



A Collaboration

The Christian walk was never meant to be walked alone. This is also true about ministry. Being a Youth Pastor or Youth Volunteer is an amazing call God has given us. However, amongst all the excitement of seeing a youth come to Christ or step up and to be a leader among their peers, there comes many situations, conversations, and emotions that can make a glorious calling seem like a task we begrudgingly fulfill. Coming into the Venture Church Network, I knew I needed to surround myself with other Youth Pastors to encourage, sharpen, and disciple me. This is what birthed the start of the Venture Church Network Midwest Youth Pastor Collaboration.



Hebrews 10:24 urges Christians to “stir up”, or to “motivate” each other. The Youth Pastor Collaboration exists as part of Venture Church Network Midwest to let Youth Pastors know they are not alone, they are being prayed for, they are supported, and are being poured into. Hebrews 10:25 continues to say, believers are to, “not neglect to meet together... and encourage each other.” Currently we are meeting once a month on a Zoom call, but our goal is to have point people in each state, so face to face meeting can take place with once a quarter zoom meetings to see how God is moving and working in our region.

The Youth Pastor Collaboration is for any VCNMidwest Youth Pastor, Volunteers, or solo Pastor involved in youth ministry. Our purpose is to make meaningful and beneficial connections to encourage, sharpen, and provide resources to Youth Pastors. In the short time we have started meeting, there have been great friendships and connections made, powerful truths from God’s Word have been spoken, and churches beginning to work together for the common goal to reach youth for Christ in the Midwest. The Youth Pastor Collaboration is Gospel driven and biblically focused to make disciples who make disciples in relational ministry. My philosophy is that a youth group can only grow as much as their leader. The Collaboration is committed to encouraging and holding Youth Pastors accountable to grow in their walk with God.

If you are a Youth Pastor, youth volunteer, or solo Pastor looking at working with youth in your church, we would love for you to connect with us. Our next zoom meeting is Thursday the 10th at 10 a.m. CST. If you are unable to make the zoom meeting or have any questions, please email me at youth@bloomerbaptistchuech.com.

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