

Recommendation Letter Guidelines

for Dakotas Conference Council on Youth Ministries Applicants or Nominees

The following are guidelines for pastors or youth workers writing letters of recommendations of youth seeking election to CCYM or being nominated for appointment.

Please include the following while writing your recommendation letter.

- How long you have known this person and in what capacity.
- This person's gifts and talents for serving on CCYM.
- Evidence you have seen in this person which demonstrates faith in Jesus Christ.
- How this person has shown evidence of working well with others, particularly in a team setting.
- How you have seen this person demonstrate Christian servant leadership in your church or community.
- Why you think this person would be an asset to the conference youth ministry.
- Please provide any information you feel is necessary to properly describe/recommend this person.

The following are CCYM requirements for individuals writing letters of recommendation.

- Letter must be written by a pastor or a youth worker of the United Methodist Church or charge of which the youth is a member.
- In the event of a recent pastoral change, a letter from either pastor is acceptable.
- The letter of recommendation must contain examples of involvement in a local church and examples of a life lived in faith in Jesus Christ.
- No adult member of CCYM may write a letter of recommendation, unless they are the only pastor/youth worker at the person's local church.