

# Community of Christ

## CORE VALUES FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES IN THE SOUTH CENTRAL STATES MISSION CENTER

### *Safety*

- ◆ Youth activities are for the youth and are planned and conducted with their best interests in mind.
- ◆ The spiritual, emotional, and physical well-being of the youth is always of paramount importance.
- ◆ Subject matter, activities, accommodations, and staff are safe and appropriate, in view of the youth's ages, needs, and interests.
- ◆ Youth activities comply with all applicable laws and world church policies and procedures.
- ◆ All staff who have care, custody, or control of youth are registered youth workers—*no exceptions*.

### *Blessing*

- ◆ Youth activities provide the youth opportunities to have life-changing experiences, and to form life-long relationships, with God and Christ.
- ◆ The youth are strengthened in their faith in Christ, spiritual growth, Christian lifestyle, and participation in their local congregations.
- ◆ Youth activities are inclusive, affirm the worth of all persons, and promote peace and justice.
- ◆ The youth discover, cultivate, and express the gifts and talents that God has given them.
- ◆ The youth sense their worth and importance to God.
- ◆ The youth find meaning and fulfillment through the ministries of the church.
- ◆ The youth are encouraged to be actively involved in the life and ministry of the church.
- ◆ The youth share fun and fellowship together.
- ◆ The youth establish and maintain strong friendships with one another.

### *Mission*

- ◆ Youth activities inspire the youth to share a vibrant testimony of Christ with others.
- ◆ The youth are empowered to help people come to faith in Christ, experience spiritual growth, live a Christian way of life, and participate in their local congregations.

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