

From Area Pastors and Leaders

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"Youth face a minefield of temptations when leaving home. The Youth Transition Network enables students to connect with ministries, friends, and roommates that will help solidify their faith" - Josh McDowell.

"YTN's ministry concept in working with parents and new college students to connect these students to resources that will help them to continue with their faith in Christ on the college campus is an idea we can totally support and encourage others to do the same!" - Rick Snavelly, CEO -Family Life Network Radio

"There is no one doing what YTN does, and it is desperately needed". - Frank Pastore (Frank Pastore Show))

Rochester

"As a parent, pastor, and educator, I'm deeply concerned about the spiritual trajectory of today's youth – and deeply grateful for YTN's efforts to reverse the trend." – Rev. Dr Jack Connell, Vice President at Northeastern Seminary, Rochester NY

"It is becoming common knowledge that there is a large dropout rate among our Christian high school students after graduation.. YTN is coming along side students, parents, and churches to help make this important transition into higher education and adult life, a huge success." - Rev George Grace – Senior Pastor, First Bible Baptist Church, Rochester

"Today's Youth are not the generation of the future, but the generation of the present. Value them and build into them TODAY what is essential for their development as committed followers of Jesus Christ. YTN is an effective ministry in empowering this younger "GENERATION OF THE PRESENT." - Vince DiPaola, Senior Pastor, Lakeshore Community Church, Rochester

Syracuse

"The YTN idea of addressing and shaping the hearts of Christian parents as they struggle to raise their sons and daughters is something we've hoped and prayed for, for the last 10 years." – Nathan Gunn, Young Life Area Director

As a past college president and now a senior pastor I understand the importance of helping connect college students with individuals, churches and organizations that will help them succeed not only academically but spiritually. That is what YTN is all about – helping students, parents and churches connect to a network that will help assure success that leads to students living meaningful and significant lives for God. I strongly support the ministry of YTN because it helps meet a vital need that we all have. Dr. George Miller, Senior Pastor, North Syracuse Baptist Church

As a Youth Pastor, for years I've been trying to help my students graduating from high school prepare to go away to college and to connect with churches and campus ministries all across the country. Youth Transition Network has become a tremendous resource for me, my students and their parents as we work together to navigate this critical time in life. Pastor Jake Sorber, North Syracuse Baptist Church

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"When you look into the eyes of Christian young people today, you are looking into the eyes of the next generation of Christian leaders. Christian leaders today are responsible for the leaders of tomorrow. YTN helps assure first, that they will be here, and second that they will be effective." **Jeff Shaver, Executive Director - Faith Heritage School, Syracuse, NY**

"The Youth Transition Network is no longer a casual option, but a necessity for every student heading into a secular and very often spiritually hostile environment. I highly recommend their ministry!" As a father who has experienced great concern about the "new world" that my children will face transitioning into college life, I am at greater ease knowing that when that day comes my children may be embraced by a known believing community connected through YTN. - **Wayne Taylor, General Manager, Mars Hill Network.**

"Parents have forgotten or lost touch with what awaits their children on the college campus, YTN reminds us; and equips us to help not only keep their faith, but in fact grow. For years the church has tried to stem the tide of losing our teens to the lure of secular culture, Youth Transition Network is the best answer yet!" - **Lou Giordano, Senior Pastor Church of the Resurrection, East Syracuse, NY**

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Binghamton (Davis College)

"My greatest disappointment as a lay leader, youth pastor and now college educator has been to see many young people allow secular culture slowly lure them away from fellowship with God and His church. YTN is on the front line in the battle to save this generation. I can think of no greater cause and I wholeheartedly support their mission and efforts!" -- **Rick Cramer, COO and VP for Student Development at Davis College, Johnson City, NY**

Bridgeport, CT (National Network of Youth Ministries)

One of the greatest challenges I faced during my 30 years in youth ministry was how to help graduating seniors stay connected and committed to their faith during their college years. Unfortunately, I could share many heart breaking stories of kids who walked away from their faith during those four years and paid the price for years to come. I believe that YTN is a true gift and blessing because of its call from God to meet this challenge head on and create system of preparation and support that our high school grads so desperately need. When students are well prepared for the challenges of the college campus and are able to make connections with Christian roommates and campus ministries it makes all the difference! -- **Rev. Mark Orr, Director, REACH Youth New England & National Network of Youth Ministries**