

Noah's Fund is dedicated to the spiritual uplifting of young men in today's world.

We do this by providing funding to attend the "**One Year To Live**" (OYTL) retreat to encourage young men to connect with other men. *Noah's Fund*, through the **OYTL** retreat, provides a venue to discover your own value, reveal your passion, and pursue your mission. *Noah's Fund* is dedicated to the notion that everyone deserves to know they are valued and significant. By allowing other men to walk beside you, and hold you up with love and respect, you can know how to be a man, because Jesus Christ is a man like that.

Noah's Fund is created because the fee for the **One Year To Live** retreat may be burdensome for young men. *Noah's Fund* is created because younger men may not feel the need for redemption and renewal that the **OYTL** retreat offers, and by offering a reduced cost this may entice more young men to participate. By making this retreat more affordable and accessible our hope is that more young men will experience the freedom and hope offered through **One Year To Live**.

Eligibility

Noah's Fund is available to any man between 20 and 30 years of age to offset the cost of attending the **One Year To Live** retreat. The typical cost of the retreat is between \$175 and \$200, and this fund will pay up to 90% of the retreat cost. Reimbursement for additional expenses such as travel will also be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Funding Process

Funding requests may be submitted to the *Noah's Fund* board of directors by the **OYTL** retreat organizer. Young men requesting assistance from *Noah's Fund* should discuss their needs with the local organizer of the **OYTL** retreat which they plan to attend. Granting of any funds will be a unanimous vote of the board members, and the decision of the board is final.

Actual funds collected or disseminated will be administered by board member Bill Ernstrom and facilitated by Faith Lutheran Church (Golden, Colorado) under the direction of the board of directors.

Funding Request

To submit a request from *Noah's Fund*, please submit the following information through the **One Year To Live** retreat organizer:

1. Name, address and contact information of the individual being sponsored
2. Location and date of the **One Year To Live** retreat (include date the funds are required)
3. Name of the **OYTL** event organizer
4. A brief statement (one or two paragraphs) explaining the need for financial assistance, what the young man hopes to gain from this experience, or any other statement explaining the need and desire for this assistance

Submit the above information via email to the board of directors at wpernstrom@msn.com

Board of Directors

The board of directors of *Noah's Fund* are:

Peter Ewers – His son, Noah, is the namesake of this fund
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Noah Ewers is the younger son of Peter and Beverley Ewers. Noah completed suicide at the age of 16, and though he professed a faith in Jesus Christ, he did not appear to see the value of his own life and his own contribution to the many friends he left behind. Noah was a fun, adventurous young man who brought joy and meaning to other's lives while not able to see that same joy and value in his own life. Peter Ewers has dedicated much of his life to men's ministry and helping men see the value in themselves and the value they bring to the world around them, and has been a leader on many **One Year To Live** retreats.