

# Veteran Youth Worker Care Team

# YOUTH 2011

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A team of pastors and veteran youth workers who will volunteer time to meet with other youth workers to listen to their situations and offer advice and encouragement. This is not counseling or professional help! We simply seek veteran youth workers who possess a servant's heart alongside a rich store of experiences to listen and care for other youth workers who could use some veteran support.

## Requirements:

- At least 7 years youth ministry experience.
- A listening ear.
- A heart for helping other youth workers.
- One hour to volunteer during the event.

## Care Sessions:

- Will take place during scheduled times (workshop and late night options) in the Youth Leader Lounge.
- Veterans will sign up to be available for conversation, advice, listening and support.

## Tips:

- State your purpose. Remind them this is not professional counseling. (even if you are a professional counselor, you are here as support in the role of fellow youth worker, not therapist.) You are there to listen, care for them, and perhaps offer some advice. Assure them you are not smarter or better at youth ministry than they are. You simply have walked the path they are on and have learned many lessons from your journey.
- Pray. Pray for your time together and for the person and their ministry.
- Invite them to share why they are there.
- Listen more than you talk.
- Give assurance that you are listening through your body language and verbal cues.
- Ask questions. Get clarification where needed. Challenge the person to think through their problems and struggles as opposed to giving answers.
- Give advice only if asked for it. The person may just need to vent or to have someone who understands listen to them.
- Do the best you can. If you are asked for advice, give it. Do your best, understanding what works for you, might not work for them, and that is okay!
- Pray. Close in prayer.
- It is at your discretion whether or not you give out your personal contact information to anyone for follow up or continued conversation.

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY / STATE / ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

DAY TIME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EVENING PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENT POSITION (title) \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Conference \_\_\_\_\_

Years of experience in youth ministry \_\_\_\_\_ (Circle one) Paid Volunteer

List any experience you have had mentoring or assisting other youth workers.

References Whom We Could Contact

NAME(S)	EMAIL
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Briefly share why you are interested in this volunteer position.