

Doctrinal Basis

We believe in:

1. The inspiration, inerrancy and infallibility of God's word, the Bible, as originally given. The holy scripture is both vital and clear, and all Christians must submit to its supreme authority and sufficiency, both individually and corporately, in every matter of belief and conduct.
2. The existence of one eternal and immutable God, the Holy Trinity, Creator and Lord of the universe who, in the unity of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit – three Persons who are the same in substance, and equal in power and glory - governs all things according to his will, and is accomplishing his purposes in the world and in the church.
3. The inherent value of all human beings, made by God in his own image, and their sinfulness and guilt since the fall of Adam. This has rendered them subject to God's wrath and condemnation, and has resulted in their alienation from him, from one another and from his creation.
4. The essential, absolute and eternal deity of the Lord Jesus Christ; his conception by Mary of the Holy Spirit; his virgin birth; his real but sinless humanity; his voluntary humiliation and obedience, culminating in his death as a sacrifice for sin; his bodily resurrection from the dead on the third day; his ascension into heaven; his continuing ministry as Prophet, Priest and King; and his coming again in power and glory.
5. Salvation from the guilt, penalty and all consequences of sin solely through the work of Jesus Christ – his perfect obedience, penal, substitutionary death, bodily resurrection and exaltation as Lord. He alone is truly God and truly man, and therefore the only mediator between God and humanity, uniquely able to save completely those who come to God through him. There is salvation through no other person, creed, process or power.
6. The justification of sinners entirely through the imputation of Christ's righteousness to them and of the guilt and penalty of their sin to him. It is appropriated by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone.
7. The necessity and sufficiency of the work of the Holy Spirit for the individual's new birth to repentance and faith, union with Christ and growth to maturity, and for the church's continuous renewal in truth, unity, wisdom, faith, holiness, love, power and mission.
8. The universal church, the body of which Christ is the head, to which all God's people belong. Its existence reveals God's ultimate purpose to bring everything together under Christ. It is made visible both in local congregations and in the wider communion of those who profess the true faith. It comprises a people called to declare the praise of the God who saved them, to contend for the faith once delivered to the saints, and to proclaim the gracious offer of salvation to those who are lost.
9. The unity of the body of Christ, as expressed within and between local churches by mutual love, care, encouragement and corporate action. True fellowship between churches exists only where they are faithful to the apostolic gospel.
10. The personal and visible return in glory of the Lord Jesus Christ, in order to raise the dead and bring salvation and judgement to final completion. He will grant eternal life to those who have believed the gospel, and consign those who have not to everlasting punishment in hell. God will then fully establish his kingdom in new heavens and a new earth, from which evil and evildoers, suffering and death will be excluded, and in which he will be glorified forever.

Note: Some YGP Partners believe that the visible church comprises baptised professors of the faith and their baptised covenant children.



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Becoming a YGP Partner

In Philippians 1:4-5, the apostle Paul speaks of the gospel partnership he enjoyed with the Christians at Philippi. One of our Christian privileges is to engage in this kind of cooperation with other believers. But what does this look like in practice? What does it mean to be a gospel partner?

Luke 5:10 sheds some light on our question. In that verse, the word partner is used to refer to those who had invested in the same fishing company. It referred to those individuals who were working together to advance the aims of their business.

When we become Christians we join the family business of heaven. Through faith in Jesus Christ we enjoy a new status as the adopted sons and daughter of our Heavenly Father. We also get the privilege of working together to advance the aims of the Father. His ultimate concern is to see the Son glorified. This happens supremely as individuals repent and believe the glorious gospel.

YGP Partners are *churches* or *individuals* or *organisations* who have committed to working together to advance the gospel in Yorkshire.

Each YGP Partner makes the following four commitments:

- To sign the YGP basis of faith
- To be involved in YGP church planting conversations, either through personal participation or prayer
- To attend the YGP Leaders' conferences and the YGP annual conference or send apologies
- To use and contribute to the YGP prayer resources

These commitments enable each YGP Partner to proactively pursue the three aims of the YGP:

- To *multiply* evangelical churches in Yorkshire
- To *provide* evangelical training in Yorkshire
- To *increase* evangelical cooperation in Yorkshire



Partnership Form

Please complete this form and sign the doctrinal basis which can be found overleaf.

Name

Address

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.....Post code:

Phone

Email

Leadership role in church

Church attended

(Please tick as appropriate)

We are joining as a church. I am in sympathy with the aims of the YGP and agree with the doctrinal basis.

I/We are joining as an individual member. Signed.....

We are joining as an organisation. Date.....

Please tear off this form and send to:

Peter Wood, YGP Administrator, Timble, Overdale, Nr. Otley, West Yorkshire, LS21 2NN

If you wish to support the Yorkshire Gospel Partnership financially, you can send a one-off gift or ask us for more details on regular giving.

Please find enclosed a donation of £..... as a contribution towards the work of the YGP.

Please make cheques payable to:

Yorkshire Gospel Partnership