**CYPU Director Report**

*Psalm 144: 12 “May our sons in their youth be like plants full grown, our daughters like corner pillars cut for the structure of a palace;”*

2024 marked the first calendar year of my having the pleasure of serving as the CYPU Director. It has been a joy to serve the presbytery, and the youth of our presbytery in this role. The YSLT (Youth Servant Leadership Team) saw a transition in leadership as our former president, Adalyn Nelson rotated off the team and Joseph Shipp rose to fill that role. The current team members of the YSLT are Joseph Shipp (President), Sam Faris (vice-president), Sophia Law (food coordinator), Rylie Gardner (social media coordinator), Anne Callender (game coordinator), Aaron Archer (registration coordinator), K.J. Aladejebie (advertising), Calvin Eshelman (secretary). The team has labored diligently, and faithfully, to help organize and run our CYPU events throughout the year 2024. The events include:

**Psalm Sings:**

On the months that we do not have a regularly scheduled event, the YSLT plans an organizes a Psalm Sing hosted by the congregation of Second R.P. Church. Jacob Long serves as our event coordinator and has done a spectacular job in teaching and encouraging students to learn the art of presenting. Each Psalm Sing includes an extended time of singing, sharing testimonies, prayer, and fellowship. From my perspective as Director, the Psalm Sings are the glue that hold the CYPU together.

**TFW:**

TFW stands for “Theological Foundations Weekend” and is a standout event in that it is only for juniors and seniors. The reason being, rather than an event focused on fellowship, it is focused on theological education. This past year, TFW was hosted by the Southside R.P. church and pastor David Hanson served as our event Coordinator. Our speakers for this event were David Hanson, Rich Holdeman, and Aaron Murray. Topics ranged from the structure of the Psalter to relational reconciliation. This year, we are looking forward to being hosted by the Southfield congregation as Pastor Kuehner instructs the students the perennially important doctrine of the Church.

**Summer Bash:**

While all of our events include a time of teaching, Summer Bash is focused on friendship and fellowship. This is a one-day event where students are invited to gather together for games and activities. Natalie Faris graciously served as our event coordinator and organized this successful event at Hummel Park in Plainfield, IN. On top of fun and games, Nathan Shaver came and spoke to our students from Psalm 20 on “The King and His People.”

**Fall Ministry Project:**

By God’s grace, we were able to return to our historic practice of Fall Ministry. Students gathered at Second R.P. for a time of food and fellowship. We were also blessed to hear a sermon preached by Adam Niess on Christian Service from Matt. 20:20-28. Aaron Murray served as the event coordinator and numerous individuals gave of their time and energy to serve as counselors, and host families to make this event possible. After the sermon, students were sent out to practice what was preached by serving Bloomington RPC, Sycamore RPC, Lafayette RPC, and Marion RPC. While this is the most logistically challenging event to plan, it is my estimation that this event will reap the most spiritual dividends. The 2025 Fall Ministry Project is planned for November 7th-10th. It would be a great encouragement to our students to be hosted by your congregation.

**Winter Conference.:**

Over the past few years, we have been forced to progressively raise our registration prices, which we fear may have caused some to opt out of participating in this event. The YSLT brainstormed on how to lower our price and decided to request that the Columbus RP church host us. They graciously agreed to host us at no cost to the CYPU. This allowed us to keep our registration price at a historic low. Aaron Murray served as the event coordinator and Jon Sturm was our event speaker. The unanimous opinion of the students was the Pastor Sturms talks where one of the highlights of the conference. Another highlight of the conference was the work of Calvin Eshelman on securing free books for the students from six different publishers. While this is not an exact number, it is not an exaggeration to say that we were sent upwards of $3,000.00 worth of books to hand out to those who registered at no cost to them. By giving a brief survey to the students, it is clear that the Winter Conference is the CYPU’s favorite event of the year. Winter Conference perfectly balances Christian fellowship with Christian teaching.

**Prayer Requests:**

* The Lord would continue to bless the YSLT with unity and affection for one another.
* The Lord would raise up godly young men and women to serve on the 2025-2026 YSLT.
* That the youth of the CYPU would grow in their affection for Christ and for the Bride of Christ through the ministry of the CYPU.

Recommendation: That the YSLT be granted speaking privileges for the remainder of this report.

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