

CHURCH PARTNERSHIPS

Mission

Freedom for Youth Ministries is a Christ-centered, non-profit organization on a mission to **“empower youth across Iowa through the love of Jesus Christ to break bondages, discover their God-given talents, and lead transformed lives.”** We believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the power for redemption and transformation in life, and seek like-minded churches to enter into a partnership to pursue mission together. All our programs are developmental in nature and focus on faith, education, employment, and leadership.

Better Together

As an extension of the body of Christ, we exist to provide opportunities for Christ-followers across denominational lines to serve youth and young adults in under-resourced communities across Iowa. We want to assist the local church in fulfilling Jesus’ calling of making disciples by connecting adult believers with students and families from their community. Freedom for Youth is an avenue for churches to unite together and serve alongside one another in Christian love.

A Conduit for the Church

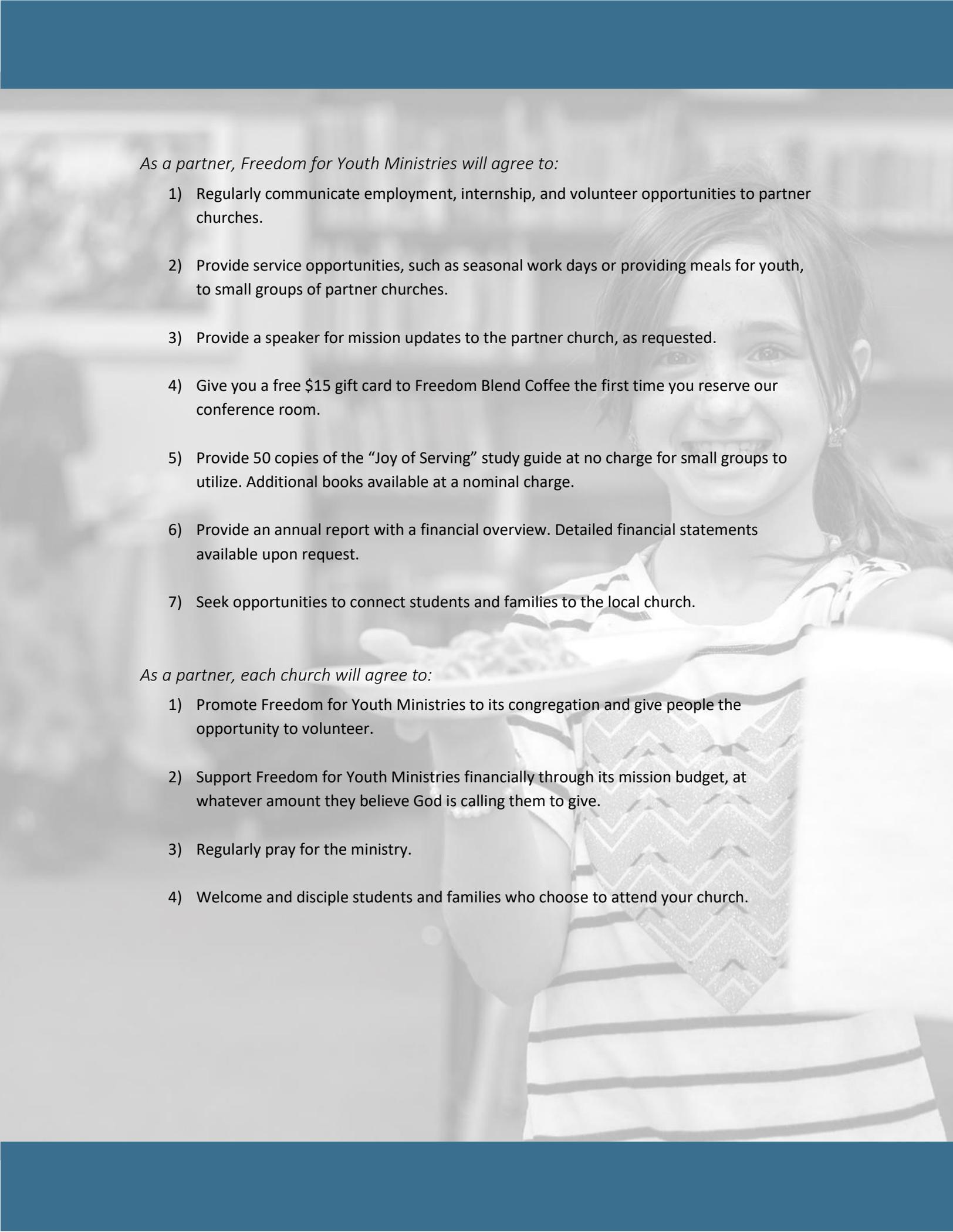
Our Board of Directors (the governing body) and staff are lay people representing several different denominations. We have no intention of replacing the church structure, but will work alongside our volunteers to connect students and their families with partner churches.

Equipping Volunteers

Each week, hundreds of students attend programs at Freedom Centers across Iowa. Volunteers from local churches are an integral part of effective programs. Staff’s primary role is to: 1) create and develop programs that effectively carry out the mission, 2) recruit, train and empower volunteers from the church to minister to the youth, 3) reach out to students, obtain necessary authorizations, and transportation, 3) provide facilities that are safe and 4) administrate effective development programs.

Funding

Funding primarily comes through donations from individual believers and church mission budgets. A small percentage comes through foundations and corporations. As a partner church, 100% of your donation will go toward the community (or communities) you desire to support. The ministry does not receive government funding.



As a partner, Freedom for Youth Ministries will agree to:

- 1) Regularly communicate employment, internship, and volunteer opportunities to partner churches.
- 2) Provide service opportunities, such as seasonal work days or providing meals for youth, to small groups of partner churches.
- 3) Provide a speaker for mission updates to the partner church, as requested.
- 4) Give you a free \$15 gift card to Freedom Blend Coffee the first time you reserve our conference room.
- 5) Provide 50 copies of the “Joy of Serving” study guide at no charge for small groups to utilize. Additional books available at a nominal charge.
- 6) Provide an annual report with a financial overview. Detailed financial statements available upon request.
- 7) Seek opportunities to connect students and families to the local church.

As a partner, each church will agree to:

- 1) Promote Freedom for Youth Ministries to its congregation and give people the opportunity to volunteer.
- 2) Support Freedom for Youth Ministries financially through its mission budget, at whatever amount they believe God is calling them to give.
- 3) Regularly pray for the ministry.
- 4) Welcome and disciple students and families who choose to attend your church.