

**EASTERN REGION YOUTH OF UNITY  
BY-LAWS  
2014**

**Article 1. Name**

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Eastern Region Youth of Unity; hereinafter referred to as Eastern Region Y.O.U.

Section 2. The Eastern Region Y.O.U. is an organization of high school age groups that are formed under the direction of a duly recognized Minister or Spiritual Leader in a ministry which is a member of the Unity Worldwide Ministries Eastern Region.

**Article 2. Purpose and Goal**

Section 1. The purpose of Eastern Region Y.O.U. is twofold:

Clause 1: To unify all young people who are seeking to express the indwelling Christ in accordance with the principles demonstrated by Jesus as taught and interpreted by Unity and Unity Worldwide Ministries.

Clause 2: To unify the Youth of Unity chapters of the Eastern region by coordinating their activities and aiding in their success and growth.

**Article 3. Leadership:**

Section 1 Eastern region Y.O.U. leadership is represented by four Regional Representatives elected by the Eastern Region Y.O.U. and by a Regional Consultant selected by the Eastern Region Board of Directors

**Article 4. Membership**

Section 1 Any ministry that is a member of Unity Worldwide Ministries Eastern Region may establish a YOU chapter by appointing a YOU Sponsor and notifying the Regional Consultant. To form a chapter there must be one or more young people of high school age and an adult sponsor.

Section 2. The Eastern Region consists of ministries in Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia and West Virginia.

**Article 5. Regional Rallies**

Section 1. The region may have several rallies per year, but must have one annual Spring rally to which all chapters are invited and at which the annual business meeting is conducted and Regional Representatives are elected.

Section 2. Persons attending Regional rallies will be limited to members of a Y.O.U. Chapter, Junior Sponsors, Sponsors, Ministers and volunteering adults. All attendees will meet all regional policies and requirements.

Section 3. In order to attend a regional YOU rally, YOUers must be in grades 9,10,11 or 12 or equivalent, with a minimum age of 14 and a maximum age of 19; or, if not in high school, a maximum age of 18. Any exceptions must be approved by the Regional Consultant.

## **Article 6. Business Meetings and Voting**

Section 1: Election of Regional Representatives will occur at the annual business meeting at Spring Rally. Election of Regional Representatives will be by secret ballot with each YOUer present having one vote for each office being filled unless the number of candidates for the 4 Regional Representative positions is 4 or less. In such case, the vote need not be by secret ballot and may be by acclamation.

Section 2. At any regional YOU business meeting, two-thirds of the registered voting delegates shall be a quorum.

Section 3: Regional YOU business meetings may also be held at any Regional YOU Rally to which all chapters have been invited upon 30 days notice to the chapters of the matters to be considered.

Section 4. Robert's Rules of Order (revised) shall be the guide for conducting the regional business meetings and determining the proper procedure with the understanding that each person will conduct themselves in alignment with Unity Principles.

## **Article 7. Officers and Elections**

Section 1. At the business meeting of the official rally, four regional representatives will be elected. The four candidates who receive the most votes will be elected as Regional Representatives.

Section 2. Candidates for Regional representative must be at least fifteen (15) years of age and no older than eighteen (18) years of age on the date of election and be an active member of a Y.O.U. chapter. Candidates for representative must meet all regional requirements and comply with all policies and procedures relating to their candidacy.

Section 3. Candidates for representative must be present at time of election.

Section 4. Regional Officers will be installed by the Region at Spring Rally, but will not assume their duties until July 1 of the year they are elected.

Section 5. In the event of a vacancy in any of the four regional representative positions, the Regional Team may appoint a representative to fill the remainder of the vacant term.

Section 6. Regional Representatives will not hold International Office during their term as Regional Representative.

Section 7. Any Regional Representative who becomes ineligible for office or unable to fulfill the duties of their office will be released from their position by the Regional Consultant.

Section 8. Regional Representatives will maintain regular attendance and participation in meetings and activities of their local chapter.

#### **Article 8. Duties of Regional Co-Representatives**

Section 1. Regional Representatives serve as inspirational Spiritual leaders and role models of Unity truth principles, facilitate communication and contact among regional chapters, preside over business meetings, work with the Regional Consultant to plan regional retreats, rallies and leadership trainings and implement service and other projects for the support and development of YOU, including the promotion and support of sub-regional activities and events.

#### **Article 9. Sponsors and Junior Sponsors**

Section 1. The minimum age of any sponsor attending a regional rally will be 25 years.

Section 2. The minimum age of any junior sponsor attending a regional rally will be 21 years. Junior sponsors will be under the supervision of a sponsor from their chapter at regional rallies.

Section 3. Sponsors and junior sponsors will comply with all regional qualifications, policies and procedures relating to their attendance at Rally.

#### **Article 10. Amendments**

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any meeting of the Region when a quorum is present, subject to the prior approval of the Regional Consultant and the Board of Unity Worldwide Ministries Eastern Region.

Section 2. Any proposed amendment shall be submitted in writing to the Regional Consultant at least 90 days in advance of the regional Y.O.U. meeting at which the proposed amendment will be submitted for vote.

Section 3. The proposed amendment, after approval has been made by the Regional Consultant and Regional Board will be distributed to all chapters for their consideration at least thirty (30) days prior to the Regional Y.O.U. meeting at which the amendment will be voted upon.