

**LANSING UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**Youth Ministries Partner Position Description**

The primary role of a Youth Ministries partner is to foster formation, practice, and growth in Christian faith within the Lansing United Methodist Church Youth Ministries programs. Youth Ministries partners serve under leadership and supervision of the Youth Ministry Coordinator.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Provide faith formation opportunities for youth through fellowship groups and activities provided under the direction of the Youth Ministry Coordinator, to include Senior High Youth Group, Junior High Youth Group, and Pancakes & Prayer.
2. Work cooperatively with other volunteers and parents in carrying out activities.
3. Develop a relationship of trust and continuity with the youth to enhance each youth's understanding of their identity as a Beloved Child of God.
4. Maintain open communications with family members and guardians.
5. Provide a safe, welcoming, inviting and positive environment. Model polite, friendly, and courteous behavior for both youth and adults. Do not engage in physical punishment/discipline of any youth.
6. Be present at each scheduled youth meeting or activity prepared to carry out intentional programming planned for that gathering. Coordinate planned or unexpected absences with the Youth Ministry Coordinator.
7. Be trained in Safe Sanctuaries policies of the Upper NY Conference and of LUMC, and covenant with LUMC to comply with those policies. For retreats or overnight events, prepare a written plan for approval by the Pastor detailing how specific requirements for those events will be carried out.
8. Attend periodic training and education opportunities provided by LUMC to include an annual review of LUMC Safe Sanctuary policies and procedures as they apply to its ministries with youth.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

1. A personal commitment to Christ, a growing faith, and a passion for working with youth.
2. Strong interpersonal skills interacting with youth and their families.
3. A basic understanding of youth and their needs.
4. Willingness to grow in knowledge of youth through periodic education and training opportunities.
5. Ability to adapt to a variety of situations.
6. Have had an active relationship with LUMC for at least 6 months.
7. Be at least 18 years of age and at least 5 years older than the oldest minor enrolled in the youth group for which you are serving.
8. Completion of consensual background check process.

I have read the position description for Lansing United Methodist Church Youth Ministries Partner and understand its contents. My signature below indicates my agreement and covenant to abide by the responsibilities set forth above.

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Signature of Applicant

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Date