



# THE INDUCTION CHARTER

In joining the Y's Men's Club, you are joining an organisation which carries the motto:  
TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE DUTY THAT ACCOMPANIES EVERY RIGHT

At your induction into the movement we want to stress and remind you of our purpose and objectives and what it means to be a Y's Man. Our purpose states clearly our overall concern:

*"The International Association of Y's Men's Clubs is a worldwide fellowship of persons of all faiths working together in mutual respect and affection, based on the teachings of Jesus Christ and with a common loyalty to the Young Men's Christian Association, striving through active service to develop, encourage and provide leadership to build a better world for all mankind."*

"Based on the teachings of Jesus Christ" means "that Y's Men acknowledge what Jesus Christ has taught and that the acceptance of the teachings leads Y's Men to be prepared to put His words into action. They become guidelines for Y's Men's decision-making, for Y's Men's mode of operation as clubs and as an international association and for the way of life of Y's Men as individuals".

If you are ready to acknowledge our purpose and its meaning and serve under this purpose with loyalty:

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You have joined a club which works, thinks and plays in an atmosphere of SERVICE IN ACTION.

Service which the Y's Men's Club gives arises from six objectives:

1. To function primarily as service clubs for the YMCA.
2. To support other worthy organisations.
3. To encourage justice in civic and international affairs, abstaining always from party politics.
4. To keep members informed on and actively involved in religious, civic, economic, social and international matters.
5. To cultivate good fellowship.
6. To support International, Area and Regional projects of the Association.

If you are ready and willing to actively contribute your personal efforts to these six objectives:

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IT MEANS SOMETHING TO BE A Y'S MAN:

TO BE A Y'S MAN MEANS TO BE AN IDEALIST—one whose conduct is motivated by an idealism which we find within our purpose and objects. Various organisations have various requirements. Some require business prominence, some social standing, some intellectual attainment, some athletic prowess, and so on. We may find all of these in Y's Men, but we also find unselfishness of character.

TO BE A Y'S MAN MEANS TO BE LOYAL TO THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION. Y's Men understand that the YMCA is what its name implies: an association, a union of persons acting together for a common purpose. The secretaries are professionals, trained specialists who are employed by the YMCA to supervise its work, and the buildings are instruments to facilitate the accomplishment of some of our common aims.

Next to the church, the YMCA is the greatest character builder in the world. Next to the day schools and colleges, it is one of the greatest educational factors, and it is a world leader in physical education and development. It has few rivals in breaking down the vicious barriers erected by diverse creeds, castes and cultures throughout the world. It is a leading foe of international and inter-racial injustice, and thus a powerful factor for world peace.

The central purpose of the Y's Men is to support the activities of the Young Men's Christian Association and other worthy organisations by personal service and united effort.

TO BE A Y'S MAN MEANS TO BE WORLD-MINDED. In many cities of Europe, Asia, Africa, South Pacific and the Americas, there are brother Y's Men's Clubs. We hold that "The measure of a man is the breadth of his horizon". One who is indifferent to international or inter-racial injustice, who is so immersed in local affairs that he is not interested in other lands or peoples, whose horizon is limited by the narrow confines of his own domain—such a person does not measure up to the standard of the Y's Man, whose horizon is worldwide.

TO BE A Y'S MAN MEANS "TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE DUTY THAT ACCOMPANIES EVERY RIGHT". This motto was adopted by the Y's Men because of the tendency of most people to insist upon full enjoyment of all their rights while remaining oblivious to the corresponding duties giving validity to such rights. Our motto is a constant challenge to us to pay less heed to the enforcement of our rights and more to the discovery and discharge of their corresponding duties—to transfer the emphasis from rights to duties.

TO BE A Y'S MAN MEANS TO BE ENTHUSIASTICALLY ACTIVE. "Enthusiasm" is derived from the Greek "en" meaning "in" and "Theos" meaning "God". An enthusiast is a person with God in him. The enthusiastic activity of the Y's Men means a continuously inspired activity.

If this is the basis upon which you seek your membership you will signify by raising your hand and answering thereby pledging your devotion to the ideals and purposes of the club.

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Having made this public avowal, I am gratified to pronounce you Y's Men—which is, being interpreted, Men of and for the Y—and I welcome you, on behalf of all Y's Men everywhere, to this worldwide fellowship.

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Date

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Club President

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New Member