

Next Steps for Youth Ministry- YDisciple  
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Now that you have some familiarity with our youth ministry program and YDisciple you may be wondering what to do next. Below are some suggestions on what to do and how to launch your successful parish youth ministry. As always, please do not hesitate reaching out to me if you have any questions. May God bless you and your faithfulness in serving His Church.

1. Create a login password for YDisciple. Using the document, “How to log in to and navigate YDisciple,” create a personal login so you can have access to the video content of the program.
2. Once you have gained access to YDisciple, please go to the “Small Groups Start Here” tab and complete and/ or review all five of the adult mentor training videos. The edited note sheets corresponding to each video may further assist you as they highlight specific concepts reviewed in each segment.
3. Identify parents and teens within your parish that you can personally invite to youth group. Remember more than a program, YDisciple is designed to create an opportunity for the young people in your parish to understand how their Armenian Apostolic faith is not only a tool but rather a lifeline for navigating their everyday choices and experiences. Both parents and teens most often welcome any such opportunities.
4. Divide teens into gender-based small groups- men leading boys’ groups and women leading girls’ groups. Members remain in the same small group for at least the first segment (5 lessons and 1 final activity session).
5. Determine time and location of the meetings. Remember by nature small groups lend themselves to flexibility. Groups can meet simultaneously or independently based on your group/ parish needs. The key is finding consistent meeting times and places when and where teens are available.
6. Make your times together fun by being authentic, transparent and fun.
7. Kindly forward your tentative youth ministry schedules to me at your earliest convenience. I hope to follow up with you after each session, at least initially, for your feedback and insights.
8. Feel free to reach out to me anytime at [a.ovanessian@armenianprelacy.org](mailto:a.ovanessian@armenianprelacy.org) with any questions or comments.