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You can help leaders become the leader they were created to be.

Our Urban Allies are essential to fulfilling our mission through their monthly commitments of \$25 or more. These monthly partners ensure Urban Leaders have the certification, community, and coaching they need to Become the leaders they were created to Be and to reach more youth with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership with UYWI. Would you consider Becoming an Urban Ally to further develop Urban Leaders and reach more youth with the Gospel?

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BE VALUED IN COMMUNITY

Consistent leadership is essential for the growth and sustainability of any organization, including urban ministries. Navigating the complexities of urban ministry presents unique challenges, and guiding youth through these environments can be particularly daunting. **However, being a part of a Fuel Network community affirms leaders' God-given value and impact.** Fuel Networks offer crucial support, making the journey not only manageable but enriching. At UYWI, we focus on developing, healthy, high-capacity, high impact leaders in Fuel Networks in efforts to equip members with necessary resources, allowing them to tirelessly persist in their commitment to serve their communities.

In January, our Fuel Network Leaders convened for an intensive weekend in Los Angeles for the 2024 Fuel Network Leaders Retreat. Our aim was twofold: to foster fellowship and to pray and strategize for the year ahead. Understanding that commitment stems from the heart, we began with an evening of shared meals, stories, and laughter at the home of UYWI CEO, Tommy Nixon. This laid the foundation for our next day of intensive training, emphasizing the importance of nurturing the heart in our endeavors.

Under the guidance of Tommy, DVULI Communications Director, Gerald Bell, and UYWI COO, Robert Aboites, our sessions focused on defining leaders' identities, charting their course, and fostering purposeful urban leadership communities. Fuel Network Director, Will Cumby, and our charter coaches led afternoon sessions covering policies and procedures.

As the weekend concluded, we shared a meal, each offering a one-word focus for the year. Will shared that his word is "confidence." Philippians 1:6, "Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." We desire for each member of Fuel Networks to deeply understand their value as leaders and be confident of the good work Christ is completing within them.

Please join us in praying for our Fuel Network Leaders:



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Each network will work collaboratively to learn, share, assess, and prioritize the needs of their community in order to solve common problems. The solutions proposed will mobilize a holistic Gospel-centered approach to improving these communities. In doing so, we will see young lives, transformed by the Gospel, leading the way!

Bless you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tommy Nixon".

TOMMY NIXON, CEO
Urban Youth Workers Institute