

Christian Emphasis Committees

YMCA of Greater Fort Wayne

Definition:

A group of dedicated Christians who help the YMCA live out our mission – *to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, body for all.*

Goal: To build healthy spirit in YMCA staff, volunteers, and members.

Approach: Love, care and serve the YMCA family as inspired by Christ in a welcoming-for-all way.

Areas of Focus:

1. **Prayer** - Create intentional times to pray for *everything* within your YMCA.
2. **Partnerships** – Connect and work together with local Churches and Christian organizations as a way to fulfill the mission in our community.
3. **YMCA Culture** – Aim to promote the core values and positively influence the culture of your Y
4. **Existing Programs** – Support staff in emphasizing the spirit in their current YMCA programs. Enhance the loving, caring, and serving that is already going on.
5. **New Programs** - Develop and implement new programs and initiatives that will build a healthier spirit in your YMCA
6. **Staff** – Make intentional efforts to love, serve, bless and care for our staff
7. **Events** – Be a part of YMCA events and community service projects.
8. **Volunteer Chaplain** – Encourage, support and pray for your volunteer chaplains

Tips:

- Avoid letting the CEC become the “do’s and don’ts” committee
- Focus on ways to bless Y staff, volunteers, members as well as the community
- Keep it about the YMCA mission
- Consider having the CE committee chair be a branch advisory board member
- Recruit Christians who have the time and heart to love, care and serve “for all”