

## **CHRISTIAN FORMATION COMMITTEE**

**Purpose:** To provide leadership and coordination for the formation programs of the congregation and encourage the development and deepening of spiritual life for all.

**Composition:** 3-5 members, including a chair, with two-year staggered terms

### **Key Responsibilities:**

#### **Formation Hour (Sunday School)**

- Decide age groupings for children and youth classes. Recruit teachers and helpers for each class as needed.
- Plan adult class offerings and recruit leaders for these classes.
- Determine where each class will meet. Monitor classroom conditions and make recommendations to Facilities Committee as required.
- Review curriculum materials from MennoMedia and other sources. Recommend materials and order materials as needed.
- Stay in communication with each teacher about the progress and status of each class.
- Acknowledge and thank class teachers and leaders at the end of the year (May/June).

#### **Youth Group**

- Choose and support youth group leaders. Leaders will commit for at least one year and must pass the background check as required by the Safe Sanctuary Plan.
- Function as an advisory for youth group activities. Each youth (grades 7-12) will be invited to participate in planned activities. Regular contact with leaders will be maintained to monitor the status of the youth group.

#### **Youth Formation Milestones**

Create, coordinate, and support (as needed) rituals or services for the following as they apply to CMF youth:

1. *Shine On* Bible Presentation (1 per family at dedication of first child or covenant signing)
2. Bible Presentation (9 years)
3. Coming of Age Celebration (12 years)
4. Catechism and Baptism (14-18 years)
5. Sending/Blessing (18 years or graduation from high school)

**Liaison Relationships**

- Report regularly to the committee's designated Council liaison.
- Work with Children's Circle Coordinator as needed to support the Children's Circle program.
- Appoint Mentor Coordinator and assist as needed to administer the youth mentor program.