

Saint John Urban Ministry Youth Worker

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CALVARY TEMPLE CHURCH

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The Good Opportunity We Have Right Now

270+ teens every noon on Tuesday for lunch at 83 Sydney St. Saint John

The Lord has sent us literally hundreds of teens every week during the school year through our KD Day Free High School Lunch Program at Calvary Temple Church.

We believe that God is beginning a Youth Church here; raising a ministry for students by students!!

OUR VISION... We want to see God provide a (Youth Specialist) Canadian Missionary to Teens in the city centre of Saint John!

God is already forming the ground level foundational basis of "Rising Tide Youth Church"



One teen recently said: "I feel this peace, this love, this power that I have never experienced before when I am at 83 Sydney Street. I want more!"

THE BACKGROUNDER...

For 8 years, Calvary Temple Church has been serving a free "KD Day" lunch at the church facility during noon on Tuesday for High School students. For the last 2 years we have seen the program expand rapidly in attendance. The previous 2 semesters we have been serving 250-300 teenagers every Tuesday. *The 15 volunteers who run the ministry gather to pray over every seat and table (for the hearts of the teens) before the program each week.* We work hard to serve a high-quality hot creamy Kraft Dinner throughout the school year every Tuesday at noon. (Plus we have free pop or water, cookies, & bananas for each teen present.) We serve 2 high schools (St. Malachy's Memorial High School & Saint John High School; each with approximately 1000 students) within 3 blocks of our building. The schools announce and promote the program! **In the 8 years we have been doing this ministry, we have not budgeted one cent for this work as God always provides miraculously!** All of the food items are graciously brought in (or sponsored) by our church attendees, businesses, and community members.

Now, here's the heart of our current dilemma. We invite the youth back for student ministry to some occasional evening events. ***Due to the limited number of younger volunteers, we have overstretched our pastoral staff members. For the last 2 years, we have only been able to do this evening ministry focus, once every two months.*** Thankfully, we are now seeing some teens beginning to attend worship on Sundays! One teen told me a few weeks ago, "There is real energy and peace in this place that I have never felt before!"

We don't want to miss the opportunity we have been given to minister effectively to these teens, but we are limited in what we can do with the ministry volunteer workers we currently have in our assembly. *We need a urban ministry youth worker for this new student ministry missional focus.*



We feel strongly that these youth need their own space and freedom to be introduced to Christ and grow in Him!

This project naturally aligns with two key Missional Priorities; segments of Canada that research shows desperately need the gospel: Urban Centres & Next Generation Youth.

In speaking with the teens each week at KD Day, we have determined that most of the teens have never participated in a Christian faith community.

Current Calvary Temple Church Saint John Resources:

- KD Day Program running with **200-300 Teens Every Week**
- Annual Teen Resources **Budget**
- **Volunteers**
- Ministry **Supplies**
- **Facilities:** A dedicated solely Teen Area
- Musical **Instruments & Sound** System
- **Heat and Lights Paid** for by CT Church
- Promotional Resources



THE FUNDING...

We are planning for a full time \$50,000 a Year position for a 2 year commitment = \$100,000 Total for 2 Years. (All funds for this project will be salary.)

[After this 2 year period running Autumn 2025 to Autumn 2027, we believe that God will provide the increase for a continued paid position, possibly with the Youth Worker raising some of their own funds, if necessary.]



THE BUDGET:

Former Calvary Temple Senior Pastor,
Rev. Gordon O'Coin Initial Donation: \$25,000

Potential Maritime District of the Pentecostal
Assemblies of Canada Church Multiplication Funds
(application pending): \$50,000

Sister Church Partnership Sponsorships: \$15,000

Other Individual Personal Donations/CT Alumni/Foundations/Grants: \$10,000



THE ASK...

In the New Testament, churches frequently supported one another financially, particularly through collections for those in need. Acts 11:27-30 describes the church in Antioch sending relief to believers in Judea during a famine. Paul also organized collections for the poor in Jerusalem, involving churches in Macedonia, Achaia (including Corinth), and Galatia, as detailed in Romans 15:25-26, 1 Corinthians 16:1-4, and 2 Corinthians 8-9.

*Similarly, we come to you today as a sister church in need to ask you to prayerfully contemplate partnering with us. We recognize that this is an unusual ground-breaking ministry venture to help provide funding to hire a full-time Youth Worker to serve the teenagers of inner-city Saint John by living and presenting the Good News of Jesus. **Yet we feel that the time to act is now as we don't want to lose this opportunity the Lord has given us with the favour of the schools who promote KD Day strongly every week!***



Would you consider contributing?

...For the sake of the spiritual life of the teens of Saint John.

ANY GIFT IS HELPFUL!

Your donation of any amount will make a difference in the life of a teen.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GRACIOUS CONSIDERATION OF SUPPORTING THIS MINISTRY PROJECT!



Please contact us for more information!

We can provide more details and answer any questions; do not hesitate to contact us.

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