

MEMBERSHIP IN YOUTH FOR CHRIST FROM FEBRUARY 2007

There has been discussion around the topic of membership for some time, but we are now at the point in our journey where the time has come to finalise and clarify the process; so there can be no misunderstanding or confusion and to help new people understand the “path” into YFC.

Outlined below is the process, by which people can make the transition from helper to associate, and for those who would wish, to move from associate to member. This is by no means the “total package” but it is the framework on which we will start to operate from the Ethos weekends onwards.

Once a person has been a helper (new terms for “helper” welcome) and seems to be “getting what we are about” they can be approached by a member (or take the initiative themselves) and be asked to consider becoming an *associate member*. They will then be expected to live to the associate practices (to be determined soon), as well as being in a “mentor-type” relationship with one or other members. This reflects that members in areas know the people they are journeying with, and are therefore qualified to “make a call” as to their suitability.

We no longer operate in a way that requires all decisions to be made “upstairs”, so there will be complete confidence in members to make “the call” regarding this stage of the process. Being members, they will have the heartbeat of who we are striving to become. This is also outworking the fact that we are a “*priesthood of believers*”.

The process from *associate* to *member* is very similar to the one above. To become a member an associate will need to be recommended to the MLT by two members (they do not need to be from the same geographical area). This recommendation is based on the fact that an associate has “got it”. The MLT will then start a discernment or intake process (this is being developed and will be ready by the Gathering). The point of this process is to ensure that the person concerned truly understands the values and rhythms of YFCNZ.

This is an exciting stage in our journey, we are making steps forward and our eyes are focused ahead to see where the God of Love, Hope, Truth, and Peace, will lead us. We place ourselves in His hands, we should all take time to seek Him, reflect on His words, and process with His people about where we feel we are being led as individuals, and as His mission.

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