



Dear Fellow Youth Worker,

You got into ministry because you were called. Called by God Himself. Called to touch young people with His life-changing Gospel. And as you look back over the last year of ministry, undoubtedly you *have* touched many lives. You have seen some come to accept Christ's grace, some commit themselves to a deeper walk, and some commit themselves afresh. And, like the rest of us, this is the stuff that thrills you! And yet...

If we were to add all our many successes, one very disturbing fact remains: **we are still only reaching about 3-5% of Toronto's 200,000 High School-aged Teens!!! In other words, there are over 190,000 UNREACHED TEENS!**

Many of us know the frustration of trying to be more creative, to come up with more exciting activities, more pizza parties, more sure-fire ways to attract unchurched students to our meetings and only getting one or two new teens into our programs. Of course, each teen counts! And of course, it is about every single teen! But when we consider that there are 190,000 unchurched teens, we have to agree, we haven't even scratched the surface. They are **not** coming to our churches or our youth groups for answers. We **must** go to where they are to reach them with the Answer! We need to do something different to reach them! But what? How can we reach them?

*Imagine a ministry environment where each youth worker and youth ministry, each church and each para-church organization, work together, strategically and co-operatively, across denominational, cultural and traditional boundaries, to optimize each other's efforts and to maximize all our results.*

*Imagine an entire city, where each of us is connected to our peers, to pray for, equip, empower and mentor our teens to be the church's missionaries, as they carry the Gospel message into their mission fields.*

*Imagine a school, with all the Christian students from all the churches that feed into it, working in unity, to accomplish the Great Commission and reach each one of their unchurched classmates.*

### ***Just imagine!***

Our prayer is that this is not something we only imagine, but a reality we experience!

This reality is what Jesus prayed in John 17; that we be ONE, so the world would know that the Father sent His Son! For this reason, we feel this is the **only** way to reach today's generation of teenagers in our city! We call this the Toronto Youth Network – TYN.

Will you join with us and bring your share and your input to help establish this reality?

The TYN is **NOT** another ministry but rather a unifying force bringing together all Toronto's ministries from churches and para-church organizations. The TYN is local church focused as it aims to bring unchurched teens into the church to be discipled.

The TYN does **NOT** replace any of the existing regional networks within Toronto, instead, it strengthens each as it links them across the entire city, augmenting their reach and communication. Simply put, we wish to allow each member to bring its part benefiting the whole church in Toronto.

The TYN is **NOT** asking you to commit to joining a city-wide networking meeting, **NOT** to sign-up for a bunch of events, and **NOT** to combine your ministry with someone else.

*Here's how you can get involved:*

**1. Join us:**

We pray that you find yourself in agreement with the attached TYN Mission and Values, and Statement of Faith, and that you will complete the Network Registration form and sign the Covenant. When you do, please fax these to **905-738-5683**, or simply register online at **www.tyn.ca**.

**2. Connect with your Regional Network:**

As we receive your Registration Forms, we will connect each member with their regional network. These networks will be meeting together to pray and plan regional activity. Please join them.

**3. Be a part of the Toronto Campus Initiative:**

We are currently building a database of all Toronto schools, and their corresponding School Christian Fellowships. Many of these Fellowships need the support and mentorship of youth workers. You can partner with us in this initiative by adopting a school in the following ways:

- a. Pray for a school
- b. Encourage your teens to join the Christian fellowship in their school, or if one doesn't exist, to partner with other Christian students to start one.
- c. Become a Campus Coach or Assistant Campus Coach

Let's continue pray for today's teens and ask Jesus to mould us to be better used by Him to reach them for His kingdom. Also, let's work together, to encourage and support one another to reach this generation of students for Christ!

Looking forward to hear from you, we remain in His love and at your service,

*Kors Pater*

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Kors Pater  
Grace Chinese Gospel Church

*Jeff Smyth*

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Jeff Smyth  
The Peoples Church

*Hany Boghossian*

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Hany Boghossian  
Toronto Church of the Living God

Visit us at **www.tyn.ca** or email us at **info@tyn.ca**.

Also visit the Canadian Youth Network at **www.canadianyouth.net**  
and the National Network of Youth Ministries at **www.youthworkers.net**.

Register Online:  
www.tyn.ca



## **TORONTO YOUTH NETWORK MISSION**

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## **OUR CORE VALUES**

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### **EVERY ENVIRONMENT**

**Youth ministry must be oriented to the students' world: the campus, home, church and community.** By staying ethnically and culturally relevant, we can better discern their real needs, address current issues, and develop a relationally effective ministry to both believers and non-believers.

### **INTENTIONAL EVANGELISM**

**We are intentional in evangelism.** We must share the message of God's love through Jesus Christ with students, before the world captures, and then controls their hearts, minds, and actions. Therefore, we seek to develop and implement strategies to help reach every adolescent in every community.

### **LOCAL CHURCH**

**The church is God's primary agency for building His Kingdom.** We want every student to be part of a local church that provides a youth ministry to help students grow and serve Christ.

### **STUDENT LEADERSHIP**

**Preparing students for leadership and influence is a priority.** Because youth are so greatly influenced by their peers, we believe we must encourage, empower and equip them in order to reach the maximum number of students, most effectively.

### **SPIRITUAL MULTIPLICATION**

**Spiritual multiplication is the biblical pattern for fulfilling the Great Commission.** Therefore, we seek to develop fully devoted followers of Christ who will do the same with others.

### **STRATEGIC PLANNING**

**Youth ministry must accomplish long-range biblical goals.** Therefore, to sustain an intentional, long-term ministry to youth and youth workers we seek to avoid superficial programs that are ends in themselves.



## **TORONTO CAMPUS INITIATIVE**

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The **Toronto Campus Initiative** is coordinated by the Toronto Youth Network and is open to leaders of city-wide youth ministries who commit to the Initiative's Mission, Values, and Strategies and sign the Co-Labour Agreement.

Locally, all Christian students, parents, educators, youth workers, churches, ministries and organizations are invited to become an active part of the Initiative's Mission by networking their efforts to reach the 150+ public and private junior high and senior high schools in Toronto for Christ.

## **OUR MISSION**

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To reach every junior high and senior high school in Toronto

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### **A CHRISTIAN INFLUENCE IN OUR SCHOOLS**

**We need a movement of God in our schools.** We need a place where Christian students can meet on campus to be encouraged, and to be challenged to live and share their faith at school. We also need a place where non-Christian students can feel accepted and loved, and hear the message of the gospel.

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## **OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH**

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### **The Toronto Youth Network believes:**

- The Holy Scriptures as originally given by God are divinely inspired, infallible, entirely trustworthy, and constitute the only supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
- There is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- Our Lord Jesus Christ is God manifest in the flesh; we affirm his virgin birth, sinless humanity, divine miracles, vicarious and atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension, ongoing mediatorial work, and personal return in power and glory.
- The salvation of lost and sinful humanity is possible only through the merits of the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, received by faith apart from works, and is characterized by regeneration by the Holy Spirit.
- The Holy Spirit enables believers to live a holy life, to witness and work for the Lord Jesus Christ.
- The Church, the body of Christ, consists of all true believers.
- Ultimately God will judge the living and the dead, those who are saved unto the resurrection of life, those who are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.



If you agree with the Covenant below, please sign it and fax it back along with your completed Member Registration to **905-738-5683** or simply register online at **www.tyn.ca**.  
*Before signing, please review the Network's Statement of Faith.*

**Register Online:  
www.tyn.ca**

## **THE NETWORK COVENANT**

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"Constrained by the love of Christ," motivated by a love for young people, and empowered by the indwelling Holy Spirit, I hereby enter into a covenant with God and with my co-labourers in youth ministry. I claim by faith that my life will be characterized by:

**PERSONAL HOLINESS** before God and others, which is established in Christ and expressed in daily life through prayer and commitment to the Word of God.

**AN EXEMPLARY HOME LIFE** that is a source of renewal for me and my family, and a godly model for others to follow.

**A LIFE OF DISCIPLESHIP** which is reproducing an on-going chain of maturing believers.

**INVOLVEMENT IN EVANGELISM** which helps expose every teenager to the gospel in a personal and culturally relevant way.

**A WILLINGNESS TO MINISTER TO YOUTH FOR A LIFETIME**, should God so direct.

**A MINISTRY WHICH BECOMES A RESOURCE** to other churches and organizations, cooperating for greater effectiveness in ministering to teenagers.

I solemnly establish this covenant on this \_\_\_\_\_ day

of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name



## MEMBER REGISTRATION

Yes, I agree with the Toronto Youth Network Covenant and want to register as a member.

### My Contact Information:

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Sex  Male  Female

Title/Position \_\_\_\_\_

Church/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Denomination \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Office Fax \_\_\_\_\_  
*Please provide at least one phone number*

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Pager \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Website http:// \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the TYN? \_\_\_\_\_

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### My Ministry Involvement:

I am:  a Parent  an Educator

I am a:  Full Time  Paid Youth Worker.  
 Part Time  Volunteer

My special interest or expertise is in the following area(s):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Administration       | <input type="checkbox"/> Disciple Making      | <input type="checkbox"/> Music / Worship     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Campus Outreach      | <input type="checkbox"/> Educator             | <input type="checkbox"/> Network Coordinator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City Reaching        | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Ministry      | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer & Awakening  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College / University | <input type="checkbox"/> High School          | <input type="checkbox"/> Seminary            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Counselling          | <input type="checkbox"/> Middle / Junior High | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crisis Intervention  | <input type="checkbox"/> Missions             | <input type="checkbox"/> Women               |

### My Network Information:

**Networking** Are you involved with an interdenominational Network of Youth Workers or Educators in your area?  Yes  No

**Network Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Coordinator** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

### My Toronto Campus Initiative Involvement:

Pray for a Campus: \_\_\_\_\_

Be a Campus Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Be a Faculty Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Be a Campus Assistant Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Receive more information \_\_\_\_\_

I am currently involved with the following campus, in the following capacity:  
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