



Christ Faith Service

# Presbyterian Youth in Victoria

## PYV President

### **Aim**

As the PYV President you will aim to:

- Glorify God by assisting the congregations of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria in the development and nurture of youth for the service of Christ Jesus.
- Provide support and nurture for youth in their Christian development and outreach.
- Provide opportunity, influence and assistance to youth to make a personal commitment to Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord.
- Promote unity of the youth within the Presbyterian Church of Victoria through providing opportunities for socialising and fellowship.
- Encourage and provide the opportunity for the equipping and training of youth leaders with the skills necessary to serve and lead.
- Adequately represent the needs of the youth within the Presbyterian Church of Victoria in the courts of the Church.

### **Who you report / are responsible to**

You are directly responsible to the PYV State Council and the CENC Representative.

### **Prerequisites**

As a member of State Council you should:

- be firmly committed in faith to Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and the Bible as the written word of God.
- be genuinely concerned for the spiritual welfare of Christian and non-Christian youth.
- be outgoing and able to readily relate to Christian and non-Christian youth.
- have experience with local church youth ministry.
- be a communicant member of a Presbyterian Church and not younger than eighteen years of age.
- be able to demonstrate a sound understanding of the Scriptures and be able to apply them to youth work in PYV.
- be able to demonstrate a growing Christian maturity through daily Bible Study and prayer. This includes the need for a humble, servant attitude towards all people associated with PYV.
- Be willing to sign the PYV declaration of commitment.
- As per the PYV Constitution, save with the consent of CENC, State Council members shall have a demonstrated history of recent and regular attendance and involvement in PYV events.

### **Responsibilities**

You are responsible for:

- Attend all State Council meetings where possible.
- Chair State council meetings, ensuring that:
  1. They are run in a God-honouring way,
  2. All decisions made at State Council meetings stay in line with the practices of our church, including affairs passed by Annual General Meeting.
  3. Delegate a council member to act as President for the following meeting if the President cannot be present.
  4. The needs of the cross section of PYV youth, eg. male, female, Year 7 to 18+, city, country, regional, etc. are considered.
  5. The council and its office-bearers are diligent in the planning of events and in reaching their short- and long-term goals.
- promote PYV events where possible.



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- Be a friendly and approachable representative of PYV at camps, events and any other public appearances, including answering any questions people may have about PYV.
- present a spoken report at General Assembly if invited or delegate another member of State Council to speak.
- Pastorally care for the members of the State Council throughout the year in prayer, devotional studies, guidance, advice and personal care.
- Evaluate this job description with modifications and suggestions.
- Write a report for the AGM on how you fulfilled your role as President.

### **Requirements for the position**

You must:

- Go through the PYV leadership accreditation process,
- Obtain a copy of the PYV Protecting Children Policy – for your information.
- Obtain a copy of the PYV Reporting an Incident Policy and Form – for your information.
- Keep a copy of this job description.

### **Child Protection Protocols for this position**

All 'campers' (or young people attending a PYV event who are under the age of 18 years) and others under your leadership, regardless of age, are covered by these protocols.

NOTE: These do not replace the Declaration of Commitment or the PYV Protecting Children Policy:

- Do not allow yourself to be in any area alone with a camper or person under your leadership. Always have other campers or another leader with you.
- If a camper of the opposite sex comes to you for counselling, immediately take them to a Camp Parent of the same sex as the camper who can talk to them. NEVER counsel or talk through issues with a camper of the opposite sex.
- If a camper of the same sex comes to you for counselling, ensure you do so in an open area, never a closed room.
- If a camper discloses information to you regarding any kind of abuse or neglect, you *must* divulge this information to the CENC Representative. However, be careful not to reveal this confidence to any other person on camp.

I have read and understood this Job Description, the PYV Protecting Children Policy and the PYV Reporting an Incident Policy and Form:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: / /