

UNITY BAPTIST YOUTH STRATEGIC PLAN (Up/In/Out) - **DRAFT**

"Love God, Love Our Neighbours, Love One Another...everyday, everywhere, everyone"

Vision - To mentor youth in developing authentic, lifelong relationships with Jesus Christ within a community of believers, and to develop greater Christian leadership skills, abilities and attitudes to use both within the church and in the wider world.

Purpose - Disciple youth through fellowship, service, and study of God's word (Up/In/Out) in alignment with the broader UBC Strategic Plan.

Goals

- **Development of personal relationships with Jesus**

First and foremost, the aim of the Unity Baptist Youth program is to lead and guide youth in knowing Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. Every other goal is secondary.

"...Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well..." (John 14:6-7)

- **Strong peer relationships within the youth group**

Relationship is at the core of our faith in Jesus, as we show love to others we demonstrate the love of Christ to our broken world.

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:34-35)

- **Developing hearts and attitudes of service both in the church and broader community**

Jesus has called us to serve one another and to serve others.

Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. (John 13:14-15)

- **Positive mentoring relationships between sponsors and youth**

Youth sponsors have a unique opportunity to influence youth in this time of transition to adulthood and will strive to develop open and transparent relationships with the youth.

Remember your leaders, those who have spoken God's word to you. Think about the impact of their lives, and imitate their faith. (Hebrews 13:7)