MEMBERS OF YFC NZ - ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

BACKGROUND

A number of people have commented that they feel a commitment to the new YFC NZ Mission Community but are not in a position to follow the practises (because of family or study or work commitments or a combination of these). These people have all commented that they will volunteer to help YFC on an "as available" / "as needed" basis whether they are members or not. But they are so excited and supportive of the purpose, goal and values of the new YFC NZ Mission Community that they would like some way of acknowledging this.

DECISION

A decision was reached at the Senior Leadership Conference 2005 as follows:-

- 1. That we establish a membership called "Associate Member of YFC NZ".
- 2. This associate membership is open only to those who will agree to the purpose, goal and values of YFC and are prepared to sign the statement of faith.
- 3. An Associate Member of YFC NZ will commit to the following practices:-
 - we will read an entire Gospel each month.
 - we will make our resources available to support a YFC project or missionary.
 - we will individually pray for our local mission base team members weekly.
 - at least once a term, we will attend one of the local monthly discipleship events that focus on Jesus, our values and accountability.
 - we will go on a YFC Project Serve within the next 3 years. (Project Serve is a
 mission trip overseas or in NZ whose primary purpose is to serve a local
 community practically. The MLT will notify the members of Project Serve trips
 each year.)
 - we will help at one local YFC mission base event or project at least once a term.
 - we will attend at least one YFC NZ nationwide event (CTC, the Gathering) or regional event (Converge, Harvest Camp) each year.
- 4. An Associate Member of YFC will not have the rights and responsibilities of full membership.

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