

ANNUAL REPORT

YOUTH FOR CHRIST CANADA 2022

THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR





Dear Friends of Youth for Christ,

Thank you for your support and partnership with Youth for Christ Canada as we work towards seeing every young person living fully in Christ.

Reflecting on 2022, I am reminded of how, despite it being a year full of highs and lows, God is steadfast throughout it all. I am so grateful for God's continued faithfulness and for your continued partnership with YFC Canada.

Our in-person programming has resumed, and we were so pleased to be able to continue to share the Good News of Christ's love with young people in person. We were able to gather together with staff from across Canada to encourage one another in our ministry. We have also partnered with other national youth ministries and have been encouraged to see how God is at work in the hearts of people across Canada.

"Every young person living fully in Christ" is how we express our mission to each other and to the world. It is a clear reminder of why we train staff, develop chapters, provide human resources systems and services, run events, administer finances, and develop leaders. In 1 John, we are reminded to

love one another as God has loved us. Through our relationships with the youth we work with, we can reflect God's love for His people.

"In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him." 1 JOHN 4:9 ESV

Each day, staff and volunteers work with young people across the country to share Christ's unconditional love with them. Through six Core Ministries we meet the needs of young people through Community Outreach, Critical Care, Innovative Centres, Leadership Development, Marketplace Initiatives, and Trips, Camps & Events.

Thank you again for your continued support of Youth for Christ Canada. We are grateful for your prayers and partnership, as it is with your support and God's grace that we are able to live out our mission as we work with youth across the country.

Grace and peace,

Tim Coles

National Director

50,946

YOUTH

810

3,381

VOLUNTEERS

CORE MINISTRY PROGRAMS

983

STAFF

37

CHAPTERS / AFFILIATES

Our Chapters

Altona Montréal Saskatoon

Calgary Morden SE Saskatchewan

Central Alberta Morris Steinbach

Comox Valley Nipissing SW Ontario

Eastern Counties Northumberland Timmins

Edmonton Nova Scotia Toronto

Highlands Okanagan Vancouver

Honeymoon Bay Peace Country Victoria

Kawartha Peace Hills Westlock

Kingston Portage la Prairie Westman

Landmark Prince George Winnipeg

London Quinte

Moncton Regina



EVERY YOUNG PERSON
LIVING FULLY IN CHRIST



Canada has almost 6,000,000 youth aged 12 - 25 across the country*. As the mission of Youth for Christ is to see "Every young person living fully in Christ," reaching young people in our country is not something we can do alone; we rely on God's faithfulness, your partnership, and our staff and volunteers. But even with the amazing team that we have, we are still not close to reaching all of the young people in Canada. Therefore, we are expanding our reach by partnering with the broader body of Christ.

Over the past four years, we have been building relationships and strategic partnerships with the other national student ministries in Canada, specifically Young Life, Power to Change (P2C), InterVarsity, Navigators, Alpha, and Youth Worker Community. We have participated in studies together, tackled

commonly shared challenges, and shared best practices and resources.

In April 2022, the senior leaders of these organizations gathered for a prayer retreat with the intent of building a foundation of trust by investing in deep personal relationships with each other. Out of this foundation of trust, we have discovered ways to collaborate and serve our complementary missions.

We have intentionally partnered with like-minded organizations to develop training opportunities on current issues that are relevant to our staff. We work together and share resources to ensure we are continuing to focus on Biblical training of staff. We look forward to continuing to partner with other national student ministries to see the hope and potential in every young person.

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Locally, many of our Chapters partner with Alpha and use their materials to run programs for their youth. Here Rebekah Kenway, from Youth Unlimited | YFC Comox Valley shares her experience facilitating the Alpha Youth program:

"In 2022 I had the honour of facilitating the Alpha Youth program. This series is traditionally designed for people wanting to learn about the Christian faith or for new believers, but when I hosted Alpha for the second time, some of the youth in attendance came from strong faith-filled households. Many of them have a solid faith, yet some were struggling in it. When shown an illustration of a pool with different characters either interacting with the water or standing around doing different things outside of the pool, we asked the youth which character they identified most with, if the pool represented their relationship with God. One of them identified themselves as the guy drowning. Yet observing this youth throughout the Alpha series, despite their struggle, I saw their faith deepen."







1.1 **BILLION* WORLD YOUTH POPULATION**

*2018 Population Reference Bureau



Young people impacted by media ministry

> 12,096 Partner churches

around the world

100,915

Young people who responded to the Gospel

977,420 Young people impacted

by direct ministry

Information provided by Youth for Christ International. At the time of printing, 2022 statistics were unavailable. To view 2022 statistics, please visit yfci.org.

43,242 Young people in follow-up

and discipleship







"I've always been so worried about what everyone thinks of me, and did everything I could to make sure I didn't disappoint anyone. I was so worried about standing out or being different. I didn't know why I was placed on this earth. This weekend (at Change Conf Toronto) I got to be unapologetically myself. I jumped, danced, I raised my hands during worship, and I wasn't thinking about everyone looking at me. God took away all my anxiety in that moment so I could be completely fixated on Him. This weekend changed my relationship with God, but also my relationship with myself. I'm ready to spread the word, and to tell everyone how amazing Jesus is. I now know I was made on purpose for a purpose for such a time as this. I think I can speak for my whole generation when I say we're all confused about who we are. You guys are doing an amazing job of meeting us where we're at, understanding us, making us feel validated, and treasured. So I truly thank you from the bottom of my heart."

- CHANGE CONFERENCE 2022 TORONTO PARTICIPANT

CANADIAN NATIONAL OFFICE

NON-CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

| For the Year Ended December 31, | 2022 | 2021 |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| REVENUE | | |
| Contributions | \$ 5,989,759 | \$ 5,774,127 |
| Registrations, Administration Fees & Other | 427,898 | 354,519 |
| Association Dues | 146,535 | 140,250 |
| | \$ 6,564,192 | \$ 6,268,896 |
| EXPENSES | | |
| Global Engagement & International Ministries | \$ 2,766,801 | \$ 2,590,023 |
| National Programs & Events | 1,389,035 | 851,752 |
| National Operations | 1,352,685 | 1,302,450 |
| People Development | 613,954 | 523,990 |
| Affiliate Ministries | 415,946 | 537,402 |
| Chapter Development | 260,596 | 241,350 |
| | \$ 6,799,017 | \$ 6,046,967 |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue over Expenses for the Year | \$ (234,825) | \$ 221,929 |

2022 CANADIAN OPERATIONS

INCLUDING ALL CHAPTERS

| For the Year Ended December 31, 2022 | |
|---|------------------|
| Income for National Office & all Local Programs | \$ 49,613,832 |
| Expenditures for National Office & all Local Programs | \$ 48,122,755 |
| Amount of Surplus between Income and Expenses | \$ 1,491,077 |





810

Core Ministry Programs



751

Permanent Staff



232

Seasonal / Youth Employment Opportunities



3,381Volunteers



2,576

Responded to the opportunity to be a follower of Jesus



3,845

Total youth in discipleship



954

Churches partnering with YFC in Canada



10,864

Ministry partners praying for youth in Canada

SERVING YOUTH IN 398 COMMUNITIES

Your support has made it possible to serve 398 communities through 6 Core Ministry categories



INNOVATIVE CENTRES

Pursuing shared interests in inspiring environments



CRITICAL CARE

Supporting youth experiencing systemic vulnerability



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Connecting through team and mentoring relationships



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Growing and discovering God's purpose for life



TRIPS, CAMPS & EVENTS

Sharing experiences, adventure and social impact



MARKETPLACE INITIATIVES

Developing employment skills and entrepreneurship

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"I got to see God working through staff, in action and words, to touch each and every one of the kids in positive and life-giving ways. To be even a small part of that has been one of the best joys of my life."

- VOLUNTEER, YOUTH UNLIMITED I YFC GREATER VANCOUVER





"[YFC | Youth Unlimited] is a place where I can just be myself and am accepted for who I am. Everyone is welcome and we always feel love and grace. They really care about us and listen to us. It's like another home. I've become more confident and am learning how to fully embrace whatever comes."

YFC WESTLOCK



Each year we are fortunate to have a number of seasonal employment opportunities and internships available for young people. Many of these positions are some of the first employment opportunities for the young people we work with. We feel privileged to walk beside them as they gain skills and experience in the workplace. These roles are often more than just about employment as we mentor these individuals and watch as God works in their lives.

Asha Chandra joined Kawartha YFC | Youth Unlimited, in Ontario, for the year as an intern, volunteering with The Bridge Youth Centre, and most recently as a Summer Student coordinating the summer outreach programs. Throughout her internship, staff Josh Lott observed first-hand how God worked in Asha's life.

and noticed her increased boldness and confidence and her willingness to dive into the position. "As YFC staff, we are so privileged to be able to witness how God moves in the lives of young people such as Asha," said Josh, YFC works closely with youth in our programs, but we also create opportunities to bring young people into leadership positions, walking with them as they navigate their first paid work experience and grow into adulthood.

Asha shares about her experience at The Bridge Youth Centre:

"This year, The Bridge has been life-changing for me. Looking back to the person I was six or seven months ago, I feel as though I've grown in so many different ways that I couldn't have even imagined before starting here. All of

these things are because of this place. these people, because of God's hand just never leaving me through my entire life, continuing to guide me.

If you had asked me a year ago where I would be right now and what I would be doing with my life this year, everything would have been completely different; my focus, my dreams, and my intentions for the year couldn't have compared to what my dreams are right now. I could have barely imagined being at a place physically or emotionally where I'm happy and at peace, nonetheless in a place where I can serve God fully and be surrounded by people filled with God-given clarity and hearts for people. All I can do is thank Jesus for placing me here right now.

Looking back to almost 2 years ago, I was a completely different person... I was lost and desperate to fit in and find purpose. I had the typical Christian story of growing up in church, surrounded by believers; I had a strong family who instilled in me good values and aspirations. I knew Jesus was real, but I don't think I really knew or could have called the faith my own until maybe 2 years ago when everything changed. I reached a place mentally where I didn't know what else to do; long story short, it led me to pray for the first time in a really real way, and I remember just feeling some of the pressure releasing: I remember feeling

my shoulders relax for the first time, and it's only continued since I began to open my heart to Jesus' plan for my life, and through a course of doors opening and doors closing... He led me here where I really couldn't be disappointed with how He led me... here.

... Letting Jesus take control of your life is the best thing that you can do because He works in your weakness, and He transforms your perspective if you let Him. My work here has been so amazing and fulfilling... and all of it has just made me a better person who is open to Jesus' plans for my life."

Together, with your partnership and God's grace, we are working towards every young person living fully in Christ. Your generous support and prayers mean we

can continue to build meaningful relationships with staff. interns. and young people in our communities and share the Good News of Jesus.

To watch more of Asha's story, visit

yfc.ca/asha



family. It's one of the reasons that I've been able to serve here for more than 31 years. My family made friends with peers across Canada, and those relationships carried over year to year. Covid was hard and not getting together, in some ways severed those relationships. For us, it was really important to come together in person again as soon as it was possible. It's the relationships that build longevity. NMC is again an annual highlight for us."

"NMC was an annual highlight for my entire

- DWAYNE DYCK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
WESTMAN YOUTH FOR CHRIST | YOUTH
UNLIMITED

"Appreciated all the work that went into organizing. So good to be all back together again."

- CARL NASH, MINISTRY DIRECTOR, TORONTO YOUTH UNLIMITED | YFC

For the first time since 2019, we were able to hold our National Ministry Conference (NMC) in person in the summer of 2022. Three hundred and eighty of our staff, their families, and some international YFC staff gathered together in BC around the theme of "Uncharted."

At YFC, we intentionally build into staff so they remain healthy and resilient in their ministry. One of the ways we do this is through NMC. Our People Development Team coordinates the workshops and speakers that engage, inspire, and encourage attendees. Our time at NMC started with a Day of Prayer with a theme of "Unshakeable," which was inspired by Isaiah 54:10:

Though the mountains be shaken, and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed, says the Lord, who has compassion on you.

The keynote speaker was AJ Swoboda, author of *After Doubt: How to Question Your Faith Without Losing It,* who shared about faith, doubt, and reconstructing faith. Additionally, there were 8 workshop tracks dealing with issues including Trauma Informed Youth Work, Discernment in Leadership, and Diversity and Inclusion.

As Canada is such a huge country and we have 983 staff across the nation, we truly appreciate the opportunity to gather together in community.







At YFC Canada, we have a local and international focus on sharing the Good News with young people in our communities. Our Global Engagement department exists to facilitate vibrant partnerships between Youth for Christ ministries around the world. This includes sending long-term missionaries and short-term volunteers from Canada who desire to serve with YFC in other countries. Marilyn and Geordon Rendle are two of our staff who have served YFC overseas and most recently served in the United Arab Emirates.

Because of Geordon's work in the UAE, he was invited by the national government to write, produce, and present at a two-day summit on tolerance to dignitaries from 23 nations. On November 15, 2022, the Global Population metre clicked over to the gargantuan number of Eight Billion.

Geordon launched the Global Tolerance Alliance Round Table based in the United Arab Emirates with this phrase: "We have 8,000,000,000 reasons to get this right!" Geordon produced The Global Tolerance Alliance Appeal for Action which became the working document for this gathering. A formal presentation was made about the initiatives and proposals that will impact not only the UAE, but neighbouring nations and the world through the acknowledgment that compassion is the primary starting point for every one of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.

According to the United Nations, there are 1.2 billion young people ages 15 - 24 globally.* The role of Youth for Christ is to reach these young people directly with the hope of the Gospel, but holistic and redemptive advocacy must also include liaising with those in authority,

*https://www.un.org/en/global-issues/youth







serving and honouring those who have a religious, legal, academic, cultural, and civic influence on this generation. Geordon describes his role as "a pleasure and a privilege to represent YFC at [The Global Tolerance Alliance], encouraging [participants] to consider the Youth Voice as we address the heartaches of global hunger, suicide, and conflict while recognizing those who lead in our communities, cities, countries, and even continents."

While Geordon focused on Global Tolerance, Marilyn served as the National Director of YFC | Youth Unlimited UAE. Continuing a theme of collaboration and caring for youth in the community, Marilyn led the YFC team in the UAE as they cared for Cross Cultural Kids by

offering sessions on Resilience, monthly Days of Prayer, and regular Equip gatherings designed to encourage and inspire youth leaders. Other programs included an annual youth retreat called Big Weekend for 250+ participants from over 50 passport countries from seven Middle Eastern nations and a 10-week Alpha Youth summer session for youth across the region.

UAE YFC | Youth Unlimited partners with youth leaders across the nation to inspire redemptive youth advocacy and engagement by connecting, encouraging, and equipping them with tools to reach young people. YFC | Youth Unlimited believes that healthy, confident, and productive youth are at the heart of a vibrant future for the UAE.





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