

NABF Young Prophetic Voices Initiative

CHURCH & YOUTH MINISTRY AGREEMENT



This agreement is entered into by and between the **North American Baptist Fellowship (NABF)** and _____ (church's name), represented by its **Pastor** and **Youth Pastor/Youth Ministry Leader**, for participation in the **Young Prophetic Voices Initiative**, in partnership with **Tenx10**.

PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT

The purpose of this agreement is to outline the mutual commitments, expectations, and responsibilities between NABF and the participating church in implementing the **Young Prophetic Voices Initiative (YPVI)**. This initiative empowers youth (ages 13–18) to explore the intersection of **faith, advocacy, and justice**, equipping them to use their voices and influence to bring about meaningful change in their communities through training, mentorship, and service.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Each selected youth ministry will participate in a series of **five virtual sessions** and **one in-person Learning & Service Leadership Retreat**.

The program includes leadership development, community engagement, and a local advocacy project designed by the participating youth.

CHURCH COMMITMENTS:

The participating church agrees to:

1. Select up to **four youth participants (ages 13–18)** and one **youth pastor or youth ministry leader** to take part in the initiative.
2. Ensure that each youth:
 - Completes the **Registration Form**.
 - Submits a **Parent/Guardian Permission Slip**.
3. Ensure the adult participant (youth pastor or youth ministry leader) completes the **Registration Form**.
4. Ensure that all participants attend each **virtual training session** and the **in-person retreat**.
5. Support the youth in developing and completing their **advocacy or service project** (the “Voice Project”) following the retreat.
6. Participate in program-related reflection and reporting activities, including post-program evaluations.

NABF COMMITMENTS

NABF agrees to:

1. Provide all **program coordination, materials, and facilitation** for the initiative.
2. Cover all **expenses** related to the Dallas retreat, including travel, lodging, and meals for one youth pastor and four youth participants.
3. Provide the church with a **\$1,000 grant** to support the completion of the youth-led advocacy project.
4. Offer ongoing guidance, training, and resources to strengthen the church's capacity to disciple and empower youth leaders.
5. Support the documentation and sharing of this work as a **model for youth ministry and justice engagement** throughout North America.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

By the end of the initiative, participating youth will:

- Learn how to use their **faith as a tool for justice and advocacy**.
- Complete their **own advocacy or service project** based on their passion and community need.
- Lead and engage other youth in acts of **service and social transformation**.
- Learn to **amplify their voices** through digital media and public platforms.
- Build long-term connections with other young leaders across the U.S. and Canada.

REPORTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

- The church will provide brief updates on the progress and completion of the advocacy project.
- NABF may document the process to share lessons learned with other churches and organizations.
- The church agrees that all participants' photos, videos, and project summaries may be used for reporting, communications, and promotional purposes, with proper credit and parental consent.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To confirm participation, please complete and submit the following to admin@nabfellowship.org by **May 31, 2026**:

1. **Youth Registration Form** – completed and signed by each youth participating.
2. **Parent/Guardian Permission Slip** – completed and signed for each youth.
3. **Adult Registration Form** – completed and signed by the participating adult youth leader/pastor.
4. **This Signed Church/NABF Agreement** – signed by the Pastor, Youth Pastor/Leader, to be signed by the YPV Coordinator and NABF General Secretary.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND SIGNATURES

By signing below, the parties affirm their understanding and agreement to the terms outlined above and commit to working together to ensure the success of the **Young Prophetic Voices Initiative**.

Church Name: _____

Church Address: _____

City/State/Province: _____

SENIOR PASTOR: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

YOUTH MINISTER: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

North American Baptist Fellowship

YPV Coordinator: Rev. Laphon Francis-Flood

Signature: _____

Date: _____

North American Baptist Fellowship

GENERAL SECRETARY: Rev. Dr. TaNikka Sheppard

Signature: _____

Date: _____