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LEADERS GUIDE

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HEY YOUTH LEADERS



You are all real life everyday heroes. Thank you for the important work you do and for including us in your ministry year. Together, we can give your students the most amazing online Change Conference experience ever! We've created a Prep & Follow Up Guide to help you prepare your leadership teams, parents, and youth for this amazing event.

WHAT IS CHANGE CONF NATIONAL ONLINE 2023 ACTUALLY ABOUT?

Change Conf is most importantly a proclamation and invitation of the Gospel. We want every student in Canada to be able to hear, respond and live out the message of Jesus in their lives.

The Change Conf National 2023 theme is **WHOLEHEARTED** based on Jeremiah 29:13, “If you look for Me wholeheartedly, you will find Me.”

We will be communicating the love and hope of Jesus and delivering the gospel clearly and effectively during the livestream. Following God wholeheartedly means to give God everything, to surrender our lives to Him, and trust in His plan for us. We want students to know God’s Spirit can transform them from the inside out — that they don’t have to live with a divided heart, but can instead love and trust God wholeheartedly.

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WHAT ARE THE MAIN OBJECTIVES FOR MY STUDENTS?

Our objective for all students in attendance is that they take a step closer to Jesus in some way.

We will provide space for your youth to either:

a) make a decision for Jesus (first time or recommitment)

and/or

b) take a bold step to live out the message of Jesus in their lives more fully through sharing the Gospel Message Video on their social media.

HOW DOES CHANGE CONF COMMUNICATE WITH STUDENTS ON THESE MAIN POINTS?

In the livestream, we will communicate the two ways that your students can take the next step in their walk with Jesus:

1) We will be directing all students to thereismoretolife.ca. We have created this website with your youth in mind. No matter what stage of faith they are (or aren't at) they can find helpful resources to answer their questions. There is something there for every student, regardless of where they're at in their journey.

2) We will be encouraging students to share the Gospel Message Video on their social media. This is huge. This is where your students can step out and make a bold move on behalf of the Gospel. This 1 minute Gospel Message Video will be shown in the livestream. Once we've shown the video, we will challenge your students to take a brave step and post the video on their social media.



IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE I CAN DO TO PREPARE MY STUDENTS?

YES! Firstly, PRAY.

Gather people to pray! Every single year at Change Conference, God does AMAZING things and lives are eternally changed. Addictions are overcome, sin is forgiven, suicide attempts are prevented, relationships are restored, hope is found, and thousands hear the message of God's love. The youth of Canada are discovering their Saviour. You need to be in prayer for this event! To make this easy, Change Conf has set up some accessible ways to get your community involved in prayer. Here's how:

- 1) Sign up for our 8 days of prayer campaign, beginning Feb 16. When you or your team members sign up, we'll text you a prayer request each day, for 8 days. Text PRAYER to (226) 240-9938 to sign up.**
- 2) Join us on February 15th for our Change Conf Day of Prayer and Fasting. People all across Canada will be fasting and praying for this event. Organize your team to join us in prayer on that day and pray for each student by name.**
- 3) Run your own prayer initiative to involve parents, church members, and your leadership team. Pray for specific students, prayer requests, and concerns. An idea for you: the week before Change Conf, gather your leaders either in person or over Zoom and pray for each student who will be participating in Change Conf by name.**

A photograph of a band performing on stage under a large white tent. The band consists of several members, including a guitarist on the left and a drummer on the right. The scene is dimly lit, with the stage lights creating a warm, reddish-pink glow. The text "IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE I CAN DO TO PREPARE MY STUDENTS?" is overlaid in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the upper portion of the image.

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Secondly, COMMUNICATE.

a) Talk to your leadership teams. Prepare them to have important conversations. They don't need to know all the answers (does anyone?) but they do need to feel confident and know that you have faith in them to have the conversation.

b) Talk to the parents. Bring them in on it. We know that discipleship happens at youth group for maybe two hours once a week, but it happens at home everyday. Partner with parents to be ready to guide their teens through these big conversations.

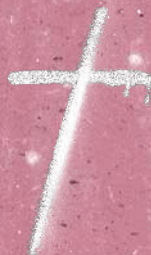
c) Talk to your students. Consider discussing the Gospel Message Video with them and the opportunity that they will have to join with thousands of other students to share it on their social media.

FOLLOW UP

Follow up is a very important part of Change Conference and it is entirely done by you, the youth leaders. We so appreciate the time and effort that you put into participating in Change Conf with your students. To assist you in this last but key piece we polled many youth leaders who have helped us come up with some Follow Up suggestions:

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Check your Swag Bundle, the Conf Tools webpage, or the Change Conf Lookbook for discussion questions created by our Change Conf team. These will help your youth unpack some of the truths and topics communicated during the Change Conf 2023 event stream.



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FOLLOW UP SURVEY

One of our favourite follow up ideas from youth leaders was a follow up survey. The youth leader created a survey to give his students space to communicate how the event impacted their faith in a simple format. The youth leader created a simple Google Form with 3 questions, using a sliding scale for the answers.

- 1) Where were you at in your relationship with Jesus before Change Conf? (1-10)
- 2) Where are you at in your relationship with Jesus after Change Conf? (1-10)
- 3) How likely are you to share about Jesus with your friends? (1-10)

He asked the students to fill out the survey right after the event. From there, he had a good idea where his students were at spiritually and was able to have really honest follow up conversations with them.

SHARE YOUR STORY

This is one of the easiest ways to either wrap up your evening at Change Conf or plan a youth night post Change Conf. The whole purpose of the experience here is to share. Ask them to share what they liked, what they learned, or something they will never forget. Start with easy questions such as: "What was your favourite thing about our Watch Party/Change Conf 23?" As your students warm up to sharing, gradually get to the deeper questions.



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Please email us directly at
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We're here to help!

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