



*FL Conference PATHFINDER/ADVENTURER Department*  
**Local Church ASSESSMENT Form**

*The following questions are designed to help a local church assess how well they are doing in ministry to kids in Club Ministries (Pathfinders/Adventurers) and young people in general.*

**GENERAL QUESTIONS**

Do you currently have a Pathfinder/Adventurer Club active in your church?

If not, did you before? What happened? What would it take to restart a Club?

If yes, how long has it been going?

What is going really well in Pathfinder/Adventurer ministry? Children's/Youth ministry?

Where do we need the most improvement in Pathfinder/Adventurer ministry?

Are we getting the results we want in Pathfinder/Adventurer ministry?

Do we know what results we want in Pathfinder/Adventurer ministry? Who decided this?

Are the expectations for results clear to every leader working with young people in the church?

Who monitors/tracks this to see if goals/results are reached? Who checks on the progress?

What is the most important thing your church can do to help grow Pathfinder/Adventurer ministry?

How would you describe your churches strategy to reach young people?

What is the most important thing the conference can do to help grow Pathfinder/Adventurer ministry in your church?

## **ATTENDANCE**

How many young people are currently a part of the Clubs? Pathfinders \_\_\_\_\_ Adventurers \_\_\_\_\_

How many young people are NOT a part of the Pathfinder/Adventurer Clubs? Have they ever been invited?

What percentages of the young people in your church are/are not a part of the Club ministries? Any ministry?

## **BALANCE**

Do your Pathfinder/Adventurer Clubs minister to young people holistically? (mentally, spiritually, socially, physically)

For those that are not part of a Club ministry, what is your church doing to minister to them?

How does the church service attempt to reach the different age groups during a worship service/its' ministries?

Are Pathfinders/Adventurers asked to participate up front? Families? Individuals? How often?

## **BOARD**

When was the last time the board voted to approve something for Pathfinder/Adventurer Clubs?

How often does the church board discuss/explore how to better involve Pathfinder/Adventurer age kids (Grades Pre K-12) /families in ministry? Who brings Club items up for discussion or gets them on the agenda?

Can each board member name at least five young people in each Club? Five young people not in a Club?

Does each board member know five things about the life of each of those young people?

## **BUDGET**

Do the Club ministries (Path/ Adv) receive funds from the church budget? Is it adequate?

What percentage of the overall church budget is allocated to Pathfinder/Adventurer Clubs?

Has the budget increased/decreased/stayed the same over the last five (5) years for Pathfinder/Adventurer Clubs?

## **COMMUNICATION**

How do you communicate with your Pathfinder/Adventurer kids and families?

How do you utilize Email/Social Media/Text Messaging?

Is your website/Social media account(s) up to date and engaging? How do you measure engagement on these platforms? Who is in charge of posting content? How regularly are you posting content?

What would it take to improve how you communicated with kids/families?

## **INVOLVEMENT**

How does your church involve Pathfinder/Adventurer Clubs in the church service?

Do the young people ever have a worship service on their own (not with whole church)? How often?

How often do young people get to give input into how the church service is run?

Which ministries are young people allowed to participate in? Lead? Start?

Where could young people make the biggest difference, if given the opportunity to serve?

## **LEADERSHIP**

How involved is the pastor in Club ministries? Is this enough?

Is there an elder that is appointed to oversee Pathfinder/Adventurer ministries? What is their role?

Does the church have a Council that brings leaders from Children's SS, Club Ministries, Youth, Young Adult, Family Life, and Public Campus Ministries together? To coordinate calendar dates? Develop plans and strategies?

## **LIST**

Does someone have a list of all of your young people? Which ages? Do you know their names?

Who maintains the list(s)? How often is the list updated? Who is responsible for this?

Does the list ask for birthday? Baptism date? School attending? Family info? Track attendance? (SS/Clubs/Other)

Do SS leaders/Club ministry leaders share same list? If different, ever compare lists? Share lists with Pastor?

Does the church use the list to celebrate graduates or contact students that are away at academy/university?

Is there a list for young people that are not members, but are interested?

## **OUTREACH**

Does your Pathfinder/Adventurer Club plan outreach activities? What types? How often?

Is outreach with young people coordinated through your personal ministries director (if you have one)?

Are young people viewed as key contributors to the mission of the church? If yes, how so?

What systems are in place to foster collaboration between young people and adults to do outreach?

Is your church prepared to help young people develop their own personal ministry? Is there funding for this?

## **VOLUNTEERS**

How many volunteers work in each ministry? Is this enough?

How are volunteers ... Appreciated? Cared for? Encouraged? Who is responsible for this?

What kind of training is offered to volunteers? How often? Is it mandatory? Attend conference training events?

Are all volunteers back ground checked / Verified Volunteer cleared before serving? Who monitors this?

Is there Sabbath recognition for leaders who serve in Pathfinder/Adventurer ministries during the year?

How is the morale of your volunteers? Excited/burned out? How do you maintain high morale?