

## A Statement about Youth Empowerment

Empowerment in YRUU is not about advisors giving power to the youth, or about youth taking power away from the advisors. It involves youth finding the power within themselves to take responsibility for their actions. Advisors are usually hesitant about youth handling this sort of power, and although it is much simpler for an advisor to organize youth group affairs, valuable lessons are learned by youth willing to take the time to try to organize these affairs themselves. An important thing to remember is that youth learn from their mistakes. Lessons are learned and skills are acquired whether or not the final outcome of an action is a positive or negative one. Empowerment teaches youth about communication, organization and social skills that helps them grow in the YRUU community and helps them reach out to their own congregation and to our society.

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