

A group of people are gathered around a table in a bright, modern office or meeting room. A man with a beard and a plaid shirt is smiling broadly, looking towards a woman with long dark hair who is also smiling. They are looking at a document on the table. The background shows a window with blinds and some photos on the wall.

We want to see you thrive!



Helping You Grow Deep Roots & Lasting Fruit in Ministry

Dear Youth Leader,

At National Network of Youth Ministries, our vision is simple but bold: **We want to see every youth leader thrive**, in deeper connection with God and each other, so that **every young person is changed by the story of Jesus**.

You're not just running programs or planning events. You're showing up in the lives of teenagers in some of their most defining moments. That's why your personal health, spiritual depth, and ministry effectiveness matter—deeply.



This booklet is more than a resource.

It's a starting point for you to be:

- **Personally encouraged** through stories, ideas, and moments of hope
- **Professionally equipped** with tools and best practices that grow your capacity
- **Spiritually strengthened** so that you lead from overflow, not burnout

Our focus is wide, but our support is personal.

You'll find tools here that connect with our shared commitment to:

- **Networks** for every community
- **Discipleship** for every youth leader
- **Health** for every network
- **Prayer** for every campus
- **The Gospel** for every teenager

Whenever you're ready, we're here to walk with you. **You're not alone, and you were never meant to be.** Let's keep pressing forward together so the next generation encounters the hope of Jesus. We are with you in the story.

Explore curated tools at
nnym.org/resources







THRIVE GROUNDED

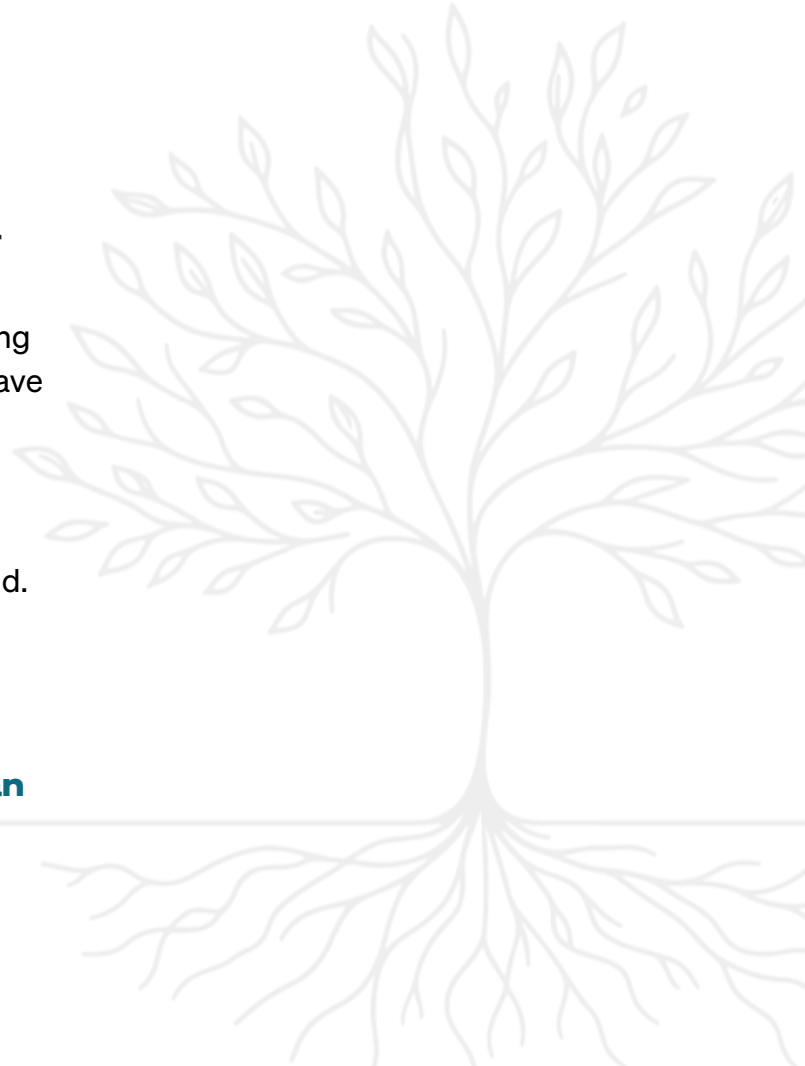
Discipleship for Every Youth Leader

You want to disciple your students, but are you being disciplined? Many youth workers report they don't have a mentor or personal discipleship relationship. Remember: you can't take someone where you haven't gone. Consider:

- Ask God to provide a mentor or a spiritual friend.
- Find someone to disciple and pour into.
- Use what has helped you grow in Christ to help other leaders and students grow.

Let God do a deep work in you, so He can do a lasting work through you.

Grow deeper and lead from a place of overflow. Explore coaching tools and personal growth resources at nnym.org/resources.





THRIVE CONNECTED

Health for Every Network

A strong youth ministry starts with a healthy you. But it takes more than individual strength, it takes connection. You may already have a church or ministry team. Great! But don't miss the power of community-wide networks of youth leaders.

Steps to Strengthen Your Network

- Visit our website to find or launch a network.
- Make a list of other youth leaders in your area.
- Invite them to coffee or lunch.
- Start a monthly meet-up for prayer, encouragement, and collaboration.

You weren't meant to lead alone—community is where health and longevity grow.

Build strong, life-giving relationships with other leaders.
Find connection opportunities at nnym.org/resources.



THRIVE UNITED

Networks for Every Community

God is moving in your community—beyond the walls of your campus.

Explore, Engage, and Extend Your Reach

- Connect with leaders of different backgrounds.
- Visit new neighborhoods and schools.
- Learn from your city's demographics and spiritual needs.

Collaboration across churches unlocks greater impact in your city.

Link arms with ministries, schools, and leaders impacting your community. Discover partnership links and engagement ideas at nnym.org/resources.





THRIVE DEPENDENT

Prayer for Every Campus

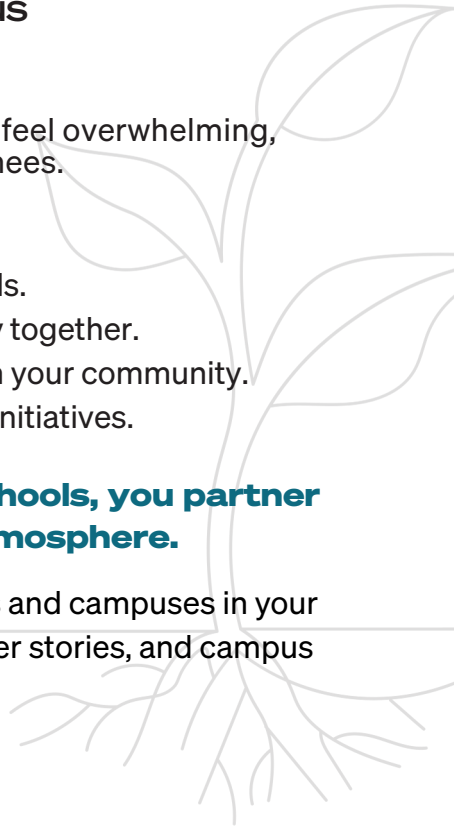
The needs in our community can feel overwhelming, but they should drive us to our knees.

Next Steps in Prayer

- Form prayer groups for schools.
- Meet with local leaders to pray together.
- Lead Footprints On Campus in your community.
- Encourage “Adopt-a-School” initiatives.

When you pray for your schools, you partner with God to change the atmosphere.

Join others in praying for students and campuses in your area. Access prayer guides, partner stories, and campus initiatives at nny.org/resources.





THRIVE ON MISSION

The Gospel for Every Teenager

As you disciple, connect, and pray, your heart will burn to reach more students with the gospel.

Steps to Reach More Students

- Map the number of students in your city.
- Estimate how many are already reached by churches.
- Target your local mission field.
- Train students to share their story and the gospel.
- Collaborate with other ministries for outreach.

Every teenager needs Jesus, and you are uniquely positioned to help them follow Him.

Equip your students to share their faith and reach their friends for Christ. Explore outreach tools and gospel resources at nnym.org/resources.



✔ Ministry Checkpoint

Where Do You Want to **THRIVE**?

Reflect. Respond. Reignite your focus.

Before you turn the page, or head back into your daily rhythm, take a few minutes to reflect.

This is your **personal ministry checkpoint**, a moment to pause, listen, and ask:

» Where am I now?

» Where do I sense God inviting me to grow?



1. Which of these five areas is your biggest challenge right now?

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2. Which one do you desire more coaching or equipping in?

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3. Which one would make the biggest difference in your ministry if it improved right away?

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4. Which area is God putting on your heart to pursue in this season?

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Takeaway thought...

What is one step you can take this week to move forward in that area?

Use the prompts on this page to help you pause, listen, and process what God is showing you about your life and ministry. Circle your responses and write reflections as you go.

When you're done, visit nnym.org/resources for a deeper self-assessment tool and other resources to help you grow in every area—from personal health to team leadership and student impact.



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Let's **Thrive** Together

Connect with NNYM for support, coaching,
and next steps.

Wherever you are, you're not stuck, and you're not alone.

We see you. We believe in you.
And we want to see you *thrive*.

We'd love to walk with you.

Take the next step today:

- Explore nnym.org/resources for curated tools.
- Take the self-assessment for deeper reflection.
- Connect with our team today at network@nnym.org