

Glory Team Report Form

Glory Team: Enhancing Our Youth Ministries

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Objective Established: *Please include only one Objective per Report Form*

(Please be as specific as possible. Objectives may be modified as necessary.)

To develop a quarterly publication documenting the activities and service of Big Bethel Youth

Organizational Status:

(Please give information on Initial Meeting(s), the number of people actively participating on the Glory Team, and list any support/resources that you feel would be helpful.)

The initial email for the Glory Team Enhancing Our Youth Ministries was held on June 1st at 6:30 PM. All team leaders were present along with three team members. Dr. Jackie Michael also attended this meeting. During the meeting we reviewed, the data collected from the retreat and how those data would be used to develop objectives for the committee. It was decided that three subcommittees would be developed to grow youth involvement at Big Bethel AME. These subcommittees are as follows: Fundraising, Engaging Youth Activities, and Communication. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 30th at 6:15 PM. In the interim, committee members will be emailed and encouraged to sign up for subcommittee(s) and brainstorm ideas regarding objectives for the subcommittees. The committee decided to move forward with a newsletter to highlight youth involvement at Big Bethel AME.

At the time of the first meeting, 16 people were signed up for the Glory Team Enhancing Our Youth Ministries. There were 6 team members who did not provide contact information, including Charles Schofield, Keith Burnett, Victor Smith, Nancy Swarn, Cynthia Crane, and Miriam Redding. Thus, emails and/or phone numbers need to be obtained to include these members. Although there were only 3 members present for the meeting, we decided to move forward with the meeting and keep committee members aware of the progress via email. The committee also decided to send an email reminder the week of scheduled meetings to encourage more participation.

In terms of support, it may be a good idea to announce committee meetings in the church bulletin, if possible or weekly church emails to make sure committee members are aware.

Activity Status:

(Please discuss activities that your team has completed, activities that are currently ongoing, and activities that you plan to undertake in the future.)

Currently, Glory Team Enhancing Our Youth Ministries has decided to move forward with 3 subcommittees as follows: Fundraising, Engaging Youth Activities, and Communication. Team members are being recruited for each subcommittee. The committee decided to focus on a newsletter for the Communication Subcommittee. The purpose of the newsletter is to demonstrate the service of Big Bethel Youth AME and encourage less active youth to find their place and get involved. The newsletter will include photos of Big Bethel AME Youth along with brief summaries written by our youth. An email was sent to youth groups requesting photos of youth activities and descriptions of the activities. The committee would like to publish the first edition prior to General Conference in July 2016 and continue to highlight Big Bethel AME Youth quarterly through the newsletter.