

YOUTH COUNCIL Standards

Our **YOUTH COUNCIL** is a different kind of community from many others in our lives. It's a place where we come to develop leadership skills, to connect with God, and to represent youth and youth issues to the wider United Church community. With this in mind, the following statements will help us to honour one another in the excellent work & fun of **YOUTH COUNCIL**!

- 1. **YOUTH COUNCIL** is a place where there is room for everyone to be them selves - to be free to explore, to discover, to create who they are and who they want to be.**

 - Be supportive and encouraging, and challenge yourself to explore, discover and create yourself through **YOUTH COUNCIL**.

- 2. Our **YOUTH COUNCIL** meetings are usually in a space that is borrowed – borrowed from United Church friends and supporters of youth and young adult ministry. These friends and supporters have trusted us to take care of the space while we use it.**

 - Treat all the physical space well, and take care to return things to the same state – or better – that you found it.

- 3. We each have chosen to be part of **YOUTH COUNCIL**. The success of our time together is up to us – as individuals and as a group.**

 - Participate fully and to the best of your abilities!

- 4. **YOUTH COUNCIL** is a place to make new friends! Be open to meeting each other and in doing so practice compassion and respect.**

 - Resist making judgments and assumptions. Practice positive listening skills and leave behind personal criticisms.

- 5. The Adult Leaders who provide support, learning and guidance to **YOUTH COUNCIL** work hard in this role. They too deserve your respect. To disrespect rules and standards laid out by the adult leaders is to disrespect the leaders themselves.**

 - In this spirit of this respect speak with the adults leaders if you think something should be different, and together we will work towards a common solution.

As members of **YOUTH COUNCIL we agree to do our best in living these standards at each of our **YOUTH COUNCIL** meetings and events!**