

# Proposal to merge 3 areas into one Mission West Outdoor Ministry Team

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Mission West Outdoor Ministry Team (MWOMT) will meet twice a year, typically the 4th weekend in January and the 4th weekend August or September. The next meeting date will be set at the previous meeting.

The MWOMT will be composed of one member from each camp/event and two at large members. This team does the work of planning all camps, retreats, mission trips, and other events that are available in Mission West for children, youth, and young adults.

In 2016 MWOMT will begin with 6 team members (1 from each camp/event and 2 at large members). If and when new camps are added, the director from that camp will serve on the MWMYT. If a camp ceases to exist, that seat on the team will cease to exist.

## **For 2016**

1. CEA grand beginnings,
2. CEA JYF,
3. HPTRA JYF,
4. MW Chi Rho/CYF
5. YAM (Young Adult Mission)
6. At large
7. At large

## **For 2017 and beyond**

1. Grand Beginnings
2. JYF
3. Chi Rho & CYF
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The MWOMT chair would be someone who has directed a camp and would be elected from within for a 2 year commitment.

Each camp should have a minimum of 3 team members and maximum of 6 team members all serving staggered 3 years terms. After a 3 year term is completed, that person will not serve on any camp team for one year.

The typical flow of leadership for each camp/event will follow the following outline:

- 1st year is learning and watch.
- 2nd year leading with guidance and recruiting new team members.
- 3rd leading fully and offering guidance for the remaining team.

Current camp planning teams would need to determine their rolling off dates to work within this timeline. The new leadership will start 2016- 2017.

# 2015-2016 Camp Planning Participants

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## **Mission West Winter Rally Session 1 (G 6th-12th) Nov 13-15, LBCR**

### **\$90 per person**

Hannah Fish, FCC San Angelo;  
Ben Huebert, FCC San Angelo;  
Laura Pittinger, FCC Midland;  
Elizabeth "Muffy" Watson, FCC Abilene;  
TJ York, FCC Midland

## **Mission West Winter Retreat Session 2 (G 6th-12th) Nov 13-15, BRCL**

### **\$90 per person**

Heather Reed, FCC Amarillo; RYMC Representative HPA  
Randa Reeves, FCC Brownfield;  
Alex Smith, Westmont CC Lubbock;

## **Mission West Mid Winter Retreat Session 1 (G 3rd-12th) Feb. 5-7, BRCL**

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Randa Reeves, FCC Brownfield;  
Alex Smith, Westmont CC Lubbock;

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## **Mission West CYF & Chi Rho (Grades 6th-12th) June 12-18, Ceta Glen**

### **Cost TBD**

Hannah Fish, FCC San Angelo;  
Ben Huebert, FCC San Angelo;  
Karakay Kovaly, Mission West; RYMC Representative TRA  
Laura Pittinger, FCC Midland;  
Heather Reed, FCC Amarillo; RYMC Representative HPA  
Randa Reeves, FCC Brownfield;  
Alex Smith, Westmont CC Lubbock;  
Elizabeth "Muffy" Watson, FCC Abilene

TJ York, FCC Midland

**YAM (Young Adult Mission) (First year out of High School to 27 years old and 28+ as Sponsors) May 26- June 3\* Partnership with Building Cultures Mission Ecuador (dates may fluctuate) Mission West, \$1700 per person**

Alex Smith, Westmont CC Lubbock;

**Grand Beginnings June 10-12 Lake Brownwood (4 years old to 3rd G with Parent/GParent  
Cost TBD**

Paula Brooks, FCC Midland

**Mission West JYF Session 1 June 20-24 Black River  
Cost TBD**

Matt Every, FCC Ruidoso

**Mission West JYF Session 2 June 26-30 Lake Brownwood  
Cost TBD**

Paula Brooks

Angel Rodriguez, FCC Abilene (maybe)

Sara H, CC San Angelo (maybe)

**"8ers" Created to be me, June 26 to July 2, Disciples Crossing  
Cost TBD**

TJ York, FCC Midland

Karakay Kovaly, Mission West

**CYLS, July 24/25-30, Disciples Oaks, Gonzales, TX  
Cost TBD**

Brazos Condra, FCC Abilene; RYMC Representative CEA

Heather Reed, FCC Amarillo; RYMC Representative HPA

Karakay Kovaly, Mission West; RYMC Representative TRA (looking for a replacement)

# Teams to communicate with boards:

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- Randa Reeves, Mission West Common Mission Board
- TJ York, Central Area Board
- TBD, Hi Plains Area (Karakay acting until someone is found)
- TBD, Tres Rios are (Karakay acting until someone is found)

The MWOMT in conjunction with the Associate Area Minister shall receive input from and establish communication links with local congregations, area boards, and the Common Mission board for all ministry related to children, youth and young adults. Coordinating calendar and programs for youth ministry events; establish philosophy, policy, procedures, age levels, and costs and budgets for all programs including camps and conferences, retreats, rallies, and mission trips; develop themes and coordinate development across all ages of curriculum for Mission West camps and conferences; recruit and train directors and sponsors for all events; promote and publicize events; promote Cluster, Area, Regional, General, and ecumenical youth events in Mission West.

The MWOMT shall carry out its work through camp teams

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The team leader of all teams shall be recommended by the respective events and approved by the Associate Area Minister and Mission West Common Mission Board. Adult members of each team shall be approved by Associate Area Minister. Chairpersons and members shall serve three-year terms, August to August and may not serve successive full terms, each member must take a year off between serving on any team.

## 1. Grand Beginnings Youth Ministry Team.

The Grand Beginnings Youth Ministry Team shall be composed of three to six adults representative of the churches, Clusters, and New Beginnings age programs of Mission West. The Grand Beginnings Youth Ministry Team shall plan, lead, and coordinate Area programs and events for children 3 years old to 3rd grade and their accompanying parent, grandparent, or other supporting adult. They will develop New Beginnings camp curricula to implement the themes established by the MWOMT; encourage and resource Cluster New Beginnings events; develop Area programs for training and supporting New Beginnings sponsors; and resource and consult with local churches regarding New Beginnings age

program

## **2. Junior Youth Fellowship Ministry Team.**

The Junior Youth Ministry Team shall be composed of three to six adults representative of the churches, Clusters, and Junior programs of Mission West.

The Junior Youth Fellowship Ministry Team shall plan, lead, and coordinate Mission West programs and events for older-elementary age youth, (grades 3rd to 5th grade); develop Junior Camp curricula to implement the themes established by the MWMYT; encourage and resource Cluster JYF events; develop Mission West programs for training and supporting JYF sponsors; and resource and consult with local churches regarding Junior age program.

## **3. Chi Rho & CYF Ministry Team.**

The Chi Rho & CYF Youth Ministry Team shall be composed of no more than nine adults (3 from the Hi Plains and Tres Rios Area, 3 from the Central Area, and 3 who serve as the RYMC (CCSW Regional Youth Ministry Council) representatives from HPA, TRA, and CEA.

Youth representative, called Area Officers (AO's) shall be composed of eight to seventeen youth representatives of the churches and Clusters of Mission West with a goal of least one youth from all twelve clusters and 5 at large seats from any cluster. No more than 4 representative from each church may serve on the MYC (Ministry Youth Council).

## **Selection & Requirements & Terms**

The youth members of the MYC shall be sophomores, juniors or seniors for their term of service. They must have attended 2 events (camps or retreats) sponsored by Mission West in the last 18 months. They must be active members of their local Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) congregation. They are nominated by their churches and interviewed by the adults who serve on the Chi Rho and CYF Youth Ministry Team. They will exhibit maturity and positive leadership in their local congregations and at Mission West Youth Events.

Youth shall serve one year terms beginning with the Christian Youth Leadership Seminar (CYLS) following their election. Youth may be eligible for a second or third one-year term. In as much as possible, one half of the youth members shall be new each year.

Every AO is expected to attend all age appropriate retreats, rallies, and camps during their tenure ; at least 3 planning meetings; and CYLS. If an AO is unable to attend camp or CYLS their seat will be forfeited. AO's may only miss one retreat or rally without forfeiting their seat.

AO's and RYMC representative are responsible for their own transportation to planning meetings and other events. It is strongly suggested that youth carpool with adult council members whenever possible, but the adults are not responsible for arranging transportation to/from planning meetings or events. Youth cannot drive themselves to any planning or camping event.

Applications are should be submitted to the Mission West office by the second Tuesday in March.

Interviews will take place after Lent and Easter but before the second weekend in May.

Applications must include the following:

- a completed candidate information form;
- an essay detailing the reason for seeking to be an AO and the contributions you will make to the youth of Mission West. This essay should be considered a personal faith statement and reflection of the gifts you wish to share. Essay's should include why you want to serve as an AO; what is means to you to be a Christian servant leader; what leadership abilities and spiritual gifts you possess; ways you have shared your leaderships gifts in your location congregation; any potential conflicts that might keep you from attending all retreats, rallies, camps, planning sessions or CYLS; and any additional information you would like the committee to know about you.
- letter of parental endorsement which affirms that parents understanding, approval of, and support of the candidate to fulfill their responsibilities as an AO.
- two letters of endorsement from the youth pastor, youth sponsor, senior minister or board president/moderator that describes and affirms your leadership abilities and commitment to the youth in your home congregation.
- letter of reference from a non family related adult about their leadership skills.

### **What does an AO do?**

AO's are responsible to plan, lead, and coordinate high school age youth events; develop curricula to implement the themes established by the MYC; develop programs and events for youth and adult leader development; promote Area, Regional, and General youth programs and events in Mission West; generate and maintain enthusiasm for youth programs; participate in the CYLS; promote church vocations among Area high school youth; encourage and coordinate Cluster CYF events; and resource and consult with local churches regarding CYF program. Specific tasks include: selection of event keynoters, planning and carrying out worship, facilitating small group work, and all duties assigned at Mission West youth events in conjunction with their sponsoring adults.

### **RYMC Representative**

Three students and three adult sponsors (1 student and 1 adult per areas) are eligible to serve on the Regional Youth Ministry Council. Adult RYMC members will be chosen at the same time as AO's. Student RYMC members will be chosen no later than the last day of camp. Every effort will be made to find a Central, Hi Plains, and Tres Rios student and adult for these positions, in the event there is not a candidate living in a specific area a substitute from another area may be nominated in their place. Area board moderators, Mission West Board Moderator, and the Associate Area Minister must approve the substitution.