

Dear Staff,

We are moving into greater **anointing** and **authority** than we've ever seen before. However, we've already seen attempts to limit our **freedom to minister**. These will continue, especially in seasons of **persecution**. God has already given us the pattern to continue to move as freely as possible in carrying out His work. That's why we need to remain true to our calling.

Some want to define us as a "non-government organization" (NGO) or a "non-profit organization" (NPO). It may be easier when speaking to government officials or bankers to use those terms. But these should not define us. For one thing, both terms begin with "non." That's not who we are. But we, as YWAMers, are a **spiritual movement of followers of Jesus Christ of the Holy Bible**.

Who and What is YWAM?

1. We are the **waves**...

- According to the **vision** God showed me in June of 1956,
- **Obeying** and **completing** the **Great Commission** of Jesus.

2. YWAM is **called** to be **constantly**...

- **Covenantal**
- **Apostolic**
- **Viral**
- **Global**

3. As followers of Jesus Christ, in an **all-volunteer, faith-missionary movement**, YWAM includes...

- People of every **nationality, tribe, ethnicity (people groups),**

and **language groups**,

- **All generations**, but with **youth** as the majority.

4. Therefore, as long as YWAM has these elements and is...

- **Led** and **anointed** by the Holy Spirit;

- Continuing to be **God-fearing**, remaining **close to Jesus as Lord**;
- **Praising** and **worshipping** Him;
- **Advancing** in the “**alls**” and “**everys**” of the **Great Commission** implicit in the **covenantal vision** of the “**waves**” which calls us to always **innovate** and **co-create** with God in fresh ways for the accomplishment of **His purposes**;
- Doing all as a **scriptural-based movement**, fulfilling all of His **commands**, with **priestly intercession**, and the **five-fold ministry gifts** operating among us;
- While **building His kingdom**, **planting good seed** that grows into **mature followers** of Jesus, and **spiritually alive**, lasting **institutions**, that are linked to the **YWAM movement spiritually, relationally** and with the same **vision** and **values** of YWAM, but are not related **legally**, as each **entity** must “render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s but to God the things that are God’s.” These include **institutions** such as **schools for children**, **YWAM bases**, **UofN campuses**, **churches**, **families**, **healthcare clinics**, **ships**, and **more** that serve to **transform** both **individuals** and **societies** in every one of the **4k Omega Zones** of **geography** and in all the **social & demographic spheres and groups** through **servant leadership**.

As long as we remain **faithful** to these and to **God’s Word**, YWAM has a **bright, fruitful, and growing future** with God.

YWAM is and continues to be a **global family of diverse ministries** that are **united** in Jesus Christ with the same **covenant, vision** and **values**, as we are **bonded** together to Him and to one another, **worshipping** and **learning** together.

**Jesus is Winning!** We also **win** if we stay **close to Jesus**, and **do, be and teach** the above.

“Of the increase of His government and of peace, there will be no end... The zeal of The Lord of Hosts will do this” Isaiah 9:7 (ESV).

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P.S. You probably noticed that many nouns, verbs and adjectives above are in **BOLD**. I want to challenge you to make a serious study of the Scripture regarding these concepts, either through the exact words or through implication. We need these foundational understandings from the Bible for all of YWAM in the days ahead. **Discover** them; **live** them; then **teach** them and YWAM will live!

*\*We ask that you do not alter the wording or content of the above text.*