

The Club of Excellence

Inspiring young adults

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Introduction

The aim of this club is to help and encourage young adults to discover the potential God has placed within them, to be confident in their Christian identity, and to show that identity in their daily lives. The club will encourage members to live out their faith in the wider community — at college, among their friends and in their social lives. We pray that they will create an atmosphere where others want to follow their way of life and their faith, and that they will be seen as leaders of excellence in every part of their lives.



The stairs of excellence

PART I

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They are the continuation and sustainability of the church community



A church that puts young adults at the centre



A church that is centred only on its elders

They are leaders

They persevered in life, waited for the right moment and rose to the highest level of leadership in their community. They inspired people through their determination and discipline to bring about change.



Former President of the USA



Former President of Liberia

They are scientists and doctors



7–9 years

of study to become a doctor

They were not born doctors — they became doctors. They had a dream and decided to make it a reality. Becoming a doctor takes 7–9 years of study. Now they are heroes in their community, and everyone is proud of the choice they made.

They are trainers

Inspiring change

These people inspired the world because they understood the principles of obedience and submission. Listening to your mentor is one of the keys to success. Remember, your life is built on the experience of others — from your parents to your teachers and coaches. People will open up to you when they see that you are willing to listen and learn from others.



They are entrepreneurs

Their success came after being rejected many times in business. Still, they did not give up, and today their success gives them the chance to meet the world's leading entrepreneurs. Remember, they were born just like every other child, but they chose to do something different — and that made their name in the community.

From the church's perspective, they are the evangelists



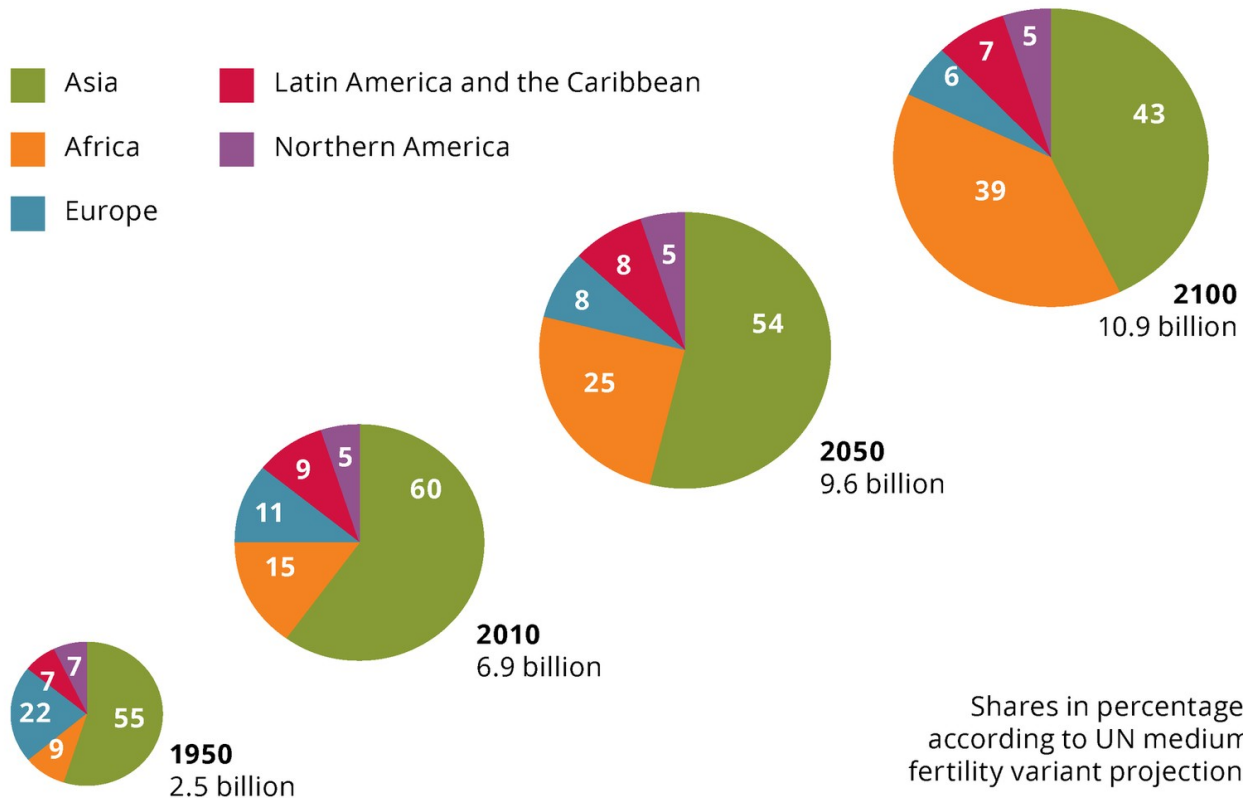
They are soldiers



From a young age, they dedicated their lives to protecting their country, their people and all the potential God has blessed them with. They are the reason their people can live in peace. That peace attracts investors, investment creates jobs, and jobs help keep the economy stable. Soldiers are on duty day and night so that their fellow citizens can go about their daily lives and help their society grow.

Their noble work helps everyone pursue their dreams, and we are proud to have such brave young people. How can you help protect your people, from the perspective of your faith?

They are the majority in the community



Young adults play an important role in the development of the community. The statistics encourage church leaders to involve young adults in every activity, because their participation and commitment to the mission can bring great benefit.

Chart source: European Environment Agency (SOER 2015)

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Ephesians 4:11-12 • NIV

11. So Christ himself gave the **apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers**, 12. to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up

God knows how, and by what means, you will work in his field. Just trust him, and he will show you what to do.



PART II

You are excellent

You are the next star



Evaluate your outfit



You are in a good school, college or university



A healthy brain



Who is your friend?



Make good choices



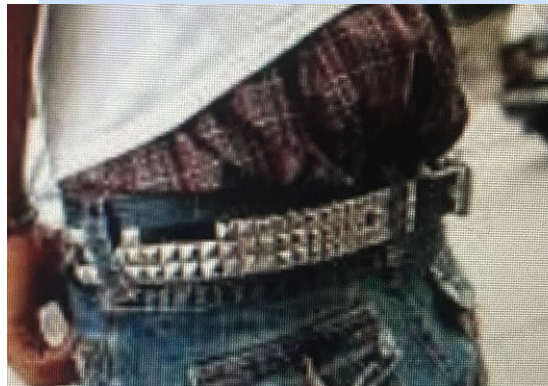
Listen to your dream



Do you see it?

Evaluate your outfit

- 1 We live in a world that judges
- 2 People will appreciate you — or not — based on what they see
- 3 Your outfit speaks louder than words
- 4 Dress smartly and appropriately for your gender



***Your outfit speaks
louder than words***

You are in a good school, college or university



Proverbs 4:13 (NIV)

Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life.

Don't study just to please your parents or impress the community. If you do, you will miss what education really means for you.

Education is for you, and through it you will be honoured in the community. Education gives wisdom, and that wisdom will shape your identity in society.

You will be like a fruitful tree, and the community will come and benefit from your education.

Don't let anyone pull you away from your education or from instruction. Avoid anything that distracts you from learning — it is your enemy.



Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NIV)

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.

A healthy brain



- Your brain is a complex machine that needs the very best care.
- Avoid things that trigger stress, illness, instability or emotional reactions.
- Keep your brain healthy — you have a lot to do for yourself and your community.

Don't use drugs, alcohol or similar substances — they can damage your ability to think and solve problems.

Young adults are exposed to many things that can harm their mental health, and as a result some become a problem for their community and the government.

Who is your friend?



Everyone you see behind these bars was born and raised as a child, just like you. But under the influence of friends, they got involved in activities that destroyed their future. Friends have the power to persuade, and if you are not careful, they can mislead you. Remember, you are a precious gift to the community — but the wrong friends can turn that gift into something bitter for society.



Proverbs 4:1-27

Jesus is the best friend ever: Those who choose to spend their time listening to his teaching are blessed and live in peace within the community. Can you trust this best friend?

Make good choices



Your choices will shape your personal and social identity. I encourage young adults to make the right choices — choices that will be a blessing to society. Sometimes your choice may set you apart from others. Don't be discouraged if your choice can bring about change. Young adulthood is a time of discovering the many things happening in the community. I invite young adults to give their lives to God, because he is the source of knowledge and understanding, and through him they can influence others.

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Joshua 24:15 (NIV)

But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.

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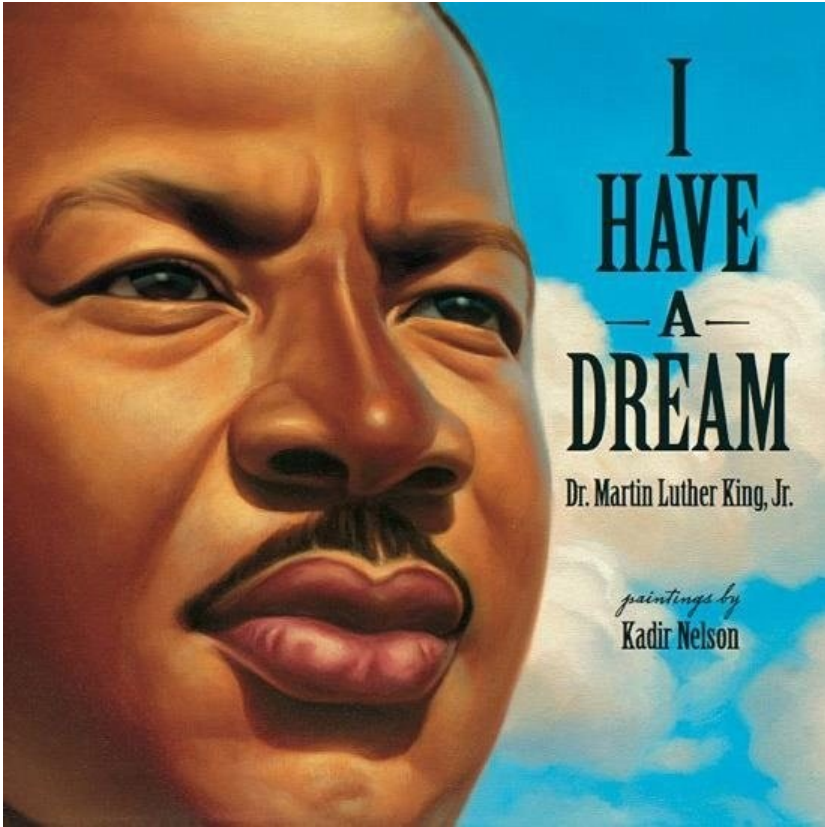
Matthew 6:24 (NIV)

No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ejYUW8ke3nw> Click to watch.

Listen to your dream



We live in a noisy society, both spiritually and physically. In such an environment, you need to focus on your dream and avoid every distraction. Some people dreamed of equality in their community; others dreamed of the end of slavery. As a young adult, what is your dream, and how will you make it happen for the good of your people?

Physically

Did you know you could support homeless people, or be a voice for the marginalised in your community?

Spiritually

Did you know you could live by the teaching of Scripture and declare your loyalty to your Creator?

I believe you have a dream for your people. Will you let God guide you, so that your dream is effective and successful?

Do you see it?

- ✓ Believe in your ability and potential
- ✓ Learn from those who have succeeded
- ✓ They are no more special than you
- ✓ Everyone has 7 days a week and 24 hours a day

Work hard and discipline yourself.

You may not yet see all the potential God has given you. But I want to assure you: you are excellent. You can work and serve with excellence and be an example to your generation.



PART III

Obstacles and challenges

It is difficult, not impossible

Science and technology



Laziness

Culture

How to overcome them

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Science and technology

Science and technology: Science is a blessing from God to humanity. God showed that he chose to give some people the ability to create things (Exodus 31:1-11). However, the prince of darkness wants to turn people's attention away from God's purpose and make the whole world put its faith in science.

Scientology: This is a belief system in which people are told that the only solution to their problems comes from the work of scientists and their technology. Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FAMgg-V3vT4>.

The aim of Scientologists is to discredit the work and power of God to support his people. Young adults are the most vulnerable, because they are its main target.

As a church, we have a duty to support our young adults with our knowledge, understanding and prayer, so that they use technology for the glory of God.

Culture

02

Culture

Most people in cities live in a multicultural, multi-ethnic environment. This has become a big issue for the community, because young adults are exposed to confusion and find it difficult to identify with any one culture.

The biggest challenge is the rise of new cultures that are even protected by law, and whose supporters spend a lot of money promoting them in the community, such as:

- Feminism
- The LGBT community
- Using terms like “Parent 1” and “Parent 2” instead of “Father” and “Mother”

Many cultures in our community do not help our young adults to know their Creator and his work on the cross — the work of salvation and redemption.

Young adults, it is your task to shine in the community and live according to God’s will (*Daniel 1:3-16*).

Laziness

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Proverbs 6:4-11 (NIV)

- 4. *Allow no sleep to your eyes, no slumber to your eyelids.*
- 5. *Free yourself, like a gazelle from the hand of the hunter, like a bird from the snare of the fowler.*
- 6. *Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise!*
- 7. *It has no commander, no overseer or ruler,*
- 8. *yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest.*
- 9. *How long will you lie there, you sluggard? When will you get up from your sleep?*
- 10. *A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest—*
- 11. *and poverty will come on you like a thief and scarcity like an armed man.*



What the community expects from you, young adults

Young adults, please avoid any activity that will stop you from achieving your dream. Be an example among the millions of people in your community, and God will bless you — he is a God who blesses the work of your hands (**Deuteronomy 28:12**)

You could be the next victim of alcohol and drug addiction

Because of ignorance

Because of a lack of proper teaching



<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/GdqIEvDXYwU>



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S-fvLTO4u8o>



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Click a link, or copy it into your browser, to watch.

After watching these videos, let our young adults discuss them:

- How can they support their community, the church and their family?
- How can they excel?
- What do you understand about prevention and cure?

Proverbs 23:22-25