



OVERVIEW

We are in an exciting but challenging season. We believe that despite the challenges facing our community and neighbourhoods, the Church still has an important role to play and our youth can lead the way!

Participating in **Undercurrent** will build relationships, support agencies/organizations who are already serving in your community and participate in serving opportunities outside the walls of your church. This event is designed for churches to "build your own experience" based on the assets within your congregation (people and resources) and the needs in your community.

At the core of this event are a couple of key components.

01 A CHAMPION TEAM

This team acts as the liaison between your church and community partners. This team will have a couple of youth and a couple of adults who all share equally the responsibility for the planning, coordination and implementation of your experience.

- Strong emphasis on youth empowerment (mentoring, coaching and allowing students to have meaningful leadership roles)
- Intergenerational - opportunities for people of all ages to be part of the serving experience and also to celebrate and support the leadership of the youth in the church.

UNDERCURRENT IS A WEEKEND EVENT THAT IS DESIGNED FOR YOUR CHURCH TO CONNECT WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

Find additional resources on our website. Take and use what is helpful to you and feel free to not use everything.

<http://cbacyf.ca/undercurrent>

02 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Connections with local community organizations build relationship and support the work that they are doing in the community. Our hope is that these relationships will continue to grow long after the event.

- Since this is an asset based approach, you are not limited by finances, size of your youth group, or your geographic location. Rather, you are uniquely qualified because of the people that you have in your church, the unique skillset or gifts that your people can offer and the care for your community that is evident by your local congregation.
- Community Partnerships can be with other non-profit organizations (soup kitchens food banks, etc), municipality, schools, nursing homes or seniors/families in the community who are not connected to your church.
- Church partnerships - this is a great opportunity to connect with other churches in your community to work together, serve together, and love your neighbours. Feel free to connect across denominational lines.

Follow our **Undercurrent** community on Facebook for all the latest information about resources, training opportunities, and engage with other churches who are planning to participate.

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