

YOUTH PASTOR HANDBOOK

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ONLINE

WELCOME

Hey Youth Pastor!

We are so excited that you and your group are attending Change Conference 2020 Online! We are looking forward to seeing what God does this year through Change Conference - even though it looks nothing like we imagined it would be. We know how much work goes into getting your students registered and ready for an online event, and we wanted to make sure you know that we're here for you. This guide will help you with all of the planning details.

It's hard to believe, but this is our sixteenth year of Change Conference. If you and your group have come all 16 years, or if this is your first year attending, we are so excited to have you join us. The Canadian Youth Network (CYN) has planned each detail of Change Conference with you and your group in mind. We recognize how crucial your role is in investing and raising this next generation of youth leaders/students and we sincerely thank you.

If you ever have questions or need any help, please don't hesitate to reach out. Someone from our team would be happy to help you!

See you online on October 16 at #changeconf20!

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REGISTRATION ASSISTANCE

You can access Change Conference Registration at www.changeconference.com and click on TICKETS. We encourage youth pastors to create a group and call it the name of your church. From there, you can have students register themselves (with their own email address), or the youth pastor can manually enter them in.

One critical thing is to make sure everyone who is watching has their own separate ticket. People need a ticket to enter the live stream and to access the online chat. (The online chat is going to be super important during the event and also for follow up if a student has made a decision to follow Jesus).

If at any time you need assistance with registration, please email info@changeconference.com or call 905.476.0967.

TECH ASSISTANCE

Make sure to test the livestream to ensure everything works before the event begins. Everyone who has registered for Change Conference will receive an email the day before with the link to the stream. We suggest EVERY person who is watching the event log in on their own personal device so they can access the live chat. (This live chat will be a big part of getting the most out of the experience and students will need their own devices to login and participate in this live chat.)

If at any time you need help registering or logging into the event, please email info@changeconference.com or call 905-476-0967.

We will do our best to help you with any technical issues that might arise.

WATCH PARTY

WANT THE FULL CHANGE CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE? YOU SHOULD HOST A WATCH PARTY! WATCH CHANGE CONFERENCE WITH YOUR YOUTH GROUP AND/OR YOUTH NETWORK.

As provinces begin to open back up, churches have started joining together again to meet in person. We are excited to have churches all over Canada joining together (while staying within their provincial rules) to watch Change Conference 2020 Online.

If you are interested in either attending or hosting a Change Conference Watch Party, please email olivia@changeconference.com

Download our WATCH PARTY HANDBOOK for more tips and ideas!

DOWNLOAD WATCH PARTY HANDBOOK HERE

CURRICULUM

Is God good? How can He be good in a world full of pain and suffering?

These questions are some of the biggest hurdles to people believing in God. Our brand new Change Conference video curriculum is here to help guide discussions with your youth groups to wrestle with some of these hard but integral questions.

In John 16:33, Jesus says, “In this world you will have trouble, but TAKE HEART, I have overcome the world.”

Jesus never promised us a life without pain. He straight up said this world is going to be full of trouble. But He promised us His presence in the midst of our pain — and He promised us that this world is not the end.

Join six followers of Jesus as they tell relevant and personal stories, along with Scripture, in this brand new video series.

We include discussion questions to prompt meaningful conversations with your youth group. Week One is designed to ask the question: How is God good, even with pain and suffering in the world? Week Two will be Change Conference Online where our speakers dive deeper into John 16:33. Week Three concludes our series, and gives practical application for how youth can share the message of Jesus with their friends.

WEEK ONE - TO BE SHOWN THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 4.

WEEK TWO - WATCH CHANGE CONFERENCE ONLINE ON OCTOBER 16.

WEEK THREE - TO BE SHOWN THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 19.

Videos will be available for download at the end of September.

Curriculum is video based, so your youth group can do it over Zoom if you're meeting online or in person if your church is open in October. Each session is 15 minutes plus additional time for discussion questions throughout the session.

YOUTH PASTOR ZOOM MEETINGS

We highly encourage all youth pastors to join one of our Youth Pastor Zoom Meetings before Change Conference. We will be reviewing key details that will help your students get the most out of their Change Conference online experience.

Go to www.changeconference.com/youthpastor to register for the meeting time that works for you.

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October 5 // 10AM EST
October 6 // 2PM EST
October 7 // 7PM EST
October 8 // 10AM EST
October 9 // 8PM EST

ALBERTA & NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

October 6 // 2PM MST
October 7 // 7PM MST

BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON

October 6 // 3PM PST
October 7 // 8PM PST

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

October 8 // 11:30AM NST
October 9 // 9:30PM NST

NEW BRUNSWICK, NOVA SCOTIA & P.E.I

October 5 // 9AM AST
October 6 // 1PM AST
October 7 // 6PM AST

SASKATCHEWAN & MANITOBA

October 8 // 9AM CST
October 9 // 7PM CST

FOLLOW UP PROCESS

FOR THOSE WHO MADE A DECISION TO FOLLOW JESUS

We are praying that your youth and their friends decide to follow Jesus while they are participating in Change Conference Online!

Any student who makes a decision or re-commitment to follow Jesus during our live stream will have the opportunity to text our texting system. From that text, an automatic text message will be sent back with a link to a webpage with follow up material, links to where to find the Bible, etc.

We are also excited for a new opportunity to challenge the students who are watching Change Conference. The students will be challenged to share on all of their social media channels a simple, two minute video that clearly tells the message of Jesus. This might be the first time a student has stepped out to let their friends know what they believe. We are praying that thousands of youth all over Canada will be able to hear the message of Jesus through this video.

We'll also aim to collect contact information from all students who text us for follow up. With this contact information, we can let their pastor know who has made a decision or we can set them up with a local church in their area if they don't have a church yet.

PRAYER GUIDE

PRAY FOR YOUR GROUP:

- A week or so before the event, gather your youth leaders (via Zoom) and pray for each student specifically by name who are registered for Change Conference Online
- Pray that God will speak to each of your students and that the Holy Spirit will be at work in their hearts
- Pray for the students who haven't yet decided to follow Jesus
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would empower students with courage and boldness to share their faith once Change Conference is over

PRAY FOR THE EVENT:

- Pray for all of our speakers (Sadie, Lecrae, Chad, and Matt) - that God would speak through them and touch the hearts of all of the youth
- Pray that each student will truly listen when the Gospel message is shared on the live stream
- Pray that each person who comes across the social media Gospel message video would pause, listen, and experience the love of God
- Pray that hundreds of youth will decide to follow Jesus and/or re-commit their lives to following him
- Pray for Brooke Nicholls and her band who are leading us in worship
- Pray against any technical difficulties for all who are watching
- Pray that Change Conference Online is a time of refreshment and encouragement for all of the youth pastors and youth workers attending
- Pray for the different watch parties taking place across Canada
- Pray for the lead team and all volunteers as they work on Change Conference Online

PRAYER GUIDE

We have organized a 40 Days of Prayer campaign, which we encourage all youth groups to participate in. Check our website for more details.

Don't forget to join us on October 7 for our Change Conference Prayer and Fasting Day.

We are praying for you and your youth group! If you are in need of prayer, please contact us at info@changeconference.com and we will have our prayer team pray for you.

During our online event, we will have a prayer team available to pray with you and your students. If you or your youth needs any prayer, our prayer team is happy to pray with you. We also have a prayer team committed to covering the entire Change Conference event in prayer.

FAQS

WHO IS IT THAT RUNS CHANGE CONFERENCE?

Change Conference is hosted and organized by the Canadian Youth Network.

WHO IS THE CANADIAN YOUTH NETWORK?

The Canadian Youth Network is a grassroots ministry with the vision that every teen in Canada has a chance to experience the love of God, respond to the gospel and be disciplined in a spiritually healthy church. CYN exists to serve Canadian churches by supporting YOUTH LEADERS as they develop spiritually healthy teens.

WHAT IS THE TARGETED AUDIENCE/AGE GROUP FOR CHANGE 2020?

Our target audience is Jr. High and High school age young people.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN MY REGISTRATION?

Access to Change Conference Online and the following half an hour After Party.

WHO IS REQUIRED TO REGISTER?

Everyone – anyone watching the live stream needs a separate ticket.

WILL IT REALLY BE LIVE? DO WE HAVE TO WATCH AT A CERTAIN TIME?

Yes! This online experience is going to be just that — an experience! In order to take full advantage of this immersive and interactive experience together, make sure to participate with us live. The live stream will NOT be available to watch afterwards.



GIVEAWAY

**YOUTH LEADERS, ENTER TO WIN A PAIR OF AIRPODS!
WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED OCTOBER 19 2020.**

ENTER TO WIN HERE