

Youth and Young Adults Team

Terms of Reference

Preamble:

Franciscan Youth (Youfra) has existed, as an organized structure within the Franciscan Family, belonging to the reality of the SFO, since the middle of the last century. *"The SFO, by virtue of its very vocation, ought to be ready to share its experience of evangelical life with the youth who feel attracted to Saint Francis of Assisi and to seek the means of adequately presenting it to them"*. (OFS General Constitutions, Art. 96.1)

The Youth and Young Adults Team will focus its attention on youth and young adults who are interested in St. Francis and Franciscan Spirituality. It will be responsible for engaging youth and young adults in a potential journey towards membership in Franciscan Youth (YouFra).

Objectives:

The purpose of the Youth and Young Adults Team is (1) to promote knowledge exchange and support for fraternities who are interested in outreach to youth and young adults; (2) to facilitate collaboration between Youth / Young Adult Animators and (3) to standardize formation materials and tools to be used in the fraternal animation of youth and young adults.

Scope:

The Team will explore opportunities for promoting Youth / Young Adult initiatives in school environments, parishes and general communities. The Team will create a network of all Youth Animators throughout Canada, to exchange ideas, and to support initiatives for launching new Franciscan Youth/Young Adult "groups in formation", respectful of cultural and linguistic preferences.

Schedule:

The team will consist of approximately seven members who are experienced and/or actively engaged in Youth/Young Adult outreach. Representation will be sought from both anglophone and francophone sectors of the National Fraternity. Two co-chairs will be chosen from among the members, preferably one from Eastern Canada and one from Western Canada, who will be responsible for organizing and facilitating teleconference meetings and overseeing the work of the Youth and Young Adults Team. The National Fraternity Council will be kept informed of the activities of the Team through reports from the National Liaison representative. It is anticipated that the team will have 5-6 teleconferences a year.

Budget:

Funding for the work of the Youth and Young Adults Team will be taken from the National Youth budget and reviewed annually by the National Fraternity to ensure adequate funding is maintained.

Members' roles and responsibilities:

All members will be required to serve for the duration of the term of the National Council. Members will be expected to participate in teleconference meetings and to work on specific projects as assigned.

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