

# **LOCAL CHURCH AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH REFORMED YOUTH MINISTRIES**

The purpose of this affiliation agreement between the below signed church and Reformed Youth Ministries is to ensure clear communication and agreed upon expectations regarding the RYM Church Internship Program. This affiliation agreement sets forth the responsibilities of both the partnering church and Reformed Youth Ministries in implementing and sustaining the RYM Church Internship Program in the context of the local church.

The below signed church and Reformed Youth Ministries do hereby agree to an affiliation for the purpose of reaching junior and senior high school students for Christ and equipping them for service in the church and in the world.

## **I. Responsibilities of Reformed Youth Ministries (RYM)**

- A. Recruit potential RYM church interns
- B. Receive recommendations for potential RYM church interns from churches, RUF campus groups, etc.
- C. Guide potential RYM church interns through the application process
- D. Interview RYM church intern-applicants
- E. All RYM church intern-applicants approved by the Executive Director of RYM will then be recommended for placement to the RYM Board of Directors
- F. The RYM Board of Directors must give final approval of an RYM church intern-applicant before said applicant can move forward with placement
- G. Work with the local church in establishing the total financial package of the RYM church intern
- H. Allow the RYM church intern to raise funds through Reformed Youth Ministries and guide them through the fundamentals of raising funds
- I. Provide training for RYM church interns twice per year during the entire tenure of the internship including both the apprenticeship and seminary phases of the internship program
- J. Work with partnering churches in placing RYM Church Interns into a local church
- K. Provide support and services for the development work of RYM church interns

## II. Responsibilities of the Partnering Church

The below signed church acknowledges and accepts the responsibility to:

- A. Oversee the RYM church intern under its jurisdiction according to the principles and policy set forth in the "RYM Manual for Church Interns"
- B. Ensure participation of all RYM church interns and their local church mentor(s) in training provided by Reformed Youth Ministries
- C. Agree to the job description for RYM Church Interns as set forth in the "RYM Manual for Church Interns"
- D. Pay at least 50% of the RYM church intern's total financial package established by Reformed Youth Ministries
- E. Ensure that the RYM church intern is being faithful in raising the remaining 50% of his/her total financial package
- F. Ensure that the RYM church intern is faithfully engaged in biblical and theological studies through the RYM Church Intern Study Program
- G. Ensure that the youth staff, session, and/or pastoral staff of the local church are faithful to shepherd and oversee the service of the RYM church intern with the understanding that he/she is an apprentice in ministry
- H. Encourage its members to pray for the youth and family ministry of the church and support it with all due diligence through various forms of service and by referring student and family contacts to the youth and/or pastoral staff and by making students in the church and in the community aware of this ministry as they are given opportunity
- I. Encourage its members to pray for the overall work of Reformed Youth Ministries
- J. Ensure that the local church's ministry and staff carry out the work in the manner set forth in this affiliation agreement.

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Pastor or Moderator of Session

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Executive Director of Reformed Youth Ministries

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Church

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City & State

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Date of Action