

## IRISH MISSION YOUTH PASTOR JOB DESCRIPTION

1 Timothy 3 describes the characteristics of the “overseer” – which is part of the pastor’s role. In Chapter 4, Paul gives Timothy further specific directions as to what can be expected of a Minister of Jesus Christ. This includes clarifying what is truth and godliness to God’s people. “Command and teach” hope in Jesus. “. . . set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and purity.” Publicly read Scripture, preach and teach. Give yourself wholly to these things! Your effectiveness should be able to be observed. Persevere!

Gospel ministers should evidence:

- An experiential knowledge of and devotion to Jesus Christ.
- A broad knowledge of the Scriptures
- Competence for the tasks of ministry
- Compassion for the flock given to his/her care
- Have a working knowledge of the principles and guidelines outlined in the most current Seventh-day Adventist Church Manual and Minister’s Manual.
- Know, understand, and abide by the biblical doctrines and principles taught by the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

### Role Summary

The Irish Mission Youth (IMY) Pastor serves as a leader in young people’s spiritual development, and as an advocate for young people. The IMY Pastor coordinates the activities of the Irish Mission (IM) Youth Department in consultation with the local Church Youth leaders within the mission. The IMY Pastor works in collaboration with the sponsors of the IM of other interrelated ministries such as Family Ministries, Pathfinder/Adventurer, Women and Men Ministries to ensure that young people receive a holistic support in their spiritual development.

### Accountability

The IMY Pastor is accountable to the IM administration through the Mission’s Executive Committee, for upholding Church beliefs and policies in order to accomplish the mission of the church. The IM President is the IMY Pastor’s line-manager.

### Role Functions

- Seek to implement as far as is possible the plans approved by the Mission in Session.
- Oversee the Youth Outpost Project.
- Oversee/Plan annual youth camps and retreats.
- Advise the Mission Leadership and Executive Committee on youth matters.
- Advise and assist the local church youth leaders on youth related issues.
- Initiate Youth Advisory meetings to co-ordinate the Youth Ministry programme in the Mission.
- Ensure that the Youth Week of Prayer resources are distributed to all churches in good time for the annual Youth Week of Prayer every year.
- Prepare or adapt resources for use in the Mission’s churches.
- Liaise with the BUC Youth Department with the view of incorporating into the Mission strategic plans, the BUC’s plans as practically applicable.

- Organise outreach programmes, mission projects and youth days as well as support BUC and TED organised events where practical.
- Maintain a current Mission youth census and database where possible
- Initiate such training at youth advisories as may be of benefit to local church youth ministries leaders.
- Attend training (approved by the IM administration) as would provide ongoing and updating of knowledge and skills in youth ministry.
- Liaise with the Mission President to provide and participate in training for local church youth leaders.
- To facilitate a cohesive workable whole youth team within the Mission.
- Provide ongoing resources to keep local churches in line with governmental agencies and statutes regarding youth work.
- Support the Communications sponsor in maintain social media formats that are informative and relevant for all the areas of youth ministry which is embraced within the Mission.
- Promote youth volunteerism and mission service both within the Mission and overseas.
- Represent the Youth of the Mission at all BUC Youth Advisory and any other youth meetings as required.