

**CHANGE
CONF**

LEADERS GUIDE

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 2025 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 to, and live out the message of Jesus in their lives.


The theme for Change Conf National 2025 is WHO WE REALLY ARE based on 1 John 3:1A, “What marvelous love the Father has extended to us! Just look at it - we’re called children of God! That’s who we really are.”

We will be communicating the love and hope of Jesus and delivering the gospel clearly and effectively during this online experience. There is so much telling us who we are or who we should be. Each day, we’re bombarded with messages, labels, and lies. But what if the things we believe about ourselves aren’t true?

It leaves us with the question: who are we really?

Join us at Change Conf National Online where we’ll find out exactly who God says we really are.

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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) go deeper in their relationship with Jesus by choosing to trust in Him more by surrendering a part of their life they haven't given over to Him yet



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

During this online experience, 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 go deeper in their faith with Jesus by surrendering a part of their life to Him they haven't yet. All of us have things we likely haven't fully entrusted to Jesus yet, and we want to give students a chance to fully surrender everything to Him and deepen their trust in Jesus.



HOW CAN I 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, physical or mental healing takes place, relationships are restored, hope is found, and thousands hear the message of God's love. Youth in Canada are coming into relationship with Jesus. 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:

HERE'S HOW:

1) Join us on February 19th 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. Feel free to join us on Instagram Live that night to pray with leaders across Canada. (@changeconference on Instagram).

2) 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.




SECONDLY, COMMUNICATE.

a) Talk to your leadership teams. Prepare them to have important conversations about decisions. 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. Get them excited for Change Conf National Online, create expectancy for what God is going to do, and encourage them to invite a friend!



FOLLOW UP

Follow up is a very important part of Change Conference and 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

You can find our suggested discussion questions [here](#).

YOUVERSION DEVOTIONAL PLAN

We collaborated with the BibleProject and wrote a 5-day devotional Bible plan to help any student who wants to dive in deeper. Check it out by going to the YouVersion Bible app and search “A Guide for Following Jesus” or “Change Conference.” This could be a great thing to do together as a youth group!

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 or Change Conf 2025?" As your students warm up to sharing, gradually get to the deeper questions.

Have a question that isn't answered here? Please email us directly at info@changeconference.com or text: (226) 240-9938

We're here to help!

WATCH PARTY

WANT THE FULL CHANGE CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE? YOU SHOULD HOST A WATCH PARTY!

WATCH CHANGE CONFERENCE WITH YOUR YOUTH GROUP AND/OR NEIGHBOURING CHURCHES.

JOIN THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS ALL ACROSS CANADA ON FEBRUARY 21ST 2025. HERE ARE SOME POINTERS TO HELP YOU CREATE THE BEST CHANGE CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE FOR YOUR YOUTH GROUP.

Please note: Change Conference/YFC is not liable for any Watch Parties. All responsibility will belong to the hosting church and/or other agreed upon hosting parties.

TIPS

HOST YOUR OWN CHANGE CONF PRE-PARTY.

We suggest starting your Pre-Party 30 minutes before Change Conference begins. Don't forget to purchase prizes that you can use as giveaways. You can also have a table at the back of the room with lots of snacks!

CREATE A PARTY ATMOSPHERE.

The party starts as soon as the students enter the building! Find someone to DJ live at the venue or have our Change Conference 2025 Spotify Playlist playing through your speakers. Print out big signs for your leaders to hold as the students enter the building.

MCING

Use some of your amazing youth leaders to act as the Live Hosts for the night. They can run the games during the Pre-Party and also announce when Change Conference Online begins. (Try to think of a creative way to pump up the students when Change Conf starts!)

WATCHING CHANGE CONFERENCE ONLINE

Make sure to test the online experience to ensure everything works on your end (sound, projector, etc) before the event begins. If at any time you need help registering or logging into the event, please email support@changeconference.com or text (226) 240-9938.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

We strongly advise that all youth groups take the time to break up into small groups to discuss afterwards. These can be found in our Conference Tools page.

TECHNICAL HELP

Email: support@changeconference.com

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TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT NEEDED:

Speakers

Projector/ big TV screen

Hdmi cable

Laptop connected to wifi (we encourage you to use a computer plugged into an ethernet connection for better connectivity) or download the Google Drive link in advance.