**Missouri Mid-South UCC Covenanted Youth Ministry Team**

**2020-2021 Annual Report**

The covenanted youth ministry team is comprised of pastors, youth directors, Christian educators, and lay leaders who are active in youth ministry throughout the Missouri Mid-South Conference and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Mid-America. We update the youth leader contact list throughout the year. The current list includes 90 individuals representing fourteen churches in the Western Association, eighteen churches in the Eastern Association, twenty-four churches in the St. Louis Association, and one representative from the Disciples of Christ. The team meets the first Thursday of the month to plan youth ministry events, fellowship, and to provide resources and encouragement to one another. Resources are also shared on our website, [www.mmsuccyouth.org](http://www.mmsuccyouth.org). The youth ministry team is led by Alysha Petry with assistance from the Conference Youth Ministry Coordinator, Cindy Birkner.

**Youth Leader Meeting Discussion items:** During this program year the youth leader team has had many discussions on how to do youth ministry during a pandemic. We have shared ideas on how to make virtual meetings engaging for our youth along with which platforms work well for us. We have also shared many ideas on how to meet while social distancing and following CDC guidelines. Discussions have ranged from Sunday School curriculum used, mission options, VBS alternatives, senior recognitions, to virtual camp ideas. In addition to all of that, this team has been a huge source of emotional support to each other during this ever changing ministry during a pandemic.