

Who Will Speak for the Youth?

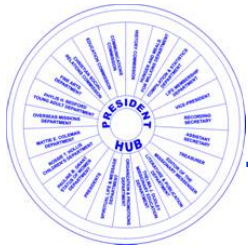


Mattie E. Coleman Youth Department
Ms. Deresser Armstrong, Secretary



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- The Mattie E. Coleman Department Secretary of the Local, District, Region, must have dedication and determination; and this department takes time, effort, prayer and faith.
- One must put their "heart" in it.
- Too often we give up too soon. Don't be distracted by negative criticism.



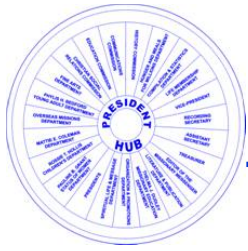
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- To be an effective secretary, you must be a person with a vision and be willing to take a risk.
- If you are not genuine and sincere, people will not follow you.
- Once we have received the call to lead as secretaries of the Mattie E. Coleman Department, we must have Faith and believe that God will help us to fulfill our mission.



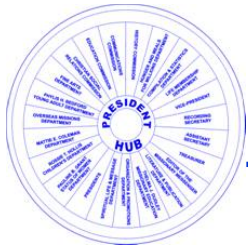
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- We develop a growth "attitude" at every level in the local churches.
- The pastors must work together to fulfill the mission of this department.



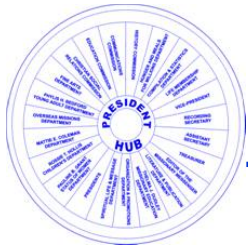
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- Now, more than ever, young men and girls need adult guidance, friends, and role models.
- Boy and girl scouts provide opportunities for adults to help young people feel better about themselves.



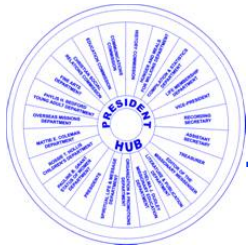
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- Learning to work with others, develop an ethical code for living and serving their communities.
- They build character and skills for success needed for the real world.
- In partnership with committed adults, they develop qualities that will serve them all their lives.



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- Mission, Promise
- I will do my best to be friendly and helpful, considerate, caring and courageous and responsible to what I say and do; and to respect myself and others, respect authority for what I say and do and to respect myself and others, use resources wisely, make the world a better place and be a sister/brother.

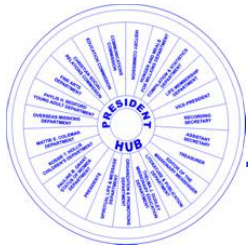


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Beginnings: A Journey Together

Wanted: Outstanding Girls for Youth

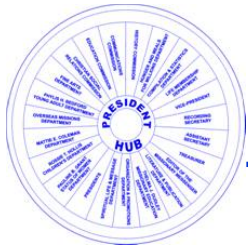
- Qualifications: Knowledge of adolescent development, understanding of how youth learn, concerning individuals, skills as needed for specific assignments, familiarity with the Bible, and growing relationship with God.
- Hours: Long, includes weekends, unpredictable
- Rewards: Intangible.



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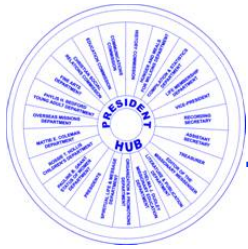
- Will you consider putting away any negative reactions that are keeping you from being a superior guide for youth?
- Will you commit to at least a year of growth as you work with youth for a year?



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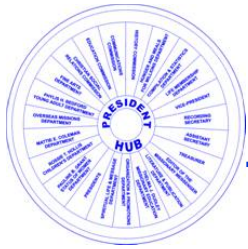
- The New Testament believer is also encouraged to teach. Christ' final Commission to his disciples as recorded in Matthew 28:19-20 includes the command to teach.
- As a teacher, a department or division director, a counselor, a leader, or a worker, you recognize that Christ was the perfect teacher.



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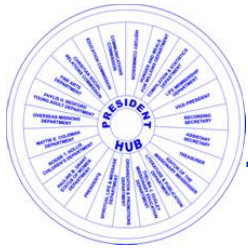
- Although you may never totally match Christ's authority, love, or unselfishness in your ministry, you can make a difference in the lives of youth.
- In your own way, you can guide youth to know God, to apply the Bible to living, and to begin a life to service to others, one of life's highest callings is that of being a guide for youth.



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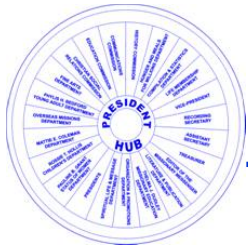
- Who is a guide of youth?
- A guide is one who enables youth to grow in wisdom and knowledge and in favor with both God and man.
- A guide is one who facilitates the spiritual and mental growth process of youth. He knows how to arrange learning experiences so that youth learn in spite of distractions, disinterest and discontent.



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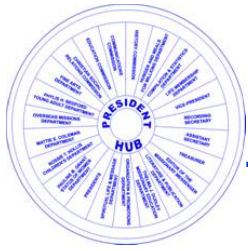
- Who is a guide of youth?
- A guide is one who equips the youth to grow on their own, to take chances, to dream big dreams, to become like Christ.
- A guide is one who enriches the lives of all the youth in his group. Each of his youth can say that his life has been changed because this person has been his guide.



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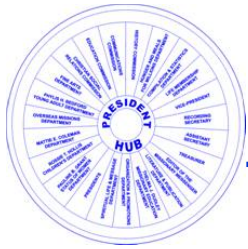
- Who is a guide of youth?
- A guide is one who gives encouragement. He recognizes that his words of support may help a youth to make a leap of faith.



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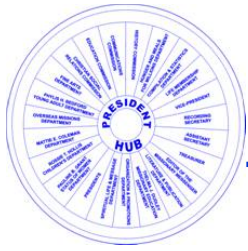
- **Enabler:** As an enabler, the guide enables (empowers, authorizes, furnishes with the means) youth to make discoveries for themselves.
- **Facilitator:** He asks questions that cause youth to think beyond the recall level of learning; and he bases all his efforts on the needs of individuals.



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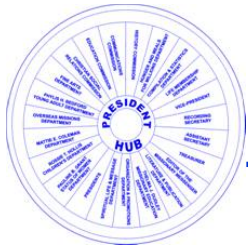
- Why have you chosen to Guide? Why have you chosen to become a guide for youth in our church; or, why are you considering becoming a guide of youth.
- Planning together for educational experiences that minister to the need of youth: Sunday School, Pioneer Royal Ambassadors, Church Training, Acteens, and Church Music program.



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One person, many roles:

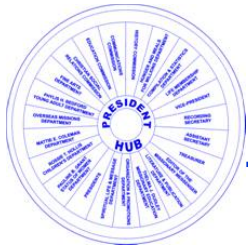
- The successful guide must get to know the individuals before he can know what the youth need to gain from being in his group.
- The successful guide recognizes that he is to function as a learner as well as a teacher.



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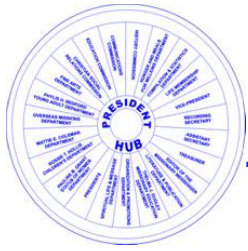
How do you Motivate Youth?

- Vary the routine so that the learners do not drift into stagnation.
- Challenge the learners so that they are forced to think more deeply than they thought when they were children.
- Include youth in the planning.
- Select learning activities that enlighten.
- Focus on the needs of youth.
- Present learning opportunities with a spirit of enthusiasm.
- Begin each session with an activity that hooks the youth into wanting to learn.
- Demonstrate by your own preparation that you believe learning is important.



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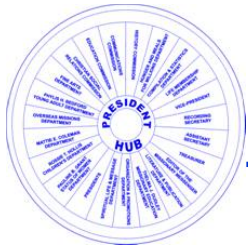
- Guides are Special People:
- Do you remember a special person from the days when you were a youth in your church?
- What made that person so different from all those whose names you have now forgotten?
- Your personality is important if you are to teach or to guide, but you cannot depend fully on your personality to guarantee success.



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What are some of the characteristics of a Youth guide?

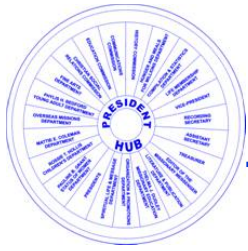
- Able to communicate
- Accepts limitations
- Adept in using learning activities
- Cares for others
 - Graciously welcoming visitors and new members
 - Remembers birthdays
 - Calls absentees
 - Attends school programs, plays, games
 - Plans fellowships
 - Assists in car washes
 - Explains how one can become a Christian



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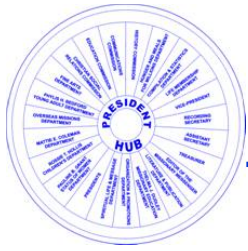
- Entered in Christ
- Depends on God
- Dedicated to the Task
- Displays Enthusiasm
 - Preparing for a youth speakers' tournament
 - Studying the Bible
 - Planning after-church fellowships
 - Going camping with other Pioneers
 - Learning a new hymn



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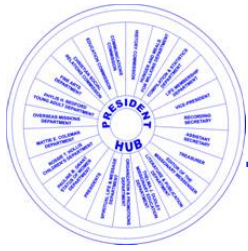
Organizations United in Guiding:

- There are a variety of ways that a church can unify its Youth education program
- If the church has a Youth director or a Youth minister, this person will want to meet with representatives from each of the church program organizations to establish Youth Division goals and then to distribute those objectives among the different organizations.
- If a lay member of the church functions as the Youth coordinator, this person will be responsible for coordinating all the Youth education organizations as a professional youth minister.



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- An individual's personality traits will also influence his learning
- A youth who possesses perseverance, curiosity, self-confidence, and a high degree of ambition can and will learn under almost any circumstances.



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- When the leaders, the parents, and the youth function together as a learning team, a youth ministry will be enriched.

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