

COVENANT



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Youth Vision Pastors & Interns Network

(YVPIN)



Youth Vision WA's vision is to see youth ministries growing and flourishing throughout Churches of Christ in our state. We believe after having spoken to you and having looked at our current youth ministry climate that we have come up with a strategy that will go a long way towards seeing this vision fulfilled.

Our new strategy comes in the form of a relational covenant. A covenant is often defined as a written agreement between two or more parties to perform some action. The YVPIN Covenant is a relational one so we don't require a signature just some paper work for our records. It's between the members of the Youth Vision Network that will hopefully evoke spiritual and professional development as well as sense of community and belonging.

We recognise that we don't have the power to make you enter into this covenant. However it is our prayer that you would see just how important and necessary the elements of this covenant are. That you will take responsibility and be committed to your own personal health and growth along with your brothers and sisters in Christ who are on a similar journey.

This covenant is not a requirement to be a part of Youth Vision. Nonetheless we actually believe that it is an integral part of Youth Vision WA's DNA. Youth Vision has always been a relational network and we are simply inviting you to be a part of what Youth Vision is all about.

We hope and pray that this covenant will grow you spiritually and professionally, as we facilitate a network that will enable you to connect with like minded leaders who are committed to growing youth ministries in WA.
God Bless You.

Rod Thom, Youth Vision WA.

THE YVPIN COVENANT CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS:

a mentor

It's our conviction that we ought to have people in our lives who are a little further along life's path. People who we can look to for advice, spiritual formation, coaching and prayer support. If you don't already have a mentor Youth Vision will assist you in the process of finding one.

My Mentor's name is _____

Our next meeting is _____

I would like you to help me find a mentor!

YES/NO (please circle)

a peer cluster

Being a part of a peer cluster will provide a space for peer pastoral, coaching and prayer support. Each cluster will have a facilitator/leader and it will be their responsibility to call the cluster together at least bi-monthly, facilitate the time together and organise any coaching opportunities. It will also be their responsibility to connect with other youth ministries that YV have not really connected with in the past. In the off month the cluster leaders will meet with Rod so that he can pass on any information or resources and pastoral care for them.

My Peer Cluster leader will be _____

in the _____ region.

ongoing youth ministry professional development

Youth culture in WA is continually shifting and we need to position ourselves for further education and training in order to best minister to this changing culture. Therefore we would encourage every Youth Vision youth worker to attend at least one specialist youth ministry professional development opportunity each year or be enrolled in specialist youth ministry/worker training.

We are planning to provide specialist Youth Ministry training through Australian College of Ministries and we will be attending National Youth Ministers Conference bi-annually I'm planning to do the following specialist Youth Ministry Training and or Professional Development:

1. _____

2. _____

state YVPIN gatherings

We also think that it's important from time to time to connect as Youth Vision WA. So we will organise a couple of state YVPIN gatherings a year. We would also love you to continue to use State Youth Games as an outreach opportunity and be a part of our annual Youth Leaders Spiritual Refresher.

Could you please fill in the enclosed information form and give back to your cluster leader at your first cluster gathering. It's important for us to have your up-to-date information so that we can serve you and add value to your ministry.

Please note that Youth Vision is committed to assisting you in implementing this covenant, so please don't hesitate to call Rod or speak to your cluster leader.