

November 2023

Dear High School Youth Leader(s),



On behalf of the Board of RMS, I praise God for the work that you are doing to nurture the covenant youth so that they can learn the truths found in God's Word by the power of the Holy Spirit. You serve as a vital part of the lives of your young people during these years. RMS would like to partner with you by offering our Teens Actively Serving Christ (TASC) ministry to encourage growth through acts of love in Christ's name. I am pleased to provide you with information regarding our TASC events for the summer of 2024.

Enclosed, you will find promotional information outlining key reservation and registration details for the upcoming TASC season. RMS has five TASC sites that will be hosted by RMS member churches for 2024. These dates/locations are:

June 8-15 - Grace United Reformed Church, Alto, MI

TBD - Trinity United Reformed Church, Visalia, CA

June 22-29 - Redeemer Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Ada, MI

June 22-29 - Hudson Valley United Reformed Church, New Hampton, NY

July 6-13 - Covenant Reformed Church, Pella, IA

July 27 - Aug. 3 - Ejido-Uruapan, Mexico - Oak Glen United Reformed Church

The price of TASC events in the United States is \$350 per person not including your travel expenses to and from each location. The Mexico TASC registration cost will be \$700 and does not include your travel expenses to and from San Diego, CA. If you have a group or individuals interested in participating in one of these opportunities, please know that [we have divided the registration process into 2 phases](#). Please see the enclosed TASC Reservation/Registration Handout for more details.

Each church must have **one primary contact (PC)** to serve as a liaison between their church and RMS. The PC is an adult volunteer, youth leader, or parent. The PC is responsible for the reservation of their group during the first phase of the registration process. Also, any questions/concerns must go through your PC to RMS, including collecting and mailing final payments to RMS by the April 30, 2023 deadline. Finally, a reminder that RMS requires a minimum of 1 sponsor for groups of 5 or less and that a 1 sponsor to 5 students ratio for groups larger than 5 students.

The RMS board must emphasize the importance of every TASC participant remaining at the event for the entirety of the week. This rule is for students as well as sponsors. We understand that scheduling conflicts may arise between registration and the actual event. We ask that individuals notify their PC as soon as possible to make a name substitution or for a refund of the registration fee if applicable (some restrictions apply).

Other options may be available if a student wants to attend a TASC event but cannot be with their group. To explore these options, have your PC contact the TASC Committee at TASC@rms.org for more information. This situation must be resolved before the reservation date in order for the individual to have a spot reserved at the event of their choice.

You will find the Registration Instructions/TASC Rules and Regulations Handout along with this letter. Please ensure each young person and their parent(s) receive a copy of this document and are made aware of the registration process. We also included two TASC posters for display. One for young people and youth leaders, and one where your congregation will likely see it.

New for 2024 TASC Registration:

One of the blessings of the TASC program is the sweet, Christian fellowship with young people from other churches at each event. To foster the opportunity for more churches to attend any one TASC event, RMS will be limiting reservations for each site so that one youth group may NOT reserve more than fifty percent of the available guest student slots at each TASC. This rule will be applied to all TASC events. Youth Groups are encouraged to sign up for multiple locations.

If you would like to reserve more than fifty percent of the guest student slots at one TASC event, the additional students must be placed on the waiting list, and RMS will contact you if there is extra space. This effort will promote the diversification of students serving at each event. If your youth group desires to serve together as an entire group and there is no room for everyone at a single TASC event, we encourage you to reach out to TASC@rms.org, and we would be happy to find alternate opportunities for your youth group at a non-TASC location.

Just a reminder that sponsors do not have to be youth group leaders. We know that finding sponsors to chaperone your students takes hard work. If you have exhausted all resources within your youth group to find sponsors, RMS encourages you to look to members of your congregation to fill this need.

The RMS Board is praying for you and your young people as you prayerfully consider TASC this coming summer. If you have any questions about TASC or other RMS opportunities, please contact me or any of our board members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob B Brinks".

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