



Youth for Christ
Youth Unlimited™



ANNUAL REPORT



2024

YOUTH FOR CHRIST CANADA



LETTER FROM THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR



Dear Friends of Youth for Christ,

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

In 2024, we celebrated **80 years of Youth for Christ in Canada**. On December 30, 1944, thousands of young people gathered at Massey Hall in Toronto, which played a role in reshaping the Christian landscape for Canadian youth. God is so faithful! Eighty years later, Youth for Christ continues to impact

the lives of young people across Canada and around the world.

Throughout the past 80 years, YFC has been **“Geared to the Times, Anchored to the Rock,”** working in many different circumstances to reach young people with the Good News of God’s love. We have been known as innovators, missionary entrepreneurs, and collaborators in communities, bringing the body of Christ together with a common goal of reaching youth for Christ.

Each year, the Annual Report includes statistics that capture the impact of Youth for Christ | Youth Unlimited ministries across Canada. The numbers reflected here are so much more than just numbers. Each number reflects a young person we are walking alongside as they navigate life. Each number represents a young person with unique challenges, successes, and stories. At YFC, we are committed to investing in the lives of the youth we work with, offering connection, hope, and the Good News of God’s love.

Our mission is to see every young person living fully in Christ. Throughout our 80-year history, we have been committed to sharing God’s love with young people. While statistics can be a useful tool, it is far more important to us that young people have the opportunity to explore faith and relationship with God at their own pace. We celebrate with them when they choose to take steps to pursue God and live their lives following Christ.

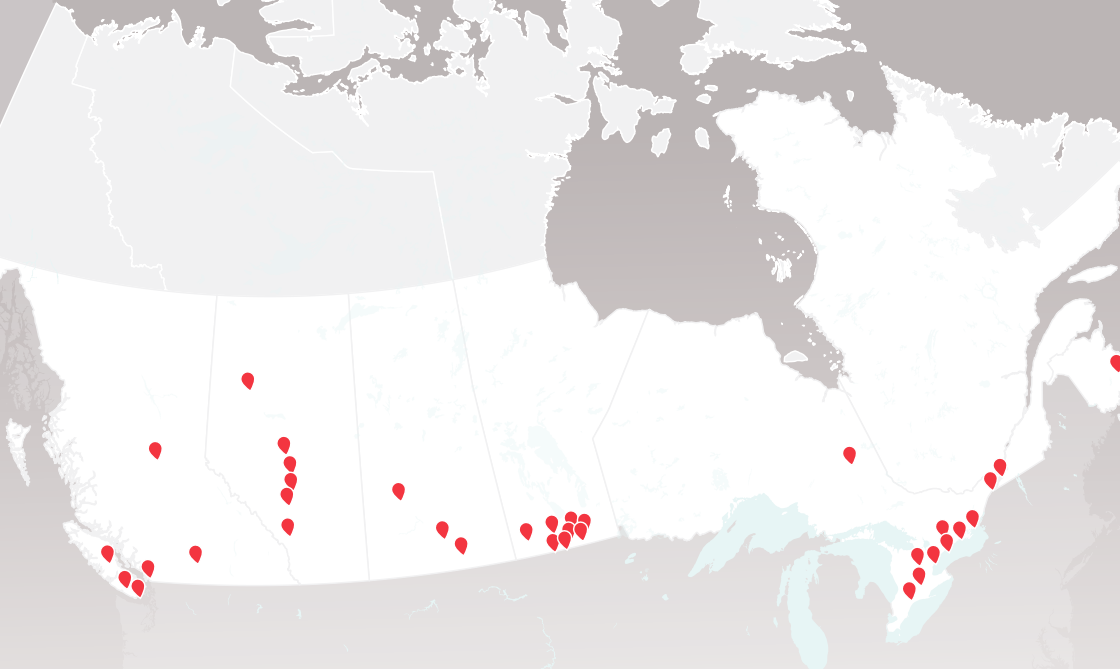
“The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” - 1 SAMUEL 16:7B

How can we measure the growth of the heart or of the soul? How can we measure what God is doing in the life of a young person? Each day in ministry programs across Canada, our staff and volunteers witness holy moments where healing and the transformation of the heart take place.

As we look back on 80 years, we also look forward, God willing, to the next 80 years of Youth for Christ. We are so thankful for God’s faithfulness and your partnership as we work together to engage and equip youth to know and follow Jesus.

Grace and peace,

Tim Coles
National Director



Our Chapters

Altona	Moncton	Regina
Calgary	Montréal	Saskatoon
Central Alberta	Morden	SE Saskatchewan
Comox Valley	Morris	Steinbach
Eastern Counties	Northumberland	SW Ontario
Edmonton	Nova Scotia	Timmins
Highlands	Okanagan	Toronto
Honeymoon Bay	Peace Country	Vancouver
Kawartha	Peace Hills	Victoria
Kingston	Portage la Prairie	Westlock
Landmark	Prince George	Westman
London	Quinte	Winnipeg



68,808

YOUTH

852

CORE MINISTRY PROGRAMS

36

CHAPTERS / AFFILIATES

4,845

VOLUNTEERS

923

STAFF

Every young
person
living fully
in Christ



New BEGINNINGS

One Family's Story of Immigrating to Canada

Claudia and her family had volunteered at Youth for Christ Bolivia in 2016. In 2021, she and her family moved to Canada, and in 2023, she was hired as a Youth Engagement Worker at Youth for Christ | Youth Unlimited Moncton. She feels that her immigration process of coming to Canada has led her to this calling of working with young people and understanding that God has bigger plans. Her dream is to see a new generation of young people so passionate about Jesus that they impact their families, friends, and communities with their lives as they reflect Jesus' love.

Claudia shares some of her journey as an immigrant family in Canada and how it has shaped her view as a youth worker in Moncton, New Brunswick, working with many other immigrant families:

"When we arrived in Canada, life was more difficult than we imagined. We felt very lonely for the first few months. We had hoped to find new friends, connections, and a new church family, but it didn't happen as quickly as we had hoped.

The first person we met at the church was a YFC staff named Byron, and we started volunteering with YFC Moncton. This was the beginning of finding our sense of belonging that we had lost since we left our country. As time went by, Byron's family



embraced us, supported us, and made us part of his family. This made a big difference in our process as we felt that we weren't alone anymore.

YFC Moncton started a soccer program for kids and teenagers, and this has resulted in us working with many new immigrant families. God gave us the opportunity to share the Gospel with the kids and their families, hear their stories, support them in prayer, and help them feel that they are not alone in this journey.

While I was working in my field as a dental assistant (though I was a dentist in Bolivia), I wasn't in the job that I wanted, and I was having difficulties at work which were discouraging and frustrating. I fell into a deep depression and was thinking of moving back to Bolivia. I started praying a lot, asking God what I should do and what His

purpose was with me and my family and with all the things that we lived as immigrants.

Later in the year, I was offered a full-time job at YFC, which was an answer to my prayers and completely changed my life. Working for YFC gave me back my sense of belonging and my identity as a daughter of God; the feeling of failure that I had, turned into purpose; if I could be useful in God's hands, that is more than enough for me.

I think that God allowed us to go through this process as immigrants so we could be empathetic with the people that God brings to Canada and support them with an understanding heart because we understand how difficult it can be. We want all the young people and families in our community to find their sense of belonging, identity, and hope in God."



OUR *Mission*

Every young person living fully in Christ

“I’ve been coming to the youth centre for a long time now and at the beginning, I never listened to the Spot Talks or what Louis [YFC staff] had to say. I didn’t want to know anything about God. I just wanted to be with my friends and have fun. But after a while, I realized I needed God. Louis and Suzie [YFC staff] invited me to church, and I brought my mom and little sister. Since then, I made the commitment to follow Jesus and my life has not been the same since. I am now reading my bible every day, helping with one of the programs at the centre and I know without the youth centre, I would not be following God.”

- YOUTH, YFC | YOUTH UNLIMITED TIMMINS

What WE DO

Engage and equip youth to know and follow Jesus



CANADIAN NATIONAL OFFICE

NON-CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the Year Ended December 31,

	2024	2023
REVENUE		
Contributions	\$ 7,114,228	\$ 6,254,287
Registrations, Administration Fees & Other	816,118	581,808
Association Dues	212,905	163,751
	\$ 8,143,251	\$ 6,999,846
EXPENSES		
Global Engagement & International Ministries	3,200,840	2,795,012
National Programs & Events	1,933,795	1,522,430
National Operations	1,478,792	1,427,393
People Development	620,111	598,626
Affiliate Ministries	491,890	452,188
Chapter Development	343,543	307,068
	\$ 8,068,971	\$ 7,102,717
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue over Expenses for the Year	\$ 74,280	\$ (102,871)

2024 CANADIAN OPERATIONS

INCLUDING ALL CHAPTERS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Income for National Office & all Local Programs	\$ 58,375,504
Expenditures for National Office & all Local Programs	\$ 56,365,203
Amount of Surplus between Income and Expenses	\$ 2,010,301

3,529



Responded to the Opportunity to be a Follower of Jesus

1,363



Churches Partnering with YFC in Canada

4,671



Total Youth in Discipleship

852



Core Ministry Programs

4,845



Volunteers

764



Permanent Staff

159



Seasonal / Youth Employment Opportunities



SERVING YOUTH IN **362** COMMUNITIES

CORE MINISTRIES

Your support has made it possible to serve 362 communities through **6 CORE MINISTRY** categories



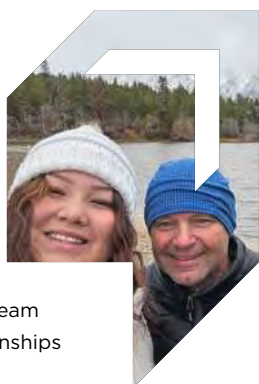
INNOVATIVE CENTRES

Pursuing shared interests in inspiring environments



CRITICAL CARE

Supporting youth experiencing systemic vulnerability



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Growing and discovering God's purpose for life



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Connecting through team and mentoring relationships



MARKETPLACE INITIATIVES

Developing employment skills and entrepreneurship



TRIPS, CAMPS & EVENTS

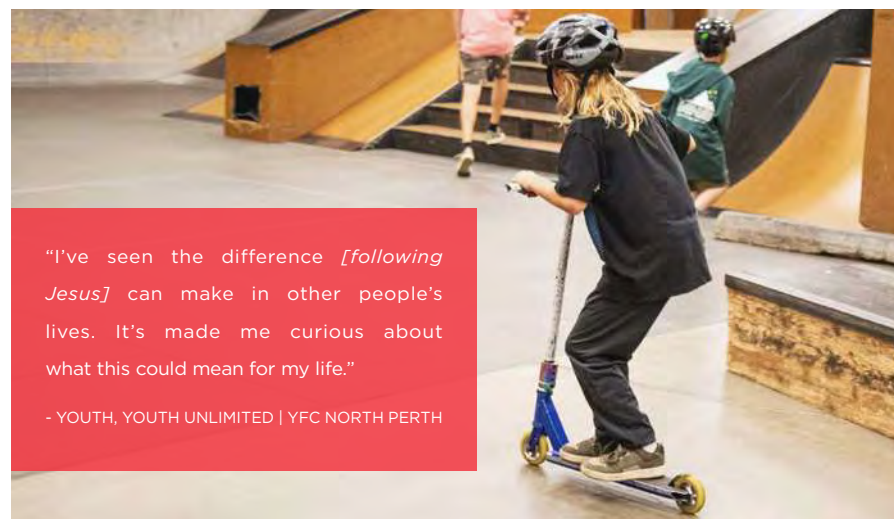
Sharing experiences, adventure and social impact

Visit yfc.ca for more information on our Core Ministries



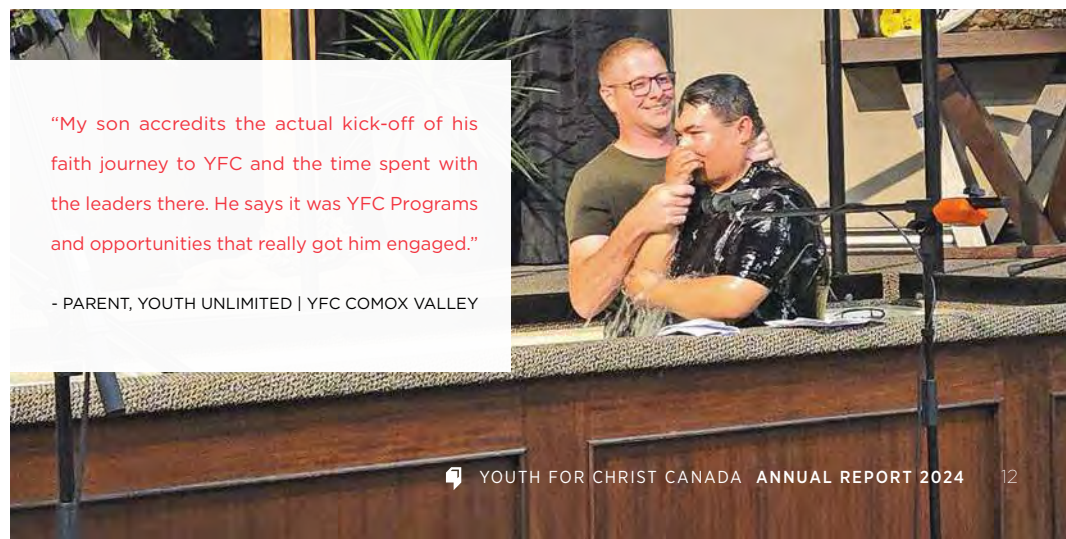
"Before this trip, I felt exhausted and overwhelmed by all that life was throwing at me. Now I feel willing to take everything I face one day at a time, and I know I can rely on Jesus to get me through."

- YOUTH, YOUTH UNLIMITED | YFC CENTRAL ALBERTA



"I've seen the difference [following Jesus] can make in other people's lives. It's made me curious about what this could mean for my life."

- YOUTH, YOUTH UNLIMITED | YFC NORTH PERTH



"My son accredits the actual kick-off of his faith journey to YFC and the time spent with the leaders there. He says it was YFC Programs and opportunities that really got him engaged."

- PARENT, YOUTH UNLIMITED | YFC COMOX VALLEY

"I was filled with so much thankfulness and awe that the Lord really is at work in my community..."



The Power of Relationships

JELINA'S STORY

The work we do here at Youth for Christ is rooted in the power of relationships and sharing the Good News of God's love with those we meet. Just as Jesus came to be with us, we strive to be present with the youth in our communities, offering them love, hope, and the message of the Gospel. One of our staff, Jelina Threefingers, at Central Alberta Youth for Christ, shared about her ministry with youth in the community of Maskwacis. This past summer, Jelina had the privilege of witnessing the **Maskwacis Youth Lead Team** serve with a passion that can only come from the Lord.



*"As I looked at our **Maskwacis Youth Lead Team** this past summer, watching them as they served their hearts out during our Summer Outreach, I was filled with so much thankfulness and awe that the Lord really is at work in my community and that He is using our youth to bring restoration to the community of Maskwacis. Our Youth Lead Team has grown up to 6 youth this year and they have boldly and willingly said 'Yes' to serving their community and going out to share the gospel with truth and love during our Vacation Bible School and Family Barbeque. Their 'Yes' is such a big deal because there is so much opposition to the gospel in their own community, school, and oftentimes in their own homes, but yet they take joy in living for the Lord and furthering His Kingdom. During that week, they boldly shared their testimonies, went out to evangelize in their community, and led with such*

excellence throughout the week and I am so proud of them. I am reminded of Isaiah 35 of springs watering the wasteland. This is exactly what the Lord is doing through our young leaders, and the heart they carry and operate out of. They are the springs of water, watering the thirsty land and bringing hope and light to a once dark and desolate land. There really is hope for restoration because He is doing it in and through our youth, and what a blessing it is to watch that happen before us!"

This work doesn't happen in isolation. It happens through relationships — relationships built on trust, love, and the shared journey of faith. Our young leaders in Maskwacis are watering the thirsty land with the love and hope they've found in Christ.

To hear more of Jelina Threefinger's story, visit yfc.ca/jelina.

GLOBAL IMPACT STORY:

Türkiye Discipleship Study Tour



In October, 51 YFC staff travelled to **Türkiye** for a **discipleship study tour**.

Jesus cultivated a movement of disciple-making, which continued beyond His ascension to heaven. Over the 10-day trip, our leadership study tour walked us through the span of Jesus' life to learn from His movement-building and to apply the principles to our lives - to intentionally shift from doing ministry to cultivating movements. We walked the book of Acts together to explore how the early church spread the Gospel and created a discipleship movement. We visited the 7 Churches of Revelation (and the Island of Patmos, where the Apostle John wrote the Book of Revelation) to provide inspiration alongside practical and helpful insights into disciple-making.

"The trip to Türkiye provided new inspiration for me to search after the passion the early church had, how they shared their faith, often risking their lives, and how the church spread in the most organic underground fashion amidst a culture that wanted to snuff it out.

The historical knowledge and cultural context provided so much in seeing the depth of what was happening at the time and how we now can better find ourselves in the larger story of followers of Christ.

I am inspired to dig deeper into the idea of disciple-making, and how this can help us share Christ with youth and help them share their faith with their peers and families. The trip has brought some new life for me by stirring more desire to share the good news of Jesus."

- CLIFF HEIDE, WINNIPEG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

"As we journeyed through the churches of Revelation, we began to gain a deeper understanding of what it truly meant to be a disciple of Jesus in those early days. Walking through ancient ruins while learning about Paul's third missionary journey helped bring Bible passages I had heard many times into a new light. Being in this ancient land, surrounded by ruins of altars to gods, ancient brothels, and gladiator rings, I could feel the weight of the persecution early Christians faced. At the same time, I longed for the intimacy and community found in the oikos—the households of faith. The entire experience was a profound and moving journey. Paul focused all his effort on making disciples that make disciples. Türkiye was a refreshing reminder of how simple the gospel is and how deep Jesus's love for us is. Already I have seen and felt the ministry impact being translated to our efforts here."

- NADINE DAVIES, CENTRAL ALBERTA FAMILY ENGAGEMENT DIRECTOR

"I eagerly anticipated the trip to Türkiye but, honestly, didn't expect the profound impact it would have on me. Our time together in Türkiye is re-energizing my passion for ministry and is actively shaping my approach to ministry strategy and disciple-making. It has also brought new depth to my scripture reading and drawn me into a more vibrant walk with Jesus, breathing life into my faith in unexpected ways. I am deeply grateful to have had the opportunity to participate in this study tour."

- AL HERON, MONTRÉAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



“Through people like Jessica [YFC staff], and organizations like YFC, I know that I am a treasured daughter of the King. I’m never alone. Nothing is insurmountable. Everything is possible with Christ.”

- YOUTH, YFC | YOUTH UNLIMITED VICTORIA



2023

WORLDWIDE IMPACT

10,447,678

Young people impacted
by media ministry

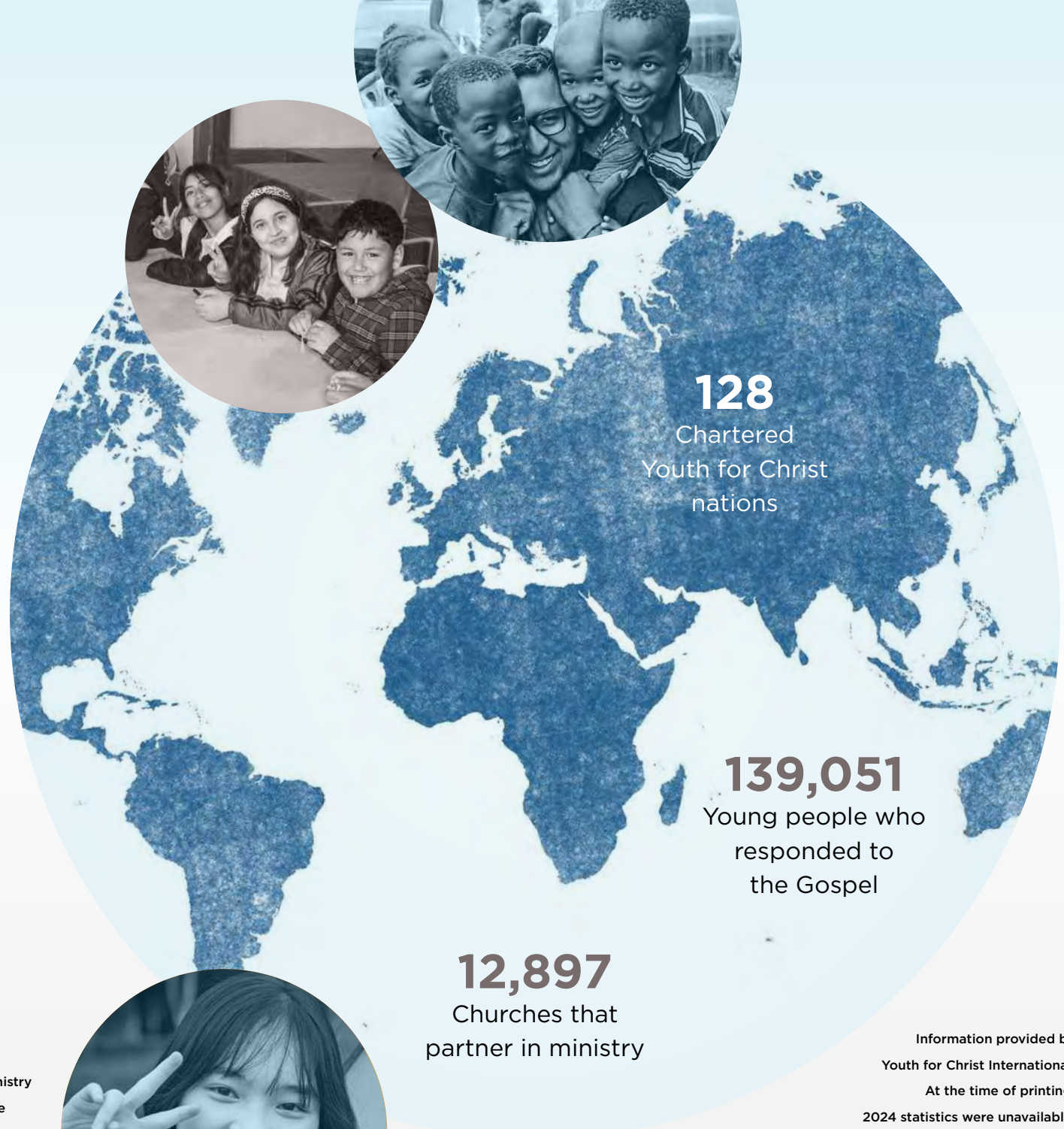
2,071,398

Young people impacted
by direct ministry

42,129

Young people in
follow-up and discipleship

These figures are a compilation of statistics reported on Annual Ministry Reviews from 2023. They are close approximations but not absolute totals. Media includes literature distribution, TV, radio, and internet.



Information provided by
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At the time of printing,
2024 statistics were unavailable.

To view 2024 statistics, please visit yfc.org.

NATIONAL PROGRAMS FROM COAST TO COAST

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**CHANGE
CONF**

Change Conference
changeconference.com



The Compassion Series
compassionseries.com



WakeUp Deborah
wakeupdeborah.net

ENGAGE

Engage
yfc.ca/engage



Honeymoon Bay Lodge
and Retreat Centre
yfc.ca/honeymoon-bay



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OUR NATIONAL LEADERSHIP TEAM

Tim Coles
National Director

Maureen Pryce
Associate National Director

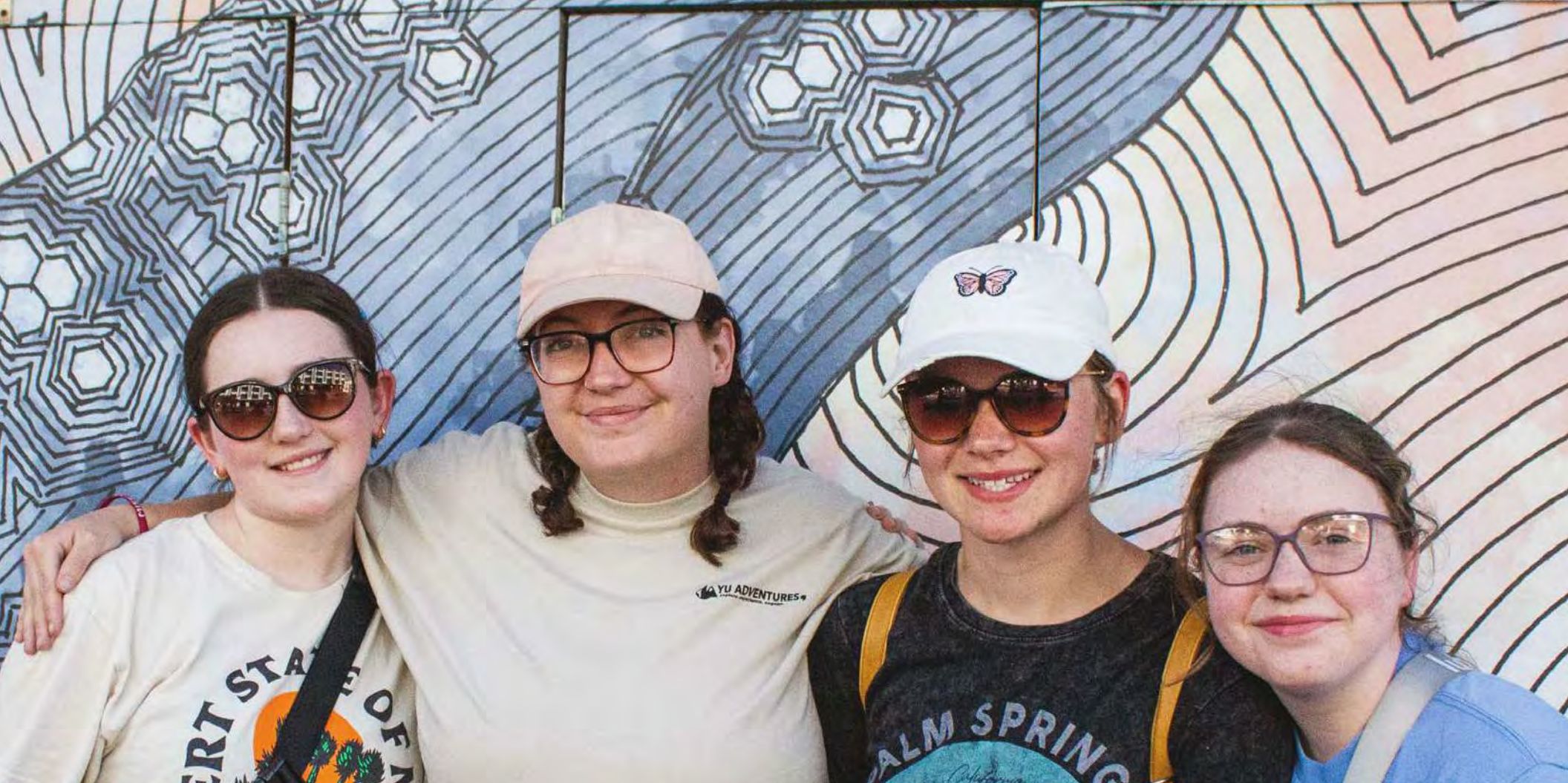
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