



TRAINING MANUAL FOR LOCAL Giv² CHAPTERS



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UCC youth + adults

GIVING back to our communities

In response to the GIFTS of God.

Together, we explore our faith

Through SERVICE + FELLOWSHIP.

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I. What is Giv²?

Giv² is a CORPS of youth and adults GIVING back to our community in response to the GIFTS of God. Giv² is designed for middle and high school youth in grades 7-12 who want to explore our faith through SERVICE and FELLOWSHIP.

Our name, "Give Squared," reflects the simple reality that faithful people have known for centuries: when we give, we also receive. We give our time and labor in the service of others, and in return we are blessed with gifts of gratitude, compassion, and wisdom. Our gifts of hospitality multiply exponentially when we work together to heal the world!

Begun in the fall of 2008 under the direction of the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ (CT UCC), a pilot program was initiated in the Hartford area. CT UCC Associate Conference Minister for Youth and Young Adults, Rev. Rev. Da Vita McCallister and a team of adults from First Church West Hartford, Flagg Road UCC West Hartford, and Center Church Hartford met to plan and coordinate the projects. They invited youth from their churches to volunteer at non-profit organizations in the Hartford area.

Youth met bimonthly on Sunday afternoons to do service work at the following locations:

- Peter's Retreat- AIDs housing in Hartford
- American School for the Deaf
- Jonathan's Dream- Boundless Playground in West Hartford
- Center Church Coffee House for the Homeless

Our vision is to take this model for local service to other parts of the state and develop a "heavenly host" of Giv² chapters. A minimum of 6 churches working together at each location would make this project the success we envision it to be. This can be initiated in urban or rural sites. Giv² is a great way for small congregations to unite in service and give their youth a large group experience. We invite new chapters to start programs in either September or January after a Planning Team is in place.

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 ~Mark 4:24

Giv² is a way for...

- Churches to partner with sister UCC congregations to support the work of existing Youth Groups. This is perfect for small congregations who want to offer a “large group” experience!
- Youth and adults to work side by side to do ministry in a variety of local settings.
- A team of adults to share administrative and planning duties.
- Skill building and leadership development to take place among youth and adults in the local church.
- Youth to cultivate their spirits through simple acts of service.
- Youth and adults to reflect on underlying justice issues around such topics as education, poverty, discrimination, or disabilities.

Why local?

Our churches often sponsor extended mission trips to distant places. These experiences are a rewarding way for youth to bond together to serve and to learn to appreciate different places and cultures. But there is also a place for youth to do ministry close to home.

Giv² events are designed as half-day immersion experiences in neighboring communities. Local service has many advantages:

- Needy come to be seen as neighbors not as “the other.”
- One day projects allow more youth and adults to get involved.
- Less expensive; reduces the burden of fundraising.
- “Greener” approach to ministry.
- Strengthens bonds with between local churches.
- Opens the door to ongoing volunteer experiences in the community. Youth and adults may return to work sites on their own, or local churches may develop supporting relationships with the site.
- Plus, there is *great need* right in our home state!



II. STARTING YOUR OWN Giv² CHAPTER

Gather a Planning Team

If your church and youth group would like to become involved in this project, we ask for a commitment to match our investment of time, energy, and resources. We need two members from each of 6 participating churches to be at our table. Planning Team members will be actively involved in the decision making, organizing, and the communicating required to lead a local program.

Begin by finding two adults from your home church who would like to serve on the Planning Team. Use **Appendix A: Giv² Brochure** and **Appendix C: Giv² Flyer** to tell folks about this program. Team members can be pastors, youth leaders, young adults, parents of teens, church members who serve on boards of outreach or missions, or lay leaders who have direct contact to a local non-profit.

Contact Rev. Da Vita McCallister, Associate Conference Minister for Youth and Young Adults for the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ. There will be a simple application process for new chapters. New Chapters can start up in either September or January of the year.

Rev. McCallister will help you get in touch with other UCC churches in your area that would like to collaborate on Giv². You can reach her by email at davitam@ctucc.org or by office phone at 860-761-7115. The conference will provide support for orientation and training in the initial year.

We also ask for a monetary commitment of \$200 per church to help us pay for t-shirts, food, and supplies needed. Churches may choose to offset this cost by collecting a small fee from each participant on the day of the activity.

Role of Planning Team Members:

- Meet 2 to 3 months prior to your September or January "Lift-Off" to brainstorm work sites and plan calendar.
- Plan a "Lift-Off" event to invite youth and adults to learn about Giv².
- Meet monthly with other team members.
- Maintain communication with other board members by email and phone.
- Relay info to your local church pastor, youth group, and congregation.
- Take responsibility for co-hosting one of the Giv² events during the year.
- Recruit volunteers from your church to assist with publicity, food, registration and transportation on the day of the event.
- Follow up after the event with a report to your congregation (newsletter info, photos, quotes, website posting, etc.).
- Attend the year-end retreat to evaluate Giv² ministry.

Role of the Connecticut Conference:

- Administrative and Leadership: Publicize Giv² within the CT Conference at meetings and events, gather data from interested individuals and congregations, and initiate conversations between congregations to form new chapters.
- Training: Convene initial training session for a new planning team, distribute agenda and provide minutes, provide suggestions for non-profit work contacts, provide a manual with a roadmap for events, conduct a year-end evaluation meeting.
- Financial Support: Assist with brand development for t-shirt and other paraphernalia designed by team. Hold the monies from the member churches and pay expenses for shirts and other supplies.
- Participation: Attend meetings and events as often as possible.

The Connecticut Conference is ready to provide start-up assistance for new chapters in the first year with the hope that the chapters will take on the majority of these tasks as they build leadership and relationships in the work.



III. PLANNING YOUR Giv² PROGRAM

A. Initial Meeting of Planning Team (2 – 3 Months in Advance of Lift-Off Event)

1. Lay out a calendar for the year

Key dates for a SAMPLE Giv² schedule beginning in September:

- May-June: Gather a planning team with representatives from 6 churches in your area. Brainstorm ideas work sites.
- 4th Sunday in September: Lift off event.
- Set dates for monthly meetings of Giv² Planning Team.
- Plan for weekly email check-in.
- Schedule bimonthly Giv² events (e.g., the last Sunday in October, December, February, April, and June)
- Year-end “retreat” for Planning Team (extended meeting) in May.

Note: New Chapters may also start in January. Adjust this calendar accordingly if that is the case. Also, each Planning Team has the flexibility to set the schedule for the local Giv² Chapter.

2. Brainstorm a list of local non-profits that could use volunteer labor.

Look for sites where youth can have a variety of work experiences:

- Physical labor – outdoor clean up, painting, cooking.
- Relational— play bingo at a senior center, serve a meal at a soup kitchen, do arts and crafts with the handicapped.
- Administrative – stuff envelopes, file papers, take inventory.

Ask around and draw on the resources in your congregation and community. Does your church have an existing ministry relationship such as a soup kitchen that could use youth volunteers? Do you have church members who work for local non-profits that could use volunteer help?

3. Assign team members to research a particular site before the next meeting.

4. Look at the Calendar and set some tentative dates for Giv² events. Decide what dates work best in your area. Many organizations can use volunteers on Saturdays, but not Sundays. School vacation days may also be a possibility.

B. Research Potential Work Sites

Look online to get background information and find a contact name and phone number for a site. Call and tell about Giv² and our work interests (physical labor, relational, and/or administrative). Use **Appendix B: Event Site Research Worksheet** to find out if this would be a good site for Giv².

C. Report back to Giv² Planning Team with your findings.

Consult with the rest of the team to make final decisions about the schedule. You may want to appoint one Planning Team Member to be a coordinator of the calendar. It is expected that at least one Planning Team member from each church will attend monthly meetings and that all members will maintain contact by phone and email between meetings.

D. Invite Other Adults To Be Giv² Volunteers!

Put the word out in your congregation and ask adults to assist with the program. Use **Appendix C: Giv² Flyer** and **Appendix D: Giv² Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet** to gather a group of adults who can assist with publicity, food preparation, driving, photography, or just an extra pair of hands on the day of your event. Giv² is a great way for adults to recharge their spiritual batteries!

E. Set a date for your Giv² Lift-off Event

One church should host this early in the fall. Invite youth, parents, young adults, pastors youth leaders from each of the churches that wish to participate. Each participating church should send at least two members to the event. The purpose is to introduce the concept of Giv² and to generate excitement for the events. The Lift-Off is a chance for the local churches and youth to make connections and an opportunity for the Planning Team to recruit volunteer help. See **Appendix E** for details.



IV. ORGANIZING A Giv² EVENT

Two people from the Planning Team should work closely together to be a host team. One can be the liaison to the work site and the other can handle the logistics at the church where the gathering will take place. Other Planning Team members will assist with publicity at their home churches.

A. One To Three Months In Advance Of A Giv² Event

1. Decide on your event
 - Select Date options based on your research of sites.
 - Determine general start/end time (12-4 PM or other)
 - Make sure YOU will be there that date and can personally lead the event.
 - Make sure your congregation DOES have a place (that has not already been booked) where participants can meet for lunch / orientation before going to the project.
2. Finalize details with your work site
 - Confirm the date, group, and time.
 - Visit the site if you haven't been there before.
 - Get directions and ask about parking for multiple vehicles.
 - Ask who will meet the group to give instructions and an orientation to the work site.
 - Ask if there are any special safety concerns that you need to share with your group.
 - Check to see what materials you need to bring and make arrangements. Find out what materials Giv² would need to bring (rakes, paint, work gloves, etc.)
3. Report back to the Giv² Planning Team when you have solidified the date, time, materials needed and have a general description of the work that will be done at the site.

B. Four To Six Weeks In Advance

1. Host Team member should provide a written description of the event that can be copied in emails and bulletins. Include time, place, a few sentences about the organization / project importance, brief description of work to be done, what people need to bring, where we will meet, where youth can be picked up, and – if outside – any rain contingency plans.
2. Each Giv² Planning Team member will publicize the event in their home church.
 - Announce: Send out letters and/or flyers/email to youth in your congregation announcing the event. Indicate the person folks should call (within their congregation) to sign up or volunteer their help. Don't forget to announce to the congregation at large that you are hosting this event! Set an RSVP deadline of 4 days before event.
 - Invite and Register: Make phone calls to invite youth. Take down names, phone numbers and email addresses of youth and adults who plan to attend.
 - Recruit volunteers: Ask for help from other adults. You will need drivers and chaperons, volunteers to prepare food, a photographer, etc. Make sure new chaperons are informed of Safe Church guidelines.
3. Host team should find volunteers to provide lunch for the group. Figure out how the meal will be prepared and how your congregation will pay for it. This is a good way for adults to get involved in the youth program.

C. One To Two Weeks In Advance

1. Plan out the "Day Of" schedule (**Appendix F**).
2. Make sure you have the needed Giv² materials
 - Two copies of **Appendix G: Crew Log**.
 - **Appendix H: Covenant** Make copies for each person.
 - Giv² T-Shirts (assortment of sizes for both youth and leader)
3. Line up a Photographer who will come *just* to take pictures and then share these pictures with the other groups 1 week later.
4. Continue with publicity and announce your final RSVP date.
5. Continue to invite youth with personal phone calls or email.
6. Check in with your food volunteers.

D. Four to Five Days In Advance

1. Check with your contacts at the sending churches to see how many will be coming.
2. Pass this number along to your food volunteers so they know how many they will cook for. Make sure volunteers know what they need to bring, when it needs to be brought to church, and how it will be heated/stored/touched-up before lunch-time.
3. Send a follow up email to remind youth if they need any special equipment such as work gloves, water bottle, closed shoes, or hair tie, hat or bandana (necessary for food prep).

E. Day of the Event

See **Appendix F** for a “Day of Event” checklist.

1. *Gather* for fellowship, orientation, and a light meal.
2. *Go* to a local non-profit and work for about 2 hours.
3. *Reflect* on the work and the gifts we have received.

Use **Appendix I: Reflecting on the Giv² Experience** to do a 20 to 30 minute debriefing session at the end of your work.

A Note on Transportation: Each church is responsible for providing transportation for its youth and adults. The Host Planning Team members should provide a copy of written directions to the site for each vehicle and indicate parking. Share cell numbers in case you need to contact each other en route. Drivers should be adults over the age of 25. Youth may not drive to events unless they have written permission from a parent.

F. After Your Event

Fill out **Appendix J: Giv² Event Summary**. Write down a brief evaluation from organizational, ministry, and service perspectives. Also, think of whether this is the kind of site you would go back to with your Giv² group.

Host Planning Team members should see that photos and quotes from the reflection time are distributed to each church. Return all paperwork and materials to your Giv² Planning Team.



V. TELL THE Giv² STORY

We return from our Giv² events as changed people-- more appreciative and more compassionate. We are blessed by the people that we meet and the experience of serving our neighbors. Ask youth and adults to find a way to lift up the Giv² experience with others once they return home; not only in conversation with family and friends, but also in youth group, in the congregation, and the wider community. See **Appendix K: Tell Your Giv² Story** for some suggestions.

“Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you.” ~ Mark 5:19

Appendices

- A. Giv² Brochure (found as separate document)
- B. Giv² Event Site Research Worksheet
- C. Giv² flyer
- D. Giv² Volunteer Sign Up Sheet
- E. Giv² Lift Off
- F. Sample agenda for Giv² Lift-Off Event
- G. Giv² Covenant
- H. Giv² Crew Log
- I. Reflecting on the Giv² Experience.
- J. Giv² Event Summary
- K. Tell Your Giv² Story
- L. Giv² Application for a New Chapter

Appendix B: Event Site Research Worksheet

Look online to get background information and find a contact name and phone number for a site. Call and tell about Giv² and our work interests (physical labor, relational, and/or administrative). Record your notes here and take this information back to your Planning Team. Save this information so your chapter can begin to collect resources for local work options.

Your Name _____ Phone _____ Date _____

Name of Non-Profit Organization _____

Website _____

Contact person _____ Phone _____

Street Address and Zip _____

What is the mission of this organization? (i.e., soup kitchen, shelter, nursing home.)

What tasks they would like volunteers to accomplish?

What time of year is best for volunteers to visit?

What is the best day of the week to visit this site?
(Sunday afternoon, Saturday, or school holiday weekday)

Will the work be indoors or out?

Determine the number of participants that can attend. Are there any age restrictions?

What materials are needed? What will the organization supply and what should Giv² volunteers plan to bring?

Who will be there to set up the group and give a brief orientation to what the organization does? Is there opportunity for interaction with clients that this organization serves? Will someone show the group where to work if things finish quickly in one area?

Ask where volunteers can park cars.



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We offer Giv² events every other month at a variety of sites.

What do we do?

Gather for fellowship, orientation, and a light meal.

Go to a local non-profit and work for about 2 hours.

Reflect on the work we have done

Tell our congregation about the gifts we have received.

Last year we cleaned up Jonathan's Dream Boundless Playground, visited with AIDs patients at Peter's Retreat, offered administrative support at the American School for the Deaf, and served the homeless at Center Church Coffee House.

[update this info or list some of the upcoming worksites]



Our **Hartford Area Chapter** of Giv² consists of youth and adults from:

Flagg Road, UCC of West Hartford *[fill in names of churches here]*

First Church of West Hartford

Center Church of Hartford

WE WANT YOU TO JOIN OUR Giv² TEAM!

We need adults to drive, chaperon, prepare food, assist with publicity, take pictures, and teach skills.

Contact a member of your Giv² planning team and fill sign up today. We welcome your involvement!

[Add Names and email addresses of planning team members at your church]


Appendix D: Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet

Yes! I would like to help with a local Giv² Chapter.

Name _____ Email address _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Name of Church _____

Please let us know what you are interested in. Check one or several!

_____ Supervisor. Chaperon and drive for a Giv² event. Our UCC Safe Church Policy requires us to have a male and female chaperone always, as well as a ratio of 1 adult for every 5 youth.

_____ Volunteers. Accompany us to our activity and offer an extra hand.

_____ “Learnshop” Leader. Teach a specific skill to interested youth at a pre-planned Learnshop or on the day of a Giv² event. Indicate your skills: carpentry, painting, landscaping, cooking, other _____.

_____ Food prep. Each event includes a meal for the people attending. We would welcome donations of food to feed our hungry crews.

_____ Hospitality. Help set up your church space for a Giv² Event Day. Arrange chairs and tables, find paper goods for meal, and clean up after meal.

_____ Publicity. Post flyers, make announcements in church, call youth to invite them to events, and assist with paperwork depending on the upcoming activity.

_____ Photographer or videographer for an event.

_____ Recorder to enter contact info to a chapter database.

_____ Webmaster or facebook administrator to post chapter events.

_____ Financial support. Make a donation to cover expenses for your program. Checks should be made payable to “Missionary Society of CT” memo: Giv².

Return this form to a form to

[\[add names of Planning Team members from your church here\]](#)

Appendix E. LIFT-OFF EVENT

One church should host this early in the fall. Invite youth, parents, young adults, pastors youth leaders from each of the churches that wish to participate. Each participating church should send at least two members to the event. The purpose is to introduce the concept of Giv² and to generate excitement for the events. The Lift-Off is a chance for the local churches and youth to make connections and an opportunity for the Planning Team to recruit volunteer help.

Plan your Lift-off event for a Sunday evening from 5-7 PM.

Provide name tags and gather contact information as people arrive.

Plan a simple Ice breaker or game to help youth and adults meet one another.

Offer a simple meal such as pizza or grinders.

Introduce the Giv² program and its philosophy of local ministry. Lay out the schedule and tell about some of the sites you hope to visit. Tell about the work of this non-profit, who they serve, and how they can use volunteer help. Invite a Giv² ambassador from another chapter to tell about the work they did last year. Have a slide show and narrative or testimonial from youth describing their experience. Be sure to highlight the Giv² concept of multiplied blessings in service.

Expand the circle. Ask youth to pass Giv² info along to other friends in youth group. Ask for volunteers who will assist with advance publicity, or food prep or driving on the day of one of the events. Have several copies of **Appendix D: Volunteer Sign Up Sheet** on hand

Model the nifty Giv² T-shirts (This can be yours when you come to your first Giv² work day!)

Gather contact information and tell how youth they can get info about upcoming events. (email, facebook page, church website)

Close with a blessing

Follow up by adding names, email addresses and phone numbers to your chapter data base.

Appendix F: **SAMPLE DAY-OF-EVENT SCHEDULE for a 12-4 PM** **event:**

- 11:00 Prepare the room.
You will need Giv² T-shirts, one Giv² Crew Log (Appendix C), copies of the Giv² Covenant (Appendix D), pens, nametags, markers, tables and chairs, food/drinks/paper goods for the meal, and driving directions.
- 11:50 Greet and Welcome groups as they come in.
- 12:15 Official Welcome (Mention who you are, name of congregation, welcome, Find out who is here today, lead a short ice-breaker if there is time)
- 12:30 -Special word of prayer blessing the people, food, fellowship and service.
-Begin serving lunch. Adults can help kids mingle with other groups.
-After everyone has been served, say a few words about the place you will visit and the kind of work folks will be doing so that the youth and advisors know what to expect. Highlight the importance of the work and share information about the kinds of folks who will benefit from the work.
- 1:07 -Go over the Giv² Covenant and discuss.
-Be open to comments and /or additions. Discuss any particular safety issues at the site. Remind youth to notify an adult and use the buddy system if they must leave the immediate work area. (ex: bathroom break).
-Ask if there are first-timers. Ask them to agree to the covenant and give them a Giv² Shirt. Once all the new people have gotten shirts, ask everyone if they agree to the covenant to say “we do!”
- 1:10 Have a cheer or a blessing. Snap off a group photo (T-shirt wearers in front!) and jump in the cars. Designate a photographer to document your event.
- 1:30 Arrive at project location. Introduce Organization Staff/Helpers to the group and listen to their words of orientation or a brief tour. Get instructions for your work.
- 1:45 Divide up into teams if necessary and begin work. Adults should circulate and supervise. Check to see if youth have all the supplies they need. Offer tips or instruction with the task. Help youth interact with the clients at the site.
- 3:15 Get to a stopping point and begin clean up.
- 3:30 20-30 minute reflection time. Look at Appendix E for suggested questions for reflection. Ask comments about what people learned today, how it felt to get a chance to work on this particular project, or where people may have glimpsed God’s presence. Be as creative / interactive as you wish. Ask a recorder to write down any quotes that may be used in newsletter articles to describe the experience with the rest of congregation.
- 4:00 Finish up with a word about the next Giv² event. Ask if someone will offer a closing prayer.



We promise to...

- Treat each other and the people whom we are serving with respect at all times.
- Refrain from using foul language.
- Only engage in appropriate physical contact.
- Display generosity and kindness to each other and all whom we serve.
- Be sincere and honest in all our exchanges.
- Care for the environment in which we are working; leaving it looking as good if not better than we found it.
- Practice non-discrimination.
- Have fun!
- Work with a positive attitude, actively participating in the projects and discussions at hand.
- Interact with others whom we do not know already.
- Ensure safety for ourselves and those around us.
- Use the buddy system when leaving the immediate work area (ex: bathroom breaks).

My signature is a sign of my promise

Printed Name

Signature

Date

Appendix I: Reflecting on the Experience

Listed below are some sample questions to use as you wrap up your Giv² experience. It is important to take time to debrief and celebrate this significant effort. Ask for one or two people to take notes and record quotes. Consider video-taping some comments. Or write a group prayer to take home. Be Creative! Some of this discussion can be continued in depth in your own youth group setting at your home church.

Choose one or two from each section.

1. What was your work and what did you learn today? Take time to “compare notes” if the group was divided to work at different tasks.

What did you learn about the work done by this organization? Why is there a need for this type of program? How can future volunteers help out?

Who did you meet and what did they person say to you that made an impact?

2. How did it feel to get a chance to work on this particular project?

Did you feel comfortable doing your work?

What was challenging about the experience?

3. What was a blessing for you today?

Where did you glimpse God’s presence?

What part of the experience will you remember?

4. Next steps

What will you do differently as a result of your experience today? What are your next steps to give back to others?

Can you write a prayer of gratitude?

Can you share a written or verbal “snap shot” of this experience with your friends, your family, other members of your youth group, your congregation?

Giv²

You gave _____

The clients you served gave _____

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~Mark 4:24**

Appendix J:  Event Summary

Please take a few minutes to jot down your evaluation while the experience is still fresh in your mind. This information will help us in planning future events. Send a copy to keep on file with your Giv² Chapter.

Work site _____

Address _____

Phone _____ website _____

Contact person _____

Brief Description of your work _____

Number of students and adults participating. _____

Evaluation:

What went well from organizational, ministry, and service perspectives? _____

Any Problems? _____

Do you think our Giv² team should return to this site? ____ Yes ____ No

Why? What changes would you make? _____

Your name and phone _____

Co-host name and phone _____

Date _____

Appendix K: TELL YOUR STORY

“Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you.” ~ Mark 5:19

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Some ideas include:

- Continue discussion at your next youth group meeting.
- Share news at the next Church Council meeting or Board of Outreach.
- Share a faith story during worship.
- Write a prayer of gratitude.
- Make a story board or photo collage to post on a church bulletin board.
- Post your photos on your church website along with links to the work site.
- Send reflections, photos, or quotes to Erik Anderson at the CT UCC conference office to be included in CONTACT.
- Contact a reporter from your local print media to see if they will cover your event or accept pictures.

Your stories will enrich your congregation and inspire others to serve.

You may also wish to think about “next steps” after your Giv² event. Youth may wish to do follow-up volunteer service, to collect items to donate to the non-profit agency, to learn more about an issue, or to host a video or book discussion group.

Appendix L: Application for a New Chapter

Name of Church _____

Address _____

Pastor _____ Youth Leader _____

Church Phone _____ Web address _____

Each church must provide 2 volunteers who will serve on the Chapter Planning Team. They are responsible for meeting once a month and working together to organize and coordinate Giv² events. In addition they are asked to attend a year-end retreat meeting to evaluate the program.

Planning team volunteers

1. Name _____

Address _____

Email _____ phone _____

2. Name _____

Address _____

Email _____ phone _____

List names of non-profit organizations in your area where Giv² groups might serve. (Use the back if necessary)

Describe some of the outreach or service projects that your youth group has conducted in the last two years.

What are your hopes for your Giv² experience—for your youth, your congregation, your sister UCC churches, or for your community?

Each participating church will be asked to contribute a \$200 member fee to cover cost of training, t-shirts and other Giv² supplies for the year. This will be due at the first Planning Team Meeting. Checks should be made payable to “Missionary Society of CT.”