

## Belvedere Family Church Up & Coming Youth Ministry Information for Parents

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Dear UP&Coming Parents,

Hello! The Up&Coming NY Youth Ministry would like to inform you about the start of this year's youth group. Tentatively, the first day will be on Saturday, September 24th at 4:00pm in Belvedere. This is subject to change, but we will let you know if there is a change in time or date.

We are in the midst of a transition with our previous High School Youth Pastor, Yasu Yukawa, moving on with his life and career. Toyomichi Hagiwara will be taking on the position as the Youth Pastor of the whole NY Youth Ministry. He has been doing an amazing job of taking care of our younger brothers and sisters in Middle School these past couple years. Now Toyo will be overseeing both high school and middle school with the help of a core staff team.

We are opening registration for your children and greatly urge you to sign them up as soon as possible. As you know, your children are placed in teams and we can better place them if they are registered earlier. There is a middle school and high school program.

The online registration form can be found copying this link to your web browser:

[docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSepZmm7Kxpr5p86djlMZOq-K9dqC3dfpKzGUR2fvZEy8Bv-UQ/viewform?usp=send\\_form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSepZmm7Kxpr5p86djlMZOq-K9dqC3dfpKzGUR2fvZEy8Bv-UQ/viewform?usp=send_form)

For more information about costs, schedules, mission statements, and more, please keep reading this letter.

We hope to see your children there.

Sincerely,

UP&Coming Core Team

Youth Pastor  
Toyomichi Hagiwara  
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The program will take place every Saturday until the end of the school year. We are open to middle and high school participants (6-12th grade). Please take the time to read through the whole email if you would like your child to attend Up and Coming and if you want to know about the registration fee for the year.

### **Mission Statement:**

We are in the midst of creating a new mission statement, although it will embody much of the older statement.

### **Schedule:**

Every Saturday, the kids are split into a middle school program and a high school program except on one Saturday when they are together for a combined program.

General schedule (does not apply to special days, Christmas, or the first and last day):

4:00 Activity/Icebreaker

4:50 Songs

5:00 Sermon/Interactive message

5:30 Small group discussion

6:00 Gathering at holy rock to sing and pray

6:20 Dinner (The participants are free to leave any time after dinner, but they often like to spend fellowship time together)

Fellowship time- volleyball, games, movie, etc.

8:30 Closed

**Exciting events / programs / workshops planned for the year:**

Halloween Party  
Grade Outings  
Christmas Party  
High School Workshop  
Middle School Workshop

**Service Projects**

IL Shim program  
IL Shim workshop  
Brother/Sister's nights  
Friday Programs  
Youth Ministry Festival  
And more!

**Content:**

The goal is for Up and Coming to be a time that the participants can discover God and our faith for themselves. The intention is for Up and Coming to be a training ground where they can work on being a person of outstanding character who can make a difference in the lives of others. In addition, we want them to:

1. Understand and grow their relationships with God.
2. Recognize the value and learn from the Divine Principle and True Father's words.
3. Realize the importance and build our essential relationships with our parents and our family.
4. Be a strong, supportive community with life-changing and life-long relationships.

**Video:**

We have a short video from the participants and staff about what Up and Coming means to them. The link is here. [vimeo.com/106068482](https://vimeo.com/106068482)

Registration fee:

The registration fee is for the whole year and the amount will depend on where you live.

If you live in the WestRock area, the registration fee is \$80.00 for each participant that will be collected in the beginning of the program. The total cost of registration for families in the WestRock area with more than one child will be \$140.00.

For those that live farther away such as NYC or Red Hook, the registration fee will be \$50.00 for each participant (for families who live farther away with more than one child it will be \$100.00 total).

The registration fee does not cover dinner at Up and Coming, or workshops and special events. 100% of the fees will go towards maintaining the facilities of each program.

If money is an issue, please email Toyomichi Hagiwara at [toyomichi.hagiwara@gmail.com](mailto:toyomichi.hagiwara@gmail.com) and we can work something out.