



Children & Youth Committee

ESTABLISHED:

HISTORY:

COMPOSITION:

The Committee shall be comprised of the following:

- **Up to two (2) Ruling Elders**, one of whom shall serve as Chairman
- **Recording Secretary** (either a Ruling Elder or another member of the Committee)
- Up to **five (5) members-at-large** from congregation whose names have been approved by both the Committee and Session.
- **Associate Pastor for Youth** (ex-officio)
- **Director of Children's Ministry** (ex-officio)
- **Children's Ministry Assistant** (ex-officio)
- **Nursery Coordinator** (ex-officio)

Senior Pastor: The senior pastor is an ex-officio member of this Committee. He may attend regular and/or special meetings as necessary. Because the senior pastor is an ex-officio member of all standing Session committees of Westminster Presbyterian Church, his attendance does not affect the above Committee membership composition, nor does it count toward determining a meeting quorum.

Term Limits: Unless otherwise determined, Committee members serving as lay-leaders shall serve up to two (2) consecutive three-year terms before a mandatory one-year furlough.

GOVERNANCE:

Meetings of the Committee shall be conducted according to *Robert's Rules of Order*. A simple majority (51%) determines the Committee's action; however, a super-majority (80%) is preferred. The Committee's quorum is 50% of the members.

Ex-Officio members are members of the Committee by virtue of the position he or she holds. Ex-officio members of the Committee shall have full voting rights as term-limited members, and their attendance at Committee meetings counts towards determining a quorum.

PURPOSE:

To provide oversight and accountability to the ministry staff responsible for leading Westminster Presbyterian Church's nursery, children, and youth ministries.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Children & Youth Committee receives regular reports from Nursery, Children's and Youth Ministries staff members and acts as the liaison between the ministry leaders and Westminster Presbyterian Church's Session. The Committee vettes and approves volunteers within said ministries, reviews and updates the Committee's budget, and maintains policies and procedures related the ministries within its oversight. In addition, the Committee provides oversight and guidance to the Explorer's Ministry and reviews the recommendations made annually by the Christian Education Scholarship Subcommittee.