grace Presbytery) and any and all related attorneys' fees, court costs and other expenses resulting from the investigation of my background in connection with my application to become a volunteer/staff member.

DATE

Applicant's Social Security Number

Applicant's Printed Name

Applicant's Birthdate

Other names applicant has used, please list all, including maiden name

Applicant's Email

Applicant's Home Address (Street)

City

State

Zip

Applicant's Signature