

ELIOT INSTITUTE
YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT CHAPLAIN
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SELECTION: Selected by the Eliot Board of Directors and is responsible to the Dean. Candidates may make application stating their interest, qualifications and experience of serving in a chaplain or pastoral role.

QUALIFICATIONS: The Youth/Young Adult Chaplain must have attended a Chaplain training course in the last 3 years. They should display the following qualities:

- a strong understanding of the spiritual and emotional needs of youth;
- superb listening skills;
- strong empathy along with strong sense of personal boundaries and the ability to deal with individuals who may be in distress without getting up caught up in other's emotions;
- an understanding of how to keep and when to share confidential things appropriately.

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES: Be available to youth campers to witness and support an individual's struggle or triumph in connecting with their Higher Self at the camp. Be spiritually present to a camper in personal crisis or minister to the camp in the event of a larger crisis. Offer temporary pastoral counsel only and refer a camper to resources in the camper's home community where appropriate.

CONFIDENTIALITY: A Chaplain serves campers in a confidential manner unless for safety reasons they deem it necessary and appropriate to consult with the Deans and/or Board Representative after notifying the camper.

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TIMELINE

BEFORE CAMP

- ___ Register for camp. Sign contract and Code of Ethics and return to Registrar.
- ___ Work with the Volunteer Coordinator to arrange a time and place for office hours, where Young Adults/youth may drop by, including a place for office hours on arrival day.
- ___ Submit a brief article for the pre-camp newsletter telling about yourself. Let youth campers know you will be available by appointment in addition to your office hours. Include the time and place for your office hours.
- ___ Coordinate with Youth Advisor how best to welcome and include all first-time youth attendees both before and during camp.
- ___ Discuss with the Youth Advisor when you should first meet with the youth to orient them on your role; e.g. first-night orientation; first morning program, etc.

ARRIVAL DAY

- ___ Attend all staff meeting.
- ___ Attend Youth staff meeting.

___ Attend Youth/Parent/Sponsor orientation to explain role and purpose during camp.

DURING CAMP

___ Hold scheduled office hours.

___ Be available to provide supportive listening and pastoral care to participants of the Youth Group throughout the week (and not afterwards).

___ Be 'on deck' to assist to the Youth Group in planning the Youth-led Worship service with any support they might need over the course of camp in planning and leading the youth led worships.

___ Engage with the Youth and YA communities, participating in a range of activities while also keeping eyes and ears out for how participants are feeling and being.

___ Record number of Youth and/or Young Adults who visited during office hours each day. Report this number in report after camp.

AFTER CAMP

___ Within two weeks of the end of camp, submit a report to the camp Deans using the template they provide. Although the chaplain does not report to the dean, it is helpful to the board for the reports to be handled together. Anything of a sensitive nature that needs to be communicated should go to the Board Representative.