The New Covenant PYCC is a team of high school youth, in partnership with mentoring adults, who work together to plan and lead events and activities for the youth of the presbytery. JOIN THE YOUTH COUNCIL and develop your leadership skills, grow in your faith, explore and share your God given gifts, and build close friendships with youth from other churches. If you have energy and gifts for worship, music, drama, mission, recreation or small groups, you will want to be a part of this group!

APPLICATION PACKET
TO:                  Pastors, Christian Educators, and Youth Workers
FROM:               Rev. Caressa Murray, Coordinator for Youth Ministry
DATE:               March 12, 2014
SUBJEC":            PYCC (Presbyterian Youth Connection Council)

Applications for our presbytery’s 2014-2015 PYCC are now available!

Our Presbytery’s Youth Connection Council is a wonderful opportunity for young people to share their gifts and explore their leadership abilities. Youth on the council work alongside adult members to design and lead fellowship, mission, and worship experiences for the young people of our presbytery. Through these events, this council seeks to deepen one’s faith and relationship with God as well as build relationships between youth and adults in our presbytery.

Do YOU know an exceptional youth in your church that exhibits a mature faith and potential for leadership and service?
Do YOU know a young person who has gifts and abilities in music, drama, worship, recreation?
Do YOU know an adult with a mentoring spirit and a strong relationship with Christ?
Encourage them to apply TODAY for the 2014-2015 Presbyterian Youth Connection Council!

On the reverse of this page you will find questions to consider as you identify and select youth and adult applicants. It is important to note the criteria for the selection of youth and adults to serve and the commitment required of PYCC members. Potential youth and adults should complete applications and submit them to your church for review and endorsement. Your church will then select and submit up to four youth (in 10th – 12th grades) and three adults (over the age of 23) to serve on the council and represent your congregation.

There is some financial cost for participation in the council activities. The participant’s share is $250, which covers the cost of two planning retreats and two Conclave weekends at Camp Cho-Yeh. Congregations are encouraged to pay this fee or a portion thereof on behalf of their youth and adults. Please contact Caressa Murray if financial assistance is needed. A check for $100 payable to “Presbytery of New Covenant,” should accompany each application. Write “PYCC: (name)” in the memo.

Enclosed you will find detailed information on the Youth Council, a poster for promotion, and application forms for youth and adults. Application forms are also available online at: www.pbjoftennewcovenant.org → "Ministries" → "Youth" → "Forms."

Applications and deposits are due to the Presbytery Office by JULY 1, 2014.

Thank you for prayerfully considering this opportunity for your young people and adults!
Rev. Caressa Murray, Coordinator for Youth Ministry, cmurray@pbjoftennewcovenant.org
Questions to consider when Selecting Youth Council Participants

- How does this person give indication of growing in a faithful relationship with Jesus Christ?
- Would this person be a good role model and a good representative from your church?
- What qualities of a servant-leader does this young person or adult demonstrate?
- Does this person have communication skills and will he/she communicate the work of PYCC back to your congregation?
- What skills, abilities and leadership potential do you see in this person that will enable them to be an effective member of the PYCC?
- Will their family be supportive? Will their parent(s)/guardian(s) help them get to meetings at the Presbytery Center and/or Camp Cho-Yeh?
- Will this young person be able to balance a busy school life with the time demands of the Council?  
  (Sadly, the demands of participation in school activities such as band and sports make it difficult for young people to fulfill their time commitment for PYCC.)
- Does the person relate well with both youth and adults?

Additionally, for the congregation team selecting applicants

- How will your congregation support and nurture the development of this young person’s gifts?
- How will your congregation support and encourage this adult to guide and empower young people in leadership? How will you equip this adult to serve the larger church?
- How will your congregation support their participation financially?
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"And don't let anyone put you down because you're young. Teach believers with your life: by word, by demeanor, by love, by faith, by integrity... And that special gift of ministry you were given when the leaders of the church laid hands on you and prayed - keep that dusted off and in use. Cultivate these things. Immerse yourself in them. The people will all see you mature right before their eyes!" 1 Timothy 4:12-15 (The Message)

PURPOSE
The Presbyterian Youth Connection Council (PYCC) exists to assist in developing a comprehensive ministry for youth and adults who work with them in the presbytery.

1. To develop and nurture a presbytery-wide youth ministry network.
2. To plan and implement quality programming such as, Conclaves, Youth Rally and other youth ministry programs that offer opportunities for fellowship, study, service and worship for the Presbytery of New Covenant.
3. Serve as liaisons between local congregations and the presbytery.
4. To provide a model of partnership between youth and adults at the presbytery level.
5. To empower youth and adults to participate in all areas of the church’s ministry while equipping them in their tasks.
6. To advocate for issues of justice and peacemaking for young people.

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP
New Covenant Presbyterian Youth Connection Council (PYCC) is re-formed each year with adult and youth leadership from all over our presbytery. The Council meets at least once a month to plan retreats and events for young people.

Leadership
The Council is led by two youth and two adult co-moderators and guided by presbytery staff.

Within the Council there are seven ministry teams on which to serve: Music, Mission, Worship, Curriculum, Keynote, Recreation and AudioVisual. Each team is led by a Youth Team Lead supported by an Adult Team Lead.

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Selection of PYCC Members
Members of the Council are selected by their home church. Congregations are entrusted with identifying young people and adults in their congregation who have gifts for ministry and leadership potential, a strong relationship with Christ, and who will make the commitment to be a member of the Council. Churches should have interested youth and adults complete the application forms and submit to the pastor and/or youth leader for evaluation and selection.

Each church may name up to 4 youth and up to 3 adults as members of the Council.

YOUTH who serve on the PYCC must meet the following criteria:
1. Be in a committed relationship with Jesus Christ
2. Give evidence of that relationship in their daily life
3. Be an active participant in their local church and youth activities
4. Be a rising 10th - 12th grader
5. Be willing to learn new skills and take risks in leadership roles
6. Be willing to make PYCC a priority in their schedule and be regular in attendance at meetings and events (see attendance policy)
7. Be a member of a Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in the Presbytery of New Covenant that they will be representing

Churches may select and endorse up to four (4) youth

ADULTS who serve on the PYCC must meet the following criteria:
1. Be in a committed relationship with Jesus Christ
2. Give evidence of that relationship in their daily life
3. Be an active participant in their local church, have experience with or currently involved in local church youth ministry program
4. Be willing to learn new skills and take risks in leadership roles
5. Be willing to make PYCC a priority in their schedules and be regular in attendance at meetings and events (see attendance policy)
6. Be willing to make a minimum of a one (1) year commitment
7. Have a current criminal background check on file with the home congregation
8. Be willing to sign the sexual misconduct form
9. Be a member of a Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in the Presbytery of New Covenant
10. Be at least 23 years of age.

Churches may select and endorse up to three (3) adults

Term of Service
Youth will serve for a one (1) year term with an option to apply to serve up to three (3) years from August 1st through April 30th each year.

Adults will serve for a one (1) year term with an option of serving an additional one (1) year term from August 1st through April 30th each year.

Attendance Policy
- Two unexcused absences will be grounds for dismissal from the council.
  (Unexcused absences are considered those in which members did not notify the Presbytery Staff at least 24 hours prior to a meeting they will miss).
- A total of 3 absences (excused or unexcused) may be grounds for dismissal.

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Youth Connection Council members are expected to attend the following:
- 2 planning retreats
- Youth Rally in the Fall
- 7 meetings
- 2 Youth Conclaves

**PYCC MEETING DATES FOR 2014-2015:**

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The Presbytery Office is located at 1110 Lovett Blvd, Houston, 77006
Ministry Team Leads and Co-Mods meet at 8:30 am on meeting days
Send request for excused absences to cmurray@pbyofnewcovenant.org

**Financial Cost**
There is some financial cost for participation in the council activities. **The participant's share is $250,** which covers the cost of two planning retreats and two conclave weekends. Congregations are encouraged to pay this fee or a portion thereof on behalf of their youth and adults. Please contact Caressa Murray if financial assistance is needed. A check for $100 payable to “Presbytery of New Covenant,” should accompany each application. Write “PYCC: (name)” in the memo.

**Applications**
Application packets are mailed to churches in March for the next school year’s council.
Application forms are also available online at: [www.pbyofnewcovenant.org](http://www.pbyofnewcovenant.org) → "Ministries" → “Youth” → “Forms”

**Deadline & Submissions**
The church should submit the following for each endorsed applicant by **July 1, 2014.**
All returning PYCC members must complete new paperwork.

**For YOUTH Applicants:**
- Youth PYCC Application Form
- Youth Medical Consent Form
- Parent Consent & Photo Release Form
- PYCC Covenant
- $100 deposit

**For ADULT Applicants:**
- Adult PYCC Application Form
- Copy of Background Check Report
- Adult Disclosure Information Form
- PYCC Covenant
- $100 deposit

Please send paperwork and deposits to:
Attn: PYCC
Presbytery of New Covenant
1110 Lovett Blvd, Houston, TX 77006

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FAQ's
about Presbytery Youth Connection Council (PYCC)

What is the Council and what do they do?
The New Covenant PYCC is a team of youth, in partnership with mentoring adults, who work together to plan and lead events and activities for the youth of the presbytery, such as Conclaves and Youth Rally.

Is planning events and weekend retreats (Conclaves) all that happen?
Not by a long shot! These young people develop leadership skills, grow in their spiritual maturity, depth and in their ability to articulate their faith, and experience the connectional church. They form close friendships with youth and adults from other congregations.

How are Youth Council members selected?
Congregations may name up to 4 youth and/or up to 3 adults as members of the Council. Because you know your youth and adults best, we trust you with the selection.

What is the benefit to the youth who participate?
Members of previous Councils testified to a number of benefits they derived from service. These benefits included personal spiritual growth, developing leadership skills, forming deep friendships across the presbytery and a deep satisfaction in their work.

We have only two or three youth in our church and do not have a formal youth program.
Why should we send our kids to PYCC?
The Council experience can be especially valuable for kids who do not have a youth group in their own church. These young people often consider the experience of Council service and the friendships formed as their youth fellowship experience.

Adults who are gifted and willing to work with youth are hard to come by. Why should I ask adults to take part in PYCC?
Adults on PYCC gain the ability to develop deeper skills in youth ministry and network with other area youth leaders. Adults often discover gifts, abilities and passions for ministry they never knew. Additionally, those kids who travel a significant distance for meetings are more likely to be regular in attendance when there is an adult from their home church to support their travel and participation.

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PYCC 2014 – 2015
PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION COUNCIL
YOUTH APPLICATION

Complete application and submit to your Pastor, Christian Educator, or Youth Director for evaluation, selection and endorsement.

Full Name ________________________________

What is your preferred first name for your name tag? ________________________________

☐ Male ☐ Female Date of Birth ______/_____/_______ Grade Fall 2014 ________________

Address ________________________________

City __________________ State __________ Zip __________________

E-mail ________________________________

Home Phone ___________________________ Cell Phone ___________________________

Permission to Facebook _____ Yes _____ No Permission to Text Message _____ Yes _____ No

T-Shirt Size: ☐ Small ☐ Medium ☐ Large ☐ X-Large ☐ 2X-Large ☐ 3X-Large

CHURCH_________________________ CITY ______________ PHONE__________________

PARENTAL / GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Parent (Mother) / Guardian Name: ________________________________

Home ___________________________ Cell ___________________________ Work ____________________

Email ________________________________

Parent (Father) / Guardian Name: ________________________________

Home ___________________________ Cell ___________________________ Work ____________________

Email ________________________________

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ENDORSEMENT BY CHURCH:
I verify that the applicant is an active member of the congregation and is endorsed by the session to serve on the Presbytery's Youth Connection Council (PYCC).

_____________________________ Date
Signature of Pastor, Christian Educator, Youth Leader (please circle one)

Please list two adult church members who may serve as a reference for you:

Name: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________

Name: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________

Briefly describe your relationship with Jesus Christ and the role of the church in your life:


Briefly describe activities in which you have participated in your church, school, community, etc.:


Briefly state why you would like to serve on PYCC and what you hope to gain from the experience:


Briefly describe particular gifts, talents, abilities, personality traits, etc. you would contribute to PYCC:


Within PYCC, there are seven ministry teams on which you can serve: Music, Mission, Worship, Curriculum, Keynote, Recreation and AudioVisual. Which two areas would interest you most and why? If music is one of them, please list any musical instruments you play.

(Please use the back of page to answer questions if needed)

I have read the Statement of Purpose for PYCC and the Expectations of Members and if selected covenant to be an active and committed member of the Council.

Youth Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________

_____________________________ Date ___________________________
Parental Signature
Presbytery of New Covenant - PYCC
YOUTH MEDICAL INFORMATION CONSENT FORM
Time Period: August 1, 2014 to April 30, 2015

Name ________________________________________ Gender _________ Date of Birth _____/_____/_____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CALL:
Name ________________________________________ Home Phone ___________________ Cell Phone ____________
Home Address ___________________________________________________________ City________ State____ Zip____

ALTERNATE CONTACT: (someone besides parents/guardians)
Name ________________________________________ Home Phone ___________________ Cell Phone ____________
Home Address ___________________________________________________________ City________ State____ Zip____

MEDICAL INFORMATION:
Please list all allergies: (This includes all Medications, Foods, Insect Bites, Asthma, etc.)
________________________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________________

Carry Epi Pen? _____YES _____NO  Carry Inhaler? _____YES _____NO *Please include a note of medical necessity from Doctor.

Please list any medications this child is presently taking:
________________________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________________

Please list all health restrictions, pre-existing or present medical conditions, or dietary needs:
________________________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________________

Family Doctor: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________
Name of Insurance Company: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________
Policy Number: ___________________________ Group Number: ___________________________

☐ My child does not (I do not) currently have health insurance.

I, the parent/guardian of said child hereby give permission for him/her to attend and participate fully in the activities
conducted by the Presbytery of New Covenant’s Presbyterian Youth Connection Council during the time period of the dates
listed above. I also give my child permission to take part in Camp Cho-Yeh based activities related to PYCC including
planning retreats and conclave staffing weekends.

I understand that in the event medical intervention is needed, every attempt will be made to contact immediately the persons
listed on this form. In the event of an emergency and I cannot be reached or the alternate contact person cannot be reached, I
hereby give my permission to the physician selected by the activity leader to hospitalize, to secure medical treatment and/or
to order an injection, anesthesia, or surgery for my child as deemed necessary.

I understand that all safety precautions will be taken at all times by the Presbytery of New Covenant and its leaders during all
events and activities. I understand the possibility of unforeseen hazards and know the inherent possibility of risk. I agree not
to hold the Presbytery of New Covenant, its leaders, employees, and/or volunteer staff liable for damages, losses, diseases,
or injuries incurred by said child. Furthermore, I hereby assume all risk of personal injury, sickness, death, damage, and
expense as a result of participation in recreation and work activities involved therein.

I understand that my insurance coverage for my child will be used as primary coverage in the event medical intervention is
needed. Further, should it be necessary for the participant to return home due to medical reasons, disciplinary action, or
otherwise, I hereby assume all transportation costs.

Parent/Guardian Signature________________________________________________ Date ________________
Presbytery of New Covenant - PYCC

PARENT/GUARDIAN SUPPORT & TRAVEL CONSENT FORM

Presbyterian Youth Connection Council (PYCC) offers its members the opportunity to serve the church and their peers as they plan and implement presbytery-wide youth events. It is hard work and makes demands on busy schedules, but the experience is also very rewarding and faith-building. It is our goal that PYCC members will grow in spiritual maturity and develop leadership and planning skills, experience many unique events and opportunities, and make lasting friendships with other youth and adults from around the presbytery.

An important component of an effective PYCC member is parents/guardians of the youth who are supportive of their responsibilities and are willing to encourage their active participation on the council. If your child serves on PYCC, we need to know that it meets with your approval and that you will provide encouragement and support, as well as ensure transportation arrangements to and from events and meetings.

Consent & Commitment:
I hereby grant my permission and promise my support for ___________________________ (Name of Youth Applicant)

 to participate fully in the Presbyterian Youth Connection Council of the Presbytery of New Covenant. I also authorize and permit the Presbytery of New Covenant to furnish any necessary transportation, food and lodging for my child during scheduled activities.

Signature of Parent/Guardian __________________________________________

Presbytery of New Covenant - PYCC

PERMISSION TO USE LIKENESS

I, ___________________________ (parent/guardian), do hereby give permission for my dependent child’s likeness and/or photograph to be used for informational and promotional purposes (print, video, multimedia, and internet) for the Youth Ministries of the Presbytery of New Covenant.

The Presbytery of New Covenant agrees to make every effort to protect the privacy and dignity of your children. We will never include biographical information in connection with your child’s picture/likeness. (Full name, address, e-mail address, etc.) Additionally, if you or your dependent request that a picture be removed, it will be done so immediately. In the case of an internet picture, this will be done as soon as possible. In the case of a printed picture, this will be done the next time it goes to print.

Name of Youth ________________________________

Parent/Guardian Signature __________________________ Date ____________

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Presbyterian Youth Connection Council (PYCC)
Presbytery of New Covenant
2014 – 2015

PYCC COVENANT

♦ I covenant to demonstrate the depth and width of Christ’s love and mercy to my fellow PYCC members and those we will lead and minister to and with; listening with interest, behaving kindly toward others, casting aside judgment, sharing my thoughts and faith, and working to be compassionate and full of grace.

♦ I covenant to remain active in the youth group of my home church and promote presbytery youth events.

♦ I covenant with PYCC and the Presbytery of New Covenant to participate in all scheduled activities and events. I understand the membership attendance requirements and will communicate with PYCC leadership if I need to be absent.

♦ I covenant to be responsible to and respectful of the adult leaders of PYCC. I will be where I need to be, when I need to be, doing what I am supposed to be doing.

♦ I covenant to respect the other youth members of PYCC. I covenant to respect the privacy of others

♦ I covenant to refrain from using hateful language, profanity, racial slurs, profane terms and words that hurt or emotionally injure another.

♦ I covenant to respect those around me by not engaging in reckless behavior that could cause harm to others or myself.

♦ I covenant to not bring or use fireworks, firearms, illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco products to any PYCC related events or activities. I understand that my use of these outside of PYCC could be grounds for disciplinary action up to removal from the youth council.

♦ I covenant to abstain from inappropriate sexual behavior.

♦ I covenant to not use cell phones and other electronic devices during scheduled events unless invited otherwise by the leadership.

The above agreement has been developed to enhance the quality of the Presbyterian Youth Connection Council (PYCC). Participants accept the responsibilities in this Covenant in order to build a community characterized by respect, trust, concern, and dignity.

It is assumed that all participants and their parents/guardians will sign, accept and abide by this Covenant as a pre-requisite for participation in the Presbytery of New Covenant’s Presbyterian Youth Connection Council (PYCC) for the 2014-2015 school year. I understand that any failure on my part in abiding by this Covenant may result in my being dismissed from the youth council.

Participant’s Signature & Date ____________________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian Signature & Date _______________________________________________________
ADULT APPLICATION for PYCC 2014 – 2015
PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION COUNCIL of the Presbytery of New Covenant

Complete application and submit to your Pastor for evaluation, selection and endorsement.

Name ________________________________

☐ Male ☐ Female Age __________ Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _______ T-Shirt Size __________

Address ________________________________ City ______________________ Zip ________

E-mail ______________________________________________________________

Home Phone ___________________________ Cell Phone ______________________

Permission to Facebook ______ Yes ______ No Permission to Text Message ______ Yes ______ No

CHURCH __________________________ CITY ____________ PHONE ____________

ENDORSEMENT BY CHURCH: I verify that the applicant is an active member of the congregation and is endorsed by the session to serve on the Presbytery’s Youth Connection Council (PYCC).

Signature of Pastor __________________________ Date __________

Please list two adult church members who may serve as a reference for you:

Name: __________________________ Phone: __________________________

Name: __________________________ Phone: __________________________

Briefly state why you would like to serve on the Presbytery’s Youth Connection Council:

Briefly describe what gifts and experience you have to offer as an Adult Leader:

Within PYCC, there are seven ministry teams on which you can serve: Music, Mission, Worship, Curriculum, Keynote, Recreation, and AudioVisual. Which two areas would interest you most and why? If music is one of them, please list any musical instruments you play.

(Please use the back of page to answer questions if needed)

I have read the Statement of Purpose for PYCC and the Expectations of Members and if selected covenant to be an active and committed member of the Council.

Signature __________________________ Date __________

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BACKGROUND CHECKS
Every adult who serves on the 2014-2015 Presbyterian Youth Connection Council (PYCC) of the Presbytery of New Covenant must have a current background check (current as of August 2013). Background Check requirements are an official policy of the Presbytery of New Covenant. There are no exceptions. If you have a current background check on file with your home church, please have your pastor or clerk of session submit a copy of the report OR a letter verifying your background check and status.

If you do not have a current background check on file with your church, then please provide the following information and sign below. The Presbytery of New Covenant will conduct your background check.

Social Security Number ___________________________ Driver’s License Number ___________________________ State ________

Other Names used (alias, maiden, nickname): ________________________________________________________________

Authorization and Release
I hereby give my permission for the Presbytery of New Covenant to obtain information relating to my criminal history record through the appropriate agency. The criminal history record, as received from the reporting agencies may include arrest, indictment, and conviction data as well as plea bargains and deferred adjudications. I understand that this information will be used, in part, to determine my eligibility for a volunteer position with the presbytery. I also understand that I will have an opportunity to review the criminal history, and a procedure is available for clarification, if I dispute the record as received.

Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Please list all allergies: (This includes all Medications, Foods, Insect Bites, Asthma, etc.)
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Please list all health restrictions, pre-existing or present medical conditions, or dietary needs:________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________

physician:___________________________ phone:___________________________

Name of Insurance Company: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________

Policy Number: ___________________________ Group Number: ___________________________

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name ___________________________ Relationship ___________________________

Day Phone ___________________________ Cell Phone ___________________________ Night Phone ___________________________

I understand that in the event medical intervention is needed, every attempt will be made to contact immediately the person listed on this form. In the event they cannot be reached I hereby give my permission to the activity leader to obtain medical treatment as deemed necessary. I understand that my insurance coverage will be used as primary coverage in the event medical intervention is needed.

I understand that all safety precautions will be taken at all times by the Presbytery of New Covenant and its leaders during all events and activities. I understand the possibility of unforeseen hazards and know the inherent possibility of risk. I agree not to hold the Presbytery of New Covenant, its leaders, employees, and/or volunteer staff liable for damages, losses, diseases, or injuries incurred. Furthermore, I hereby assume all risk of personal injury, sickness, death, damage, and expense as a result of participation in recreation and work activities involved therein.

Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________
ADULT applicants only

Adult Disclosure Information Form
Sexual Misconduct

To be completed by all adults participating in presbytery sponsored events


( ) I certify by the signature below that no civil, criminal, ecclesiastical complaint has ever been sustained* or is pending* against me for sexual misconduct; and that I have never resigned or been terminated from a position for reasons related to sexual misconduct.

( ) I am unable to make the above certification. I offer, instead, the following written description of the complaint, termination, or the outcome of the situation with explanatory comments.

This information in this application form is accurate to the best of my knowledge and may be verified by the chair and or staff for the Ministries Division of the Presbytery of New Covenant. I hereby authorize them to inquire concerning any civil or criminal records, or judicial or ecclesiastical proceedings involving me as a defendant, related to sexual misconduct. By means of this release I also authorize any previous employer, and any law enforcement agencies or judicial authorities or ecclesiastical governing bodies to release any and all requested relevant information related to sexual misconduct to the Presbytery of New Covenant.

I have read this certification and release form and fully understand that the information obtained may be used to deny me appointment as an adult advisor for the Presbyterian Youth Connection Council for the Presbytery of the New Covenant or chaperone for Youth Conclaves. I also agree that I will hold harmless the employing or judicial authority or any other entity from any and all claims, liabilities, and causes of action for the legitimate release of any information related to sexual misconduct.

Signature ______________________________________

Print/Typed Name ______________________________________

Date ______________________________________

* Sustained
1) In a criminal court “sustained” means that there has been a guilty plea, a guilty verdict or plea bargain.
2) In a civil court, "sustained" means that there has been a judgment against the defendant.
3) In an ecclesiastical case, “sustained” means that there has been a guilty plea and censure imposed, or finding of guilty with censure imposed, by a permanent judicial commission in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) or an equivalent body of another church.

* Pending
1) In a criminal court, "pending" means a criminal charge before a grand jury, in the process of being prosecuted, or in a case in which there is not yet a verdict.
2) In a civil court, "pending" means a case in which there has not been a decision or judgment.
3) In an ecclesiastical case, "pending" means an accusation is being investigated by a special disciplinary committee or charges have been filed but have not yet been decided by a permanent judicial commission, or an accusation or charges are in an equivalent state or process in a church other than the PC (U.S.A.).

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CHECKLIST
for submitting PYCC Applications

Each church may name up to 4 youth and up to 3 adults as members of the Council. All returning PYCC members must complete new paperwork.

DEADLINE: JULY 1, 2014

For YOUTH Applicants:
☐ Youth PYCC Application Form
☐ Youth Medical Consent Form
☐ Parent Consent & Photo Release Form
☐ PYCC Covenant
☐ $100 deposit

For ADULT Applicants:
☐ Adult PYCC Application Form
☐ Copy of Background Check Report
☐ Adult Disclosure Information Form
☐ PYCC Covenant
☐ $100 deposit

Please send paperwork and deposits to:
   Attn: PYCC
   Presbytery of New Covenant
   1110 Lovett Blvd
   Houston, TX 77006

Make checks payable to:
   “Presbytery of New Covenant”
   write “PYCC: (name)” in the memo line
The New Covenant PYCC is a team of high school youth, in partnership with mentoring adults, who work together to plan and lead events and activities for the youth of the presbytery. **JOIN THE YOUTH COUNCIL** and develop your leadership skills, grow in your faith, explore and share your God given gifts, and build close friendships with youth from other churches. If you have energy and gifts for worship, music, drama, mission, recreation or small groups, you will want to be a part of this group!

For more information, contact: ___________________________

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