


# YOUNG LIFE CHURCH PARTNERSHIPS

*at a glance* 

## a different approach to youth ministry



Young Life's mission is to introduce adolescents to Jesus Christ and help them grow in their faith.

**YOUTH ARE OFTEN REFERRED TO AS THE CHURCH OF THE FUTURE, BUT IN FACT THEY ARE A VITAL PART OF THE CHURCH TODAY.**

### THE CHURCH HAS A NEED

- For trained, energetic, committed staff and leaders
- For effective youth ministry to kids in and out of the church



### A CREATIVE SOLUTION

An exciting partnership linking Young Life's expertise with a local congregation. Young Life has a pool of hundreds of successful youth volunteers already called to work with teenagers. The church needs the enthusiasm and skills YL brings; YL needs the stability and ongoing sense of community.

**CHURCH PARTNERS COMMIT TO AN INITIAL 3 YEARS, WHICH IS STILL 2X LONGER THAN THE AVERAGE YOUTH DIRECTOR. THE AVERAGE TENURE OF A YL CHURCH PARTNER IS ACTUALLY CLOSER TO 5 YEARS.**

**THE PARTNERSHIP IS A COVENANT BETWEEN YL, THE CHURCH, AND THE CANDIDATE - NOT A CONTRACT.**

### THE PARTNERSHIP MODEL

The local congregation hires a trained Young Life person who works full time, spending 70% of his or her time as the church's youth ministry and 30% of his or her time in outreach ministry through Young Life.

