



Youth & Discipleship Prayer Letter

Looking Back...

Where have the past 18 months gone? How will you remember the 2020/21? One thing is for sure it has been a time of change for many of us. The Presbytery Youth Worker post also underwent change;

- a new name – Youth & Discipleship Support Worker (YDSW), and
- a new postholder - Gordon Macleod, started in the post in March 2020.

Youth work has continued in the main, through the use of various different media platforms that allowed young people to engage with each other, but importantly engage around God's word.

A number of events were held during the past 18 months which enabled the young people from across the islands (Lewis, Harris and Uist) to come together over Zoom and hear various speakers from Scotland and beyond, sharing testimony and how God has used them.

Supporting the Work of Youth & Discipleship.

The Presbytery Youth Committee are grateful to those who continue to support the Youth & Discipleship work within the presbytery, both through prayer and through financially giving to enable this work.

Should you wish to find out more about financially contributing to this work please contact Mr Andy Cumming by email at: andrew_n_cumming@hotmail.com

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This included, Rev. Andy Longue (Cumbernauld) Clare Macleod (OM Germany), Euan Murray (Kentucky), Kate Forbes MSP(Edinburgh) and Donnie Campbell (Inverness).

A Vision for Discipleship - **AFFIRM 2:67** was also developed and approved by the Presbytery; this includes a training element for Youth Leaders. The training was launched in February 2021 and seven training sessions have been held. Following a session to formally introduce the training, topics covered have included Prayer Life & Personal Character, Mental Health & Wellbeing, IT/Governance, Biblical Leadership, Leading Small Groups and Discipleship.

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Training – feedback is currently being sought from attendees to ensure that the training continues to address need and is effective.

Big YF – Speakers are arranged for meetings in December'21 and February'22.

New Work- exploring opportunity for Discipleship among 18-25 age group.

Prayer – None of this work can be done without being underpinned by prayer - a quarterly prayer update will be prepared for circulation.

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Prayer Points

1. **Our young people** – that they would engage again, having been out of the way of meeting together, and that they would know the truth and certainty of Jesus as Saviour, in a world of uncertainty and false messaging.
2. **Our Youth Leaders** – that they would be 'salt and light' as they lead and teach.
3. **For Labourers** – that God would lay it upon the hearts of Christians to be actively involved in their local congregation.
4. **Training** – that sessions are well attended, and our leaders are equipped to lead, teach and disciple.

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. Colossians 2:6-7 (ESV)