

YOUTH MENTORING PROGRAMME

Vision

1. To establish a stronger relationship between the older and younger members of our congregation, in the hope of creating an inter-generationally strengthened faith community.
2. To allow the younger members of our congregation to have a stable role model of Christian values in their life, outside of their own family members.
3. To allow both mentor and mentored to experience the Christian faith together and learn from each other.
4. To promote the living of faith for young people outside of the walls of the church in practical and simple ways.
5. To strengthen unity amongst our diversity from within our congregation in relation to age difference.

Possible Criteria as a mentor:

1. Willingness to undertake police vetting/background check
2. 25 years of age or older
3. An advocate for their own respective Christian values
4. A passion or enthusiasm towards the development of young people, specifically in relation to their faith.
5. A reasonable amount of life experience
6. Strong communication skills
7. Commitment

Possible responsibilities as a mentor:

1. Regular face-to-face contact with mentoring partner on a monthly or bi-monthly basis (outside of normal Church service times)
2. Regular *non* face-to-face contact with mentoring partner on a weekly basis – *i.e.* A weekly text, email or phone call.
3. The sharing of the gospel or Christian morals in any of these experiences – *i.e.* Having a bible study together, coming to Youth and participating.
4. Guidance on personal, educational and spiritual decisions where applicable – *i.e.* Giving possible advice on studying tips etc.
5. A prayerful attitude toward mentorship

Possible responsibilities as a mentored:

1. Regular face-to-face contact with mentor on a monthly or bi-monthly basis (outside of normal Church service times).
2. Regular technological contact with mentor on a weekly basis – *i.e.* A weekly text, email or phone call.
3. Active communication with mentor in order to grow relationship.
4. A willingness to both speak and listen to an older and different perspective.
5. To seek out mentor for advice or guidance in life situations, where applicable.

Possible processes and structures:

1. Youth and mentor volunteers to fill out a personal profile type document and then are accordingly matched in this way.
2. Mentoring can either be one on one or in small groups, as seen fit or appropriate.
3. A youth and older mentor facilitator put in place to work together to monitor the system and ensure it is objectives are being met and mentoring relationships are working effectively.
4. Reviews to be carried out to ensure objectives are being met and mentoring relationships are working effectively.

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