

# National Youth Google Classroom



Learn our resources available to better serve, inform, and grow our youth!

# Purpose and Vision

- To create a central hub to serve all local youth resources spiritually and naturally from the leadership of the National Youth Department
- Provide a database to capture all of our youth, ages, grades, talents, special interest, birthdays, emergency contacts, allergies, etc. to streamline planning opportunities significantly quicker and more accurate and efficient
- Provide insight on how goals are measured and track their progress
- Provide lessons, important information, updates, etc.
- Overall create a best practice standard for Progressive Church National Youth Department to set future National and Local members up for the best success possible

# What is Available in the Google Classroom

- Access to National Youth Department members and church assignments
  - Who is your assigned member and point of contact
- National Youth Department Approved Lessons
  - Are you looking for a lesson to teach your local youth
- National Youth Departments Action Items and Goals for the Church year
- Mission statements
- Google forms for events, planning, activities
- Upcoming events and calendar synchronization capability if chosen
- Ability to visualize metrics, smart goals, and progress amongst our various churches youth departments
- Feedback forms

# Our Expectations of all our Local Churches

- All churches youth presidents, secretaries, and pastors should be enrolled into this Google Classroom
- Youth Presidents will be the main facilitator of the resources and classroom
- Database sheet of all youth from local assembly should be updated and maintained regularly - **most important**
  - Very important for planning activities, events, and keeping up with our youth
- Active engagement with the platform
  - We can always provide information and resources but it has to be utilized to gain its efficacy
  - Responding to post, asking questions, posting updates
- Accountability and Initiative
  - In order for this to work we have to have everyone involved and being accountable to deadlines, targets, and asking for help when needed
- Feedback on what we could add or make easier
  - We can only improve on what we are knowledgeable of

# Expected Benefits to Pastor

- Better communication regarding national youth department events
  - No more confusion with hunting down emails, text, etc. in attempt to understand what's going on
  - All info posted is approved directly from National Youth Department and will follow as such
- Stronger local youth ministry
  - The resources and practices provided should only strengthen your ministry
  - Ready and available resources to pull from, model off, build templates, etc.
- Increased participation
  - The youth should be the most heavily invested age group of our church as they are the future
  - Their minds are constantly evolving and we must capitalize on every moment to invest in them and grow them into the leaders of the church
- Accountability
  - Ability to hold NYD to goals, deadlines, and task

# Expected Benefits to Youth Presidents/Leaders

- Ready to use Resources
  - Lesson plans, discussion guides, event ideas/planning
- Event information
  - Ability to see registration deadlines, forms, details, and schedules easily and timely
- Training and Development
  - NYD can provide training and best practices to help develop your local youth and you as leader
- Networking
  - Ability to collab and create cross functionality amongst all members whether you are close or far

# Expected benefits for the Youth Themselves

- Why I should stay in my church
  - Capitalizing on fellowship, spiritual growth, and investment into youth creates a community and sense of belonging which helps retain our Youth for years to come
- Connections beyond the local church
  - One of the NYD beliefs is everyone should know everyone and fellowship to build unity and relations. Whether it is through spiritual or natural means, every high functioning team or body has personal relations to some degree with everyone
- Spiritual Growth
  - More resources equates to more opportunities and moments to create, refine, or innovate on. This will only benefit our youth
- Sense of belonging and care beyond local church
  - Most youth believe they only exist in their local church or at “special services”. This is a cultural mindset we want to change. We have to show our youth we are all one body with many members and prove their worth matters beyond the few times a year we gather for “special services”
- Mindset of inviting others and helping grow the church from their POV
  - We have to create an atmosphere where the Youth want to tell their friends, family members, or anyone to come to church that we have the best Youth Department and team ever. All efforts mean nothing if we cannot retain, grow, or build what we have

# Demonstration and How to Join

- Each pastor here today will be signed up during this session by a member presenting or NYD member present
- Local youth leaders will be contacted as well regarding info on joining as well