



Ministry Summary

An Introduction to Unified Underground (UU):

UU is a ministry of YFC that focuses on reaching underground subculture youth with the gospel of Christ nationwide. UU started in 1998 at Greater Louisville YFC in Kentucky. In 2002, UU moved to Maryland to plant the next branch of the ministry. Since our beginning, we have advanced the Gospel within the underground subculture scenes.

UU reaches underground subculture youth of the anti-social or anti-establishment persuasion, ie. punks, goths, the hardcore music culture, underground hip-hop, tribal skateboarder & snowboarding cultures etc. Youth within these subcultures are exclusivists and it takes time to become a member of these nonconformist groups.

Why Unified Underground is Necessary:

No organization has specifically focused on reaching the outcast groups of the underground subcultures until now. YFC has embraced this call to be the flagship for reaching the subcultural tribes of youth that exist in the United States. These youth are in desperate need to know that Jesus Christ loves them just as they are, regardless of their personal appearance. We must reach these people groups with the hope of the world and show them that God has given them life and life abundantly through Christ. The subculture phenomenon has been growing since the 1950's and cannot be ignored any longer.

What Makes Unified Underground Unique:

What sets our ministry apart is the people we are called to reach. Underground subculture youth associate themselves with the tribe they best identify with (e.g. punk, hardcore, metal, hip-hop, goth, skateboarders, snowboarders, etc.), often to the exclusion of others. Our UU staff and associate staff are from and continue to be a part of the cultures they reach. Our staff is strategically recruited because they know the social morays and tribal youth cultures they are reaching. This means UU is operating in the manner some mission organizations currently use to reach tribes around the world.

Our Method:

UU hosts local shows and allows both Christian and secular bands to mingle within their culture. We organize events and trips that allow shared experiences to occur. We employ YFC's "3 Story" model that leads to changed lives. In addition we hold weekly Bible studies to educate subcultural youth who are normally opposed to any form of organized religion. Our UU Bible Studies become a bridge to faith and eventually the church as we foster discipleship.

The scene is a... "brotherhood & sisterhood; one family"

Warzone 1982-1997 (a NYC Hardcore Band)

www.UnifiedUnderground.com