

Church Support of the Springfield Area Youth Leaders Network

There are various ways the local church can be a financial supporter for the Youth Leader's Network and its Coordinator. It is important that there be a personal contact with the church, preferably from the youth leader or other involved individual, to present the needs of the Network and make a recommendation for support. A copy of the SYLN annual budget and a ministry brochure will be helpful for church leaders when considering any support.

The Network Coordinator serves in a self-supporting "missionary" role, and funds to support his work must be designated separately from general Network donations.

A church commitment card is available and can be returned to the Network when a decision is reached by the church. This will help our Network leaders in planning for the coming year.

Support can be given through a church's mission budget line, or some may give funds through the church's Youth Ministry budget. A church could also designate a special offering to go directly to the support of the Youth Leader's Network.

The network Coordinator is available to share presentations in the local church to raise awareness of his ministry and the work of the Network.

Support can include:

- ✓ A one-time annual gift to the SYLN , preferably early in the year or just prior to the new year
- ✓ A donation can be given in several payments during the year – please complete a commitment card and indicate the expected dates of donations
- ✓ A monthly commitment of support. This is the MOST EFFECTIVE way to contribute to the needs of the SYLN, and provides a consistent base of support throughout the year for the organization and the Coordinator
- ✓ Gifts may be ear-marked for a specific ministries or events such as:
 - A specific school campus, to provide for further outreach events directly through Christian clubs at that school (suggest this be given along with support for the regular operating ministry of the Network and Coordinator)
 - A specific key event, such as the fall See You At the Pole Rally or spring Abstinence Rally (True Love Waits). This can provide support for a specific ministry event that the church feels is especially effective (suggest this be given along with support for the regular operating ministry of the Network and Coordinator)
- ✓ Tangible goods could be considered for donation as well – these should be discussed with SYLN leadership before making any such donations