Youth Department Report North Pacific Baptist Convention

Grace and peace to you all,

It is an honor to stand before you on behalf of the Youth Department of the North Pacific Baptist Convention. Over the past year, our focus has been on strengthening the foundation of youth ministry by intentionally investing in the development of our youth ministry leaders.

At the beginning of the year, we sent out a survey to youth leaders across our churches to better understand their needs, their challenges, and the current state of their youth ministries. The responses reminded us of a powerful truth: the convention is only as strong as the churches and ministries that make up this body.

With that in mind, it was placed on my heart that this year's annual session should look a little different. Instead of simply gathering youth to fill the room and highlight numbers, we wanted to pause, reset, and intentionally pour into the leaders who will go back and disciple, mentor, and empower the next generation in their local churches.

This year, we have chosen not to bring youth en masse to the convention, not because they are unimportant, but because we want to make sure that when we bring them back, we do so with excellence, structure, and purpose. This intentional reset allows us time to equip our youth leaders with resources, encouragement, and strategies for stronger ministries. It also gives us the opportunity to build deeper connections among leaders so that together we can plan projects, conferences, and activities throughout the year, not just at convention time. Most importantly, it allows us to lay the groundwork for a unified vision that will make our youth department more impactful for the future.

Our ultimate goal is clear: to see our youth fully active, engaged, and thriving in the convention, supported by well prepared leaders who are connected and encouraged in their work.

So, I humbly ask, if you do not see your youth leaders present this evening, please reach out and urge them to join us tomorrow for our breakout session. It is vital that they are in the room as we discuss the future and build together for the next season of youth ministry in the NPBC.

Thank you for your prayers and continued support as we work to strengthen the next generation of leaders for Christ.

Respectfully submitted, Rev. Malando Redeemer Youth Director North Pacific Baptist Convention