

Northwest Youth of Unity 2022-2023 Annual Report

This was a challenging year of rebuilding. As you may recall we didn't have any elected teen leaders this year and we had to find new sites for three out of our 5 events. The important thing is that we made it through and things look promising on the other side. This year our events were adult coordinated, and we still very much focused on the importance of youth leadership. We invited YOU chapters to plan and facilitate workshops and other activities during our events. Through it all Heidi Nathe from the Youth Service Team was an amazing support and at our spring Rally we elected two new teen leaders!

Below is a summary of each of our events from this past year. Thank you for your ongoing support of our youth!

YOU Retreat "I Align" (October 21-23 North Bend, WA)

30 people from 8 northwest ministries co-created an event filled with love, joy, connection, and transformation. We explored the powers of Will, Order, and Zeal. YOUers facilitated great workshops on the powers, which were enhanced through small group activities.

YOU Rally "I Open" (April 21-23 Randle, WA)

33 people from 7 ministries gathered for the Youth of Unity Rally. We explored the weekend's theme and the Powers of Faith, Strength, and Power. We elected two new Regional Officers, Sam Hagen (South Sound) and Xeno Madden (Lynnwood)!

Kids Camp "The Me in We" (July 1-4 Vernonia, WA)

29 people from 8 NW Region ministries participated in the 42nd Annual Kids Camp! Our amazing counselors created a wonderful camp where we explored the theme "The Me in We" looking at how we express our individuality and how we are part of a larger community. We enjoyed funshops, crafts, hikes, joy songs, swimming, talent shows, and a 250 foot-long Slip N Slide! Thank you for sending the 7-11 year olds from your ministry, we had a great time and everyone left looking forward to the next camp!

IYOU Event "Appreciation" (July 9-13 Unity Village, MO)

7 YOUers and 2 sponsors attended this year's International Youth of Unity event at Unity Village. This event was planned by NW YOUer Aidan Falin (Lynnwood) and Lu Bickerton from the Southeast region. Everyone had a great time exploring the theme and connecting with YOUers from other regions. Watch a slideshow of pictures from the event here: <https://vimeo.com/855877707>

YOU Rendezvous "I Rise" (July 22-25 Enumclaw, WA)

32 people from 6 NW region ministries gathered in the shadow of Mt. Rainier. We explore the theme "I Rise" through the Powers of Love, Wisdom, Imagination, Understanding, Release, and Life. We built community and elevated our consciousness through workshops, family groups, joy songs, our talent show, and plenty of fun and laughter!

Thank you for supporting our youth by supporting these life-changing events--the ripples go far and wide and touch lives in ways that we may never know!

YOU Retreat “Awakening Wonder” (October 6-8 Randle, WA)

This weekend we will get in touch with our inner child and reawaken that sense of awe and wonder about the world we live in. We will grow and transform through Divine play and heart connections. We have 37 people registered from 8 Unity Ministries.

IYOU Chapter X

Chapter X is an International virtual chapter of Youth of Unity, led by YOUers from around the country. If there are one or two high school-aged teens in your ministry that are having a hard time sustaining a YOU group, your teens can participate in Chapter X to meet other YOUers and be eligible to participate in regional events. These bi-weekly meetings began September 10th. Teens can learn more and sign-up at: <https://youthofunity.org/>

NW YOU has dynamic, strong, and loving youth, and an amazing group of dedicated sponsors, and we are blessed to be connected and growing together.

In Love and Gratitude,

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