

## **YOUTH FOR CHRIST IN NEW ZEALAND PURPOSE STATEMENT**

**We are committed followers of Jesus, inviting all young people to join our faith adventure.**

### **OUR GRAND GOAL**

**Our dream is to see multiple groups of highly motivated young missionaries (primarily volunteers), following Jesus, interacting with a wide range of youth communities, leading young people into a dynamic lifelong relationship with Jesus Christ.**

### **OUR VALUES**

#### **A. JESUS CENTERED**

**We are committed to following and imitating Jesus. Hebrews 1: 1- 3**

#### **Principle 1.**

Our individual & mission goal is to faithfully represent Jesus in teaching and life practice.

Practices:

1. We will read a book of the Bible each month as decided by the MLT.
2. We will, as a team, regularly ask how Jesus was represented by us and our projects.

#### **Principle 2.**

Our own spiritual formation is primary - we will seek to live what we believe.

Practices:

1. We will meet with a spiritual coach at least 4 times a year.
2. + Base workers - we will meet daily for reflective devotions.

*Note: 'Base workers' refers to practices required of full time and part time workers located near a YFC facility or who are able to meet regularly.*

#### **Principle 3.**

We accept the need for missional and peer accountability in order to be faithful to Christ.

Practices:

1. We will meet with a monthly prayer partner to guide our relationship with Jesus.
2. We will pray at every team gathering.
3. We will individually pray for every team member weekly.
4. We will attend monthly discipleship events that focus on Jesus, our values and accountability.
5. + Base workers - we will meet with every volunteer we are serving 4 times a year to ask how we can better serve them.

## **B. MISSION THROUGH SERVICE**

**We have the privilege of being co-laborers of the servant Jesus, bringing Good News to lost young people. Luke 4:18 – 19, Romans 10:14 – 15.**

### **Principle 4.**

We recognize that evangelism and discipleship must be exercised in the context of service to others

Practice:

1. We will be a part of a team providing practical service to young people and, where appropriate, their families.

### **Principle 5.**

We will actively look for ways to serve the local communities in which God places us.

Practices:

1. We will, as a team, assist a community service project that is not YFC initiated at least once a year.
2. + Base workers - we will assist with at least two such projects.

### **Principle 6.**

All workers will commit to the common service projects that define Youth For Christ in New Zealand

Practices:

1. We will go on a YFC Project Serve within the next three years.
2. We will actively participate in 2 - 3 nationwide service events that are decided by the mission community/MLT.

## **C. PEOPLE FOCUSED.**

**We are committed to the God given dignity of all people. 1 Corinthians 12:13 – 30.**

### **Principle 7.**

People are more important than programmes

Practices:

1. We will actively facilitate our members into outreach opportunities in line with their gifts and passion rather than programme needs. Where possible these projects will come from their own creative dreams.
2. We will take part in annual personal reviews based on the DNA of YFC to see if we should recommit to this mission order or move on to other parts of Gods work.
3. We will review our mission projects each year based on the DNA of YFC to see if they continue reform or close.
4. + Base workers - we will actively promote opportunities for mission outside our own projects to all team members.
5. We will actively participate in all gatherings and projects determined by the mission community/MLT.

**Principle 8.**

We will work to see all people developing as whole people.

Practices:

1. We will ensure that all members have a marae experience within the first two years of YFC involvement.
2. We will serve the migrant mission of Youth for Christ at least once a year.

***D. PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS***

**All of us are called to serve God in mission. Ephesians 4:11-16, 1 Peter 2:9.**

**Principle 9.**

We believe in Team leadership

Practice:

1. We will all be members of a team. These teams will show a variety of giftings that will reflect the mission community and the community being served. Leadership will be exercised in team settings.

**Principle 10.**

All full time and part time workers are committed to the service and empowering of volunteers.

Practice:

1. + Base workers - we will be responsible for serving a minimum of 5 volunteers in our mission team.

**Principle 11.**

We are faith supported missionaries not paid youth workers.

Practice:

1. + Base workers - we will raise a minimum of 50% of our income from faith support

***E. GENEROSITY***

**We will generously commit all we have to Jesus and His mission.  
1 Corinthians 8:7 – 15, 1 John 3:17.**

**Principle 12.**

We are one nationwide mission holding all in common for the good of the good of the whole mission.

Practices:

2. We will make our resources available to the whole mission.
3. We will respond immediately to needs, within the whole mission, with generosity and practical concern.
4. + Base workers - we will each serve a team in another area at least once a year

5. + Base workers - we will make available all surplus funds, reserves and plant to the whole mission as determined by the MLT (Within legal and ethical constraints) and will work at making more available.

### **Principle 13.**

We commit to a lifestyle marked by simplicity

Practice:

1. We will demonstrate through our lifestyle choices, Jesus values rather than those of society, and be accountable to other team members for these.

## ***F. CREATIVITY***

**We honour our creative God with the best of our expression. Mathew 25:14 - 30**

### **Principle 14.**

We will foster a spirit of creativity and innovation in worship and mission.

Practices:

1. We will willingly embrace new ideas for mission (primarily from the Back Room Think Tank and Creative Team)
2. + Base workers - we will encourage volunteers to creatively dream ways to glorify Christ
3. + MLT – we will see at least 2 new projects targeting senior high school and up starting within 3 years.

### **Principle 15.**

Creative celebrations will be a hallmark of workers gatherings.

Practices:

We will always include new ways of worship in our YFC gatherings.

+ MLT – we will ensure the development of a creative website to tell the YFC story.