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Dreaming of what God intends for the future of the church is always exciting. The Church Council has already approved a Strategic Planning Committee which continues to discern direction and strategy for the work of Christ as a congregation. This effort, chaired by Pastor Andrew, has identified areas of importance in our local community. Additionally, they have presented a refined and retooled Mission Statement which connects our beliefs with our actions through Nurture, Outreach, and Witness efforts.

The Church Council has now identified the next emphasis in the life of our congregation will be our Youth Ministry. With the recent appointment of our Youth Minister to a Lead Pastor role in a local church, we are at a point of decision about the future of the ministry with our young disciples of Jesus. Now is the time to assure the Youth Ministry has the foundation it needs and the plan going forward to create and sustain the transformative work that God is already doing through this vital ministry. Mount Pleasant Church is beginning a **Youth Ministry Renovation!**

Upon recommendation of the Committee on Pastor Parish Relations, the Church Council has agreed to partner Mount Pleasant Church with a highly-skilled team of ministry professionals known as Ministry Architects. This ministry consultant firm, based in Brentwood, TN, has worked with nearly 600 churches since 2002 by helping them find clear direction and sustained momentum backed up by properly aligned resources. Ministry Architects will begin working with Mount Pleasant Church through a three day 'on site assessment' in October 2018. They will listen to a variety of groups within the church (youth, parents, volunteers, members), and then on the third day present a plan to the congregation based on what they have heard. These recommendations include a detailed timeline laying out the process.

Ministry Architects will then work with our congregation over the next 18 months by coaching our Youth Renovation Committee, resourcing the youth ministry, and helping us secure a youth minister through their national network. The Youth Ministry Renovation project will require the people of Mount Pleasant Church to work together for the benefit of a stronger future for our young disciples and the church as a whole. Everyone has an important role to fulfill in this process. You will see more information soon. Please be in prayer about how you will participate.

**Youth Ministry Renovation Assessment**  
**October 15, 16, & 17, 2018**  
**Mount Pleasant Church**

*"How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!" - Psalm 133:1*



### **Why Ministry Architects?**

At Ministry Architects, we believe there is a better way, a better way than one-size-fits-all training events and quick-fix searches for superstar staffers. It all starts with building intentionally. So like architects, we don't tell churches what they want to build. We start by listening and then show them a blueprint of exactly how they can move from where they are to where they want to be. And then we walk alongside

them as to make sure that they build the kind of infrastructure they will need to create the youth ministry they dream of having. We have made it our mission to help churches establish sustainable, deep-impact youth ministries, one church at a time.

### **What is going to happen when MA is here?**

MA will spend the majority of their time listening to a variety of groups within the church through focused listening groups. After spending 2 days in these listening groups (and taking copious notes), the MA team will hunker down to write a report, sharing with the church what they've heard about the youth programs and where they hear that the church wants to go. On the 3rd day, the report will be presented to the congregation laying out a blueprint for how to move forward.

### **As a parent, why should I attend?**

As a parent, you have the strongest influence on your child's spiritual development, and you are the center of faith formation in your family. MA wants to hear your hopes, dreams and concerns about the youth ministry. Parents can give feedback on how the youth ministry is helping their teen to grow into the person that God created him/her to be. Parents are a vital piece to the Christian nurture of their children and MA wants them to be invested in the process of building a strong foundation.

### **As a youth volunteer, why should I attend?**

Volunteers obviously care about the youth ministry through their commitment of time, energy, and love. You can give perspective to how you see the ministry affecting the lives of the youth because you are on the "front lines". You can see what the strengths & challenges are and can bring about change and improvement to the ministry in which they are serving. Your feedback is invaluable.

### **As a church member who is not a part of the youth ministry, why should I attend?**

Faith formation is a community effort – it takes many folks to model the Christian life to young people. Members of the church set the example to youth on how to worship, how to live a Christ-like life, and how to serve Christ in others. As a member of the church, your feedback is significant in moving the youth ministry forward in a sustainable model. As Christians, we are called to nurture faith in our young people. Investing your time in a listening group shows the care that members of the church have for its youth. MA values the "outside" view that you can give.

### **What will the report look like?**

The Assessment Report will start by reflecting back to the church what the MA team heard people saying about the youth ministry. We compare your church to norms across the country. We will point out the assets of the programs – the things to protect and keep. We will also share the challenges that we see – the things that are roadblocks to the ministry moving strategically forward. We then lay out a blueprint for how to strategically move the youth ministry from where they are now to where you want it to be.