

Presbytery Youth Report

“One generation shall praise Your works to another, And shall declare Your mighty acts.”

Psalm 145:4

God calls us to declare His works to the next generation, that the present and future generations would praise the name of the Lord. Since the late 1800s in our denomination, Covenanter Young Peoples’ Union (CYPUP) has assisted churches, pastors, and parents in making Christ known to young people in order that they might praise Him. In the GL-G Presbytery, many parents continue to send their students to the CYPUP Christ-centered events throughout the year. With the help of pastors, leaders, and counselors, the CYPUP Leadership Team (elected from among the youth, by the youth) annually carry out:

Fall Ministry Project (September), Winter Conference (December), Theological Foundations Weekend (February), Sonrise Party (March), ECHO summer mission trip (June), and the Covfamikoi youth program (with the exception of International Conference years).

Our current CYPUP leadership team is composed of students from Bloomington, Christ Church, Immanuel, Second RP, and Southside. Our present team members are as follows:

- President: *Isaac Pfeiffer*
- Vice President: *Nadia Spirydovich*
- Secretary: *Ava Concannon*
- Treasurer: *Elisha Enas*
- Registration Director: *Isabella Concannon*
- Brochures: *Henry Mauser*
- Social Media: *Cameron Faris*
- Food and Set up Coordinator: *Tim Hanson*
- Sports Director: *Liberty Cosens*

Summary of Events from 2019-2020:

Event	Month	Location	Speaker	Theme	Sponsor	Attend.
Fall Ministry Project	Oct	2nd RP / Various	Joel Hart	Serving in the Church	Kevin & Bethany Mauser	25
Winter Conference	Dec	Camp Lakeview	Rutledge Etheridge	Identity Crisis	Ben & Anna Larson	57
TFW	Feb	Southside	D. Hanson / A. Tabaka	Theological Foundation	David Hanson / Nick Ritenour	12
SonRise	Apr	Indy - Covenant HS	Joe & Beth Cavanaugh	Outreach / Gospel	Andrew & Lauren Saunders	53*
ECHO	Jun	Ft. Myers, FL	N/A	Missions / Service	John Hanson	12
Covfamikoi	Jul	Lindsey Wilson	Jay Dharan	Trinity	Zachary & Flo Blackwood	36

The most recent Winter Conference, “What am I supposed to be Doing?” examined God’s call to faith and obedience. Pastor Kyle Borg spoke to the students with humor and insight, as he clearly connected with the youth. As always, it was an excellent event. This year we were thankful to see an increase in attendance after many years of slow decline, a reflection primarily in the demographics of our churches.

At the time of this report, we just concluded a successful Theological Foundations Weekend (TFW), with Pastor David Hanson as our main speaker and coordinator. This year we welcomed four other men into the speaking rotation giving two other local pastors and two interns opportunities to take up various topics. We have also opened this event to sophomores since last year and were very encouraged to see the attendance almost double from recent years. Special thanks to Nick and Esther Ritenour for their continued coordination

Additionally, SONrise Party is quickly approaching on March 27, 2020 (concluding on the morning of March 28), and aims to be a fun evening for inviting friends, with an evangelistic focus. We are thankful for Andrew & Lauren Saunders' leadership for this event again this year.

It is with great thanks that we publicly recognize our other event leaders: Kevin & Bethany Mauser, . The event leaders take the responsibilities that make each of these CYPUs possible. We are blessed and grateful to labor and serve alongside these faithful saints from several congregations!

Once again we made it a priority to offer significant scholarships to churches outside close proximity of Indiana. As a Presbytery spanning from the Great Lakes all the way to the Gulf, it is important to make certain that the more distant churches have an opportunity to participate in the CYPUs as well, and we are thankful for the Presbytery's financial support to make this a possibility.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ben Larson (CYPUs Director)