

Dear friends & family! I hope this letter finds you well.

I am writing to announce a significant change in my life. After 14 years in the roofing trade, I am transitioning into a ministry position with Youth for Christ / Youth Unlimited in Quinte.

Many years ago I studied youth ministry at Providence College and Seminary and have been involved in some way or another in youth ministry ever since, whether in a committee position with Youth Unlimited, camp ministry, short term missions, gym nights, youth group leadership, or Awana programs. I am passionate to proclaim to those I come in contact with, that building your life in the pursuit of knowing God and the reliability of the Bible is the beginning of wisdom.

How do I describe that urgency? I would like to use an analogy. If my neighbour's family has a beautiful picnic set up to enjoy a fine afternoon, but they set up that picnic on railroad tracks and I happen to know that a train is coming, should I take the time and possible embarrassment to show them the danger? Of course I should! It's the same with the Gospel! Our current culture is unconcerned that they don't know Jesus and I happen to know the danger of not having Jesus to repair our broken relationships between human kind and God. We are all sinners in need of a savior.

I welcome the opportunity to work with Youth Unlimited, to engage and equip teens to reach their full potential in Christ Jesus. I hope to be involved in developing intramural programs in the schools, guest speaking, coaching, developing volunteer support to run activities, and mentoring student leaders to reach their peers and families for Christ. I enjoy the challenges and adventure of working with youth. I am excited by the dramatic changes that can happen in a young person's life and how that can so drastically change the trajectory of their lives. Giving the rest of their lives a more positive direction.

My goal in writing this letter is not only to announce the change but also to ask for your support in a number of ways. First, and most important, you can support me and this ministry in prayer. Be a part of what God is doing in changing the lives of youth in Quinte. Second, you can support the ministry financially. Third, join me in the ministry as a volunteer. Assist in supervising events or activities, trips or short term missions.

In this position I need to raise 50% of my salary through the generous support of family, friends, and churches who also see the hope and potential in every young person. Please see the attached letter from Colin Leaver with some details about how you can give to help partner with me in this journey!

In Christ

Ben McEwen

