

Fairbanks Youth Advocates Bylaws

Article 3: Guiding Principles and Beliefs for Clearwater Ministries Inc.

The motivational roots of Fairbanks Youth Advocates lie in the teaching of Jesus Christ, which are central to who we are and what we do as an organization. How one's "faith" is lived out in practical ways is the true definition of belief.

Fairbanks Youth Advocates provides its services to all youth regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, gender, disability, religion, or sexual orientation. We respect and honor the human dignity of all people. Under no circumstances is it required or expected that an individual believe a certain way to access or receive services. We accept all as they are, however they are

3.1 Guiding Principles:

1. That as community citizens, we bear a local responsibility to help those in need, especially young people who have, for reasons beyond their control, found themselves in troubling circumstances.
2. That we must speak up for those who are unable to speak for themselves and advocate for the rights of the less fortunate.
3. That we are most effective when we partner with like-minded agencies, without duplication of services; allowing one another to be and do that which we are uniquely tasked to do.
4. All people have the right to be loved & treated with respect and dignity. (1 Corinthians 13, 1 Peter 2:17)
5. Do unto others as we would have done unto us. (Matthew 7:12)
6. To whom much is given, much is expected. (Luke 12:48)
7. Prayer is a means of communication through which one exercises

faith and hope.

8. God requires us to love mercy, act justly, and walk humbly. (Micah 6:8) "Doing" defines our true beliefs. (1 John 3:18)

3.2 Beliefs:

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired Word of God.
2. We believe there is one God, existing in the person of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe that Jesus is fully man and fully God, and is the perfect expression of God's love for us.
4. We believe that salvation is a process, initiated by an experience with Jesus Christ, whereby the Holy Spirit dwells within and empowers the believer to live a life of faith and obedience to God.

We believe the Holy Spirit unites and empowers all followers of Christ and that together they form one unified body of believers.