



Youth on Mission Leader Responsibilities

Leaders are responsible for planning, carrying out, and evaluating missions discipleship for students. Each group needs at least two adults for every group for safety and security reasons. Additional leaders are advised for off-campus missions projects and trips. A church may have safety or security guidelines with a lower ratio of student per adult, and student missions discipleship should follow those guidelines.

Leaders have the responsibility to:

- set goals and make overall plans for the year;
- plan the sessions;
- lead missions learning experiences;
- encourage and give students opportunities to grow in leadership skills and responsibilities;
- reflect on experiences of the group and makes adjustments as needed;
- maintain contact with parents or guardians of participants, prospects, and absentees;
- provide resources and gather supplies for sessions;
- work within the church budget designated for student missions discipleship; and
- maintain records (such as attendance).

Leaders determine how they will share leadership responsibilities. A church may have one experienced leader while another assists. In other churches, the leaders may divide responsibilities for planning and leading activities. Students should also be included as part of the planning process.

A church with more than one student missions discipleship group may select a coordinator. This leader has responsibility to:

- bring leaders together for coordinated planning;
- coordinate activities or events for groups to do together;
- coordinate training efforts for leaders, such as attendance at a state WMU training event;
- enlist leaders;
- order resources and supplies, or report needs to the person who orders for the church;
- maintain records and report accomplishments to the church;
- promote student missions discipleship within the church; and
- evaluate missions discipleship for students.