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## **Title: Formation of a Synod Youth and Family Ministry Committee**

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- WHEREAS,** among the priorities of the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod is to equip and develop healthy leaders, empower and nurture vibrant ministries, and encourage and model faithful accompaniment; and,
- WHEREAS,** the Synod formally recognizes the gathering of various teams, committees and tables for the work of the Synod across congregations but there is no formal Synodical recognition or gathering of the work in the areas of Youth and Family Ministry done by both rostered and lay leadership within congregations; and,
- WHEREAS,** the Synod's Teams, Committees, and Tables are made up of active lay and rostered leaders in the synod; regularly meet with by Synod Staff; are consulted by the Synod staff concerning Synod policy, staffing, and allocation of funds; and,
- WHEREAS,** there has been inadequate communication of Synod policy, plans, allocation of funds, and events for Youth and Family Ministry with congregations and their leaders; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod formally establish a Youth and Family Ministry Committee for the purpose of furthering faith formation and leadership development for youth and families within the Synod. This committee shall be given appropriate staff and budgetary support to adequately accomplish its work.



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