

## Koinonia of Upper New York Sponsor's Duties

- Pray for God's guidance for your candidate before inviting him/her to attend a weekend.
- Live the message of the Closer Walk/YAK/KOINONIA weekend/movement.
- Know your candidate *well*. He/she must have a certain amount of maturity and open-mindedness.
- Make sure your candidate is going because he/she wants to.
- Pray, considering whether God is calling you to pay for your candidate's registration fee. Sometimes churches or the candidate's parents will be willing cover the registration fee. If your candidate has the desire to attend, God will provide the means.
- Give your candidate their portion of the application to complete and **return to you**.
- Complete your portion and **mail both** of those **to the registrar**.
  - At the same time, give the pastor's portion of the application to the pastor (or youth leader if more familiar with the candidate) along with a **stamped envelope addressed to the registrar** for mailing by that person.
- Transport your candidate **to and from** the weekend and the reunion and stay after dropping off your candidate for the Sponsor's Hour.
- **You** are responsible to gather **agape notes** for your candidate from family, teachers, close friends, coaches, pastor, church family members, etc. and to explain to your candidate's parents/guardian about the **hoot and holy hour** and the importance that they *be* there.
- Support your candidate at the holy hour, with agape, and at the hoot and offer to bring/carpool with their family/parent/guardian to holy hour and the hoot.
- Take your candidate to reunion.
- Encourage your candidate to attend monthly happenings and, if feasible, provide or help to arrange transportation.
- Please, continue, after the weekend is over, to pray and influence them to grow in Christ and stay involved in their journey.
- **Your obligation is not light – pray for and guide your candidate.**

It is a very busy three days beginning at 9:00 am (Saturday in October / Friday in March) and ending about 3:00 pm (Monday in October / Sunday in March).

Candidates must stay on site the entire weekend. **Therefore, persons of fragile health, or persons with serious emotional problems should not attempt a weekend.** Where health or other problems do exist, it should be *clearly stated* on the application so that the team can be prepared.

Also please be sure that your candidate is willing to attend. All Candidate paperwork is confidential and is destroyed after the weekend.

Thank You!