



YOUTH PASTOR **METRO**

Qualifications & Membership

PURPOSE:

The Metro Youth Minister's Association has a two-fold purpose. The first is to provide fellowship and a support group of like minds and calling. The second is to share creative resources and innovative ideas within this support group.

QUALIFICATIONS

GENERAL:

Person must be a full-time Youth Minister in the area of Middle School and/or High School education ministries of a Southern Baptist church that has a citywide ministry in a metro area.

SPECIFIC:

The church must meet the following requirements based on the current SBC Annual Report, a copy of which is to be included with application.

BASIC REQUIREMENT:

Youth Sunday School enrollment of 500 and an average attendance of 250 (excluding 6th grade and college).

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

(3 OUT OF 4 OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. A metro area of at least 500,000
2. Resident membership of 5,000
3. Annual church budget of \$3 million
4. A minimum of 8 full-time professional ministerial staff.

ORGANIZATION

1. Chairperson, Chairperson Elect, East Representative, and West Representative to be nominated and elected by the Association on an annual basis.
2. Chairperson must have been a member for a minimum of 2 years to be elected.
3. An Executive Council, composed of the current Chairperson, Chairperson Elect, the immediate Past Chairperson and an East and West regional representative shall determine and conduct Association business throughout the year.
4. The immediate past Chairperson shall serve as the Recording Secretary.

BY-LAWS MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership is limited to 50 members plus a maximum of 10 honorary members and 5 multi/dual qualifying ministries (Middle School and High School ministries and other campuses). Total membership shall not exceed 65 members.
2. Application for membership is made through the chairperson. A flat fee of \$350 to be paid by all members - whether or not they attend the annual meeting - due by November 30th. A \$100 late fee will still be added for each 30-day period beyond the deadline (\$350 due until November 30th and \$450 due until December 31st). If a current member fails to pay by December 31st, membership in METRO is cancelled.

If a member must miss a meeting, the person is to notify the Chairperson prior to the annual conference. Any member missing two consecutive years of attending the annual conference will have his membership canceled. A new application must be submitted after a one (1) year termination of membership. Applicant must meet current requirements.

Membership may be permitted for multiple youth ministers from the same qualifying Metro church who individually qualify through their area of ministry (e.g., High School and Middle School pastors). Such qualifying members would share the five (5) spots allowed for multi-site youth ministers. The burden of proof for the considered members is once again on the applicant.

If a member moves to a non-qualifying church, the membership is canceled

If a member moves to a qualifying church, membership is kept. Clarification: The Youth Minister is the member, but the church provides the qualifications for membership.

Members of the Metro Youth Minister's Association who have left the local church Youth Ministry and accepted a youth ministry- related position with a Southern Baptist Convention organization (i.e. association, state board agency, or institution) may be invited by the Executive Council to become a Metro Honorary member. The move from a metro church to a SBC youth-related organization must take place before the next annual conference (within a minimum of 12 months).

If a Metro member with 3 years prior membership moves from a Metro church to a non-youth-related organization (and there is room within the maximum of 10 honorary members); the next year he/she may annually apply to the Executive Council to attend Metro as an Honorary member (Maximum of 2 per year). All by-laws will apply to honorary members, and honorary membership is limited to a maximum of 10 organizations.

A new applicant will not become a member of Metro until he/she first attends the annual conference.

A person may apply from a satellite campus, from an already existing Metro church. There are five satellite campus membership spots available. Satellite campus members need to meet all

the existing criteria for membership and only one per church will be allowed to attend. The burden of proof for the considered members will be on the applicant.

BY-LAWS GENERAL

1. There will be no publicity of meetings.
2. Meetings are to be held in hotel/motel accommodations.
3. Outside resource people are allowed by invitation only from the Executive Council.
4. Outside observers are allowed only by approval of the Executive Council.
5. Outside organizations that sponsor a meal or break for the annual conference may provide promotional materials. A brief presentation time may be allowed for meal sponsors, not to exceed (10) ten minutes. Sponsors may be available during the day of sponsorship. The responsibility to secure Hosts will be overseen by the Chairman with the help of the Executive Council.
6. Each year, each member must bring materials of his/her ministry to the conference for distribution to the membership.
7. The Executive Council has the freedom to set the schedule for Metro each year, per written notification to each member.