

# Northwest Region Youth Service Team Report

## September 2024

### Youth Service Team Purpose & Vision

The Northwest Unity Youth Service Team is a collaborative resource that supports, encourages, and inspires spiritual growth in the Northwest Region's Youth and Family Ministry programs. We are here to serve each Unity community and its unique needs.

Vision: We share resources: Annual Youth Team Conference, and ongoing Connection, Mentoring, Training, and Experiential Education.

### Team Composition

Nick Muncie-Jarvis, LUT, CSE (YOU Consultant), Chris Castaldi (Uniteen Consultant & Trainer), Rev. Philip Zemke (Board Liaison), Heidi Nathe (YOU Sponsor), Ginger Landree (Uniteen Leader) Barbara Selvaggi (YFM Director), and Marilee Payne (YFM Teacher).

### Meetings

The Youth Service Team meets via video conference about monthly throughout the year to plan the Northwest Region Youth Team Conference (aka "Gold Bar"). Team members arrive a day early to prepare and set up the Youth Team Conference.

### Youth Team Conference 2024 "The Breath of Life – The World is Our Teacher" (Jan. 26-28 – Gold Bar, WA)

33 people from 7 ministries gathered for the 44th Annual NW Region Youth Team Conference. At this conference we used sacred breath to focus within before turning our attention to the world around us and the youth we serve. Participants shared and discussed the joys and challenges of working in youth ministry and learn how we can better meet the needs of the youth we serve. Presenter Mark Stanton Welch enhanced and enriched this journey. It was a weekend full of love, joy, communion, support, and collaboration. Everyone is looking forward to next year's conference.

### Ministry Outreach

This month the Youth Service Team will be contacting each ministry to discuss their youth ministry programs and the support they could use.

### Youth Team Conference 2025 "Wake Up to Wholeness" (Jan. 24-26 – Seabeck, WA)

The Youth Team Conference is an educational gathering and a time to rejuvenate, connect, inspire, and exchange mentoring wisdom. At this conference we will explore teaching to the various learning styles present in our ministries. Participants will learn about the learning styles presented in the Multiple Intelligences model of teaching and walk away with practical tools they can apply in their home ministries. The Youth Service Team is excited to share in this event with youth workers from all our Region's ministries. Please invest in your Youth Ministry program by sending your teachers to Youth Team Conference where they will be immersed in a community of wisdom and support.

## Northwest Youth of Unity 2023-2024 Annual Report

This was a great year of and development within the Northwest YOU community. At the beginning of last school year the NW YOU Regional Officers for were Sam Hagen (South Sound) and Noah Madden (Lynnwood). Throughout the year we focused on developing greater levels of trust and closeness within the YOU community. Below is a summary of each of our events from this past year. Thank you for your ongoing support of our youth!

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

36 people from 8 northwest ministries co-created an event filled with love, joy, connection, and transformation. This weekend we got in touch with our inner children and reawakened that sense of awe and wonder about the world we live in. We all grew and transformed through Divine play and heart connections.

### **YOU Leadership Empowerment Training** “Spreading Our Wings” (March 22-24 Online)

YOU Leaders from various regions came together to create this event to get a critical mass of participants and to make the most of our collective wisdom and experience. We had 22 participants from around the US. We explored leadership topics that would help YOUers and Sponsors “spread their wings” as leaders. All the workshops were recorded and are available at: <https://wings.youthofunity.org/#edtoolkit>

### **YOU Rally** “The Light of YOU” (April 19-21 in Randle, WA)

38 people from 7 ministries gathered for the Youth of Unity Rally. We explored the weekend’s theme and our individual influence on each other and our contributions to the world. We also elected two new Regional Officers, Aurora Jarvi (Portland) and Kendall Stratton (Lynnwood).

### **Kids Camp** “Building Belonging” (June 30-July 3 in Vernonia, OR)

28 people from 8 NW Region ministries participated in the 43rd Annual Kids Camp! Our amazing counselors created a wonderful camp where we explored the theme "Building Belonging," looking at how we belong and how we can help create a sense of belonging for others. We enjoyed funshops, crafts, hikes, joy songs, swimming, talent shows, and a 750 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** “Understanding YOU” (July 7-11 at Unity Village, MO)

12 YOUers and 4 Sponsors attended this year’s International Youth of Unity event at Unity Village. This event was planned by IYOU “Indies” from Eastern and Southwest Regions. Everyone had a great time exploring the theme and connecting with YOUers from other regions. Our former regional officer, Noah Madden, is planning next summer’s IYOU event with the Indies from Southeast and South Central. Watch a slideshow of pictures from the event here: <https://tinyurl.com/2d274uvp>

### **YOU Rendezvous “The Phases of You” (August 1-4 in Vernonia, OR)**

36 people from 8 NW region ministries gathered in the shadow of Mt. Rainier. We explore the theme "The Phases of You" by looking at the different phases of the moon, what they symbolize, and how that relates to our lives. Mark Stanton Welch blessed us with his gifts by sharing a workshop and leading Dances of Universal Peace. It was a blessed event full of deep connections, spiritual growth, and lots of laughter!

### **YOU Retreat “Essence of You” (October 4-6 in Randle, WA)**

This weekend we will look at Unity’s second principle and look at how we express our personalities as individuals and how we express our Divinity as a community. We will grow and transform through claiming our Divinity and letting our light shine out into the world. We have people registered from 8 Unity Ministries.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual YOU Winter Reunion Event “Appreciating Presence” (January in Lynnwood, WA)**

This weekend event is planned and hosted by YOUers aspiring to run for Regional Office at our Rally in the spring. The teens created this event last year and this year we’re making it an official NW YOU event. They are coordinating all the preparations and will create and present workshops that support the theme of the event. I’m impressed with what the teens have put together so far and I’m sure this event will be a great success.

### **YOU Leadership Empowerment Training “Spreading Our Wings” (Online)**

We are offering another round of leadership trainings to support our teen programs. This time we are offering 1.5 hour sessions on August 11, October 20, and March 30 with a weekend-long training January 31-February 2. These trainings are targeted toward YOUers, Sponsors, and YFM Directors. You can learn more at: [wings.youthofunity.org](https://wings.youthofunity.org)

### **IYOU Chapter X**

Chapter X is an International virtual chapter of Youth of Unity, led by YOUers from around the country, including one of ours from Portland. 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 8th. Teens and Sponsors can learn more and sign-up at: <https://youthofunity.org/>

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!

In Love and Gratitude,

Nick Muncie-Jarvis, LUT, CSE  
Youth of Unity Ministry Consultant  
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# Uniteens 2023-2024

Dedicated to creating Trustworthy experiences, bringing into lived experiences our Unity's principles with developmentally appropriate practices.

Some of what your Uniteen Consultant does:

- co-create, attend, and present at annual Youth Team Conference,
- Two Unitreats per year, One Unitreat Planning Retreat
- Connection and support to Unity Centers
- In circle with our Regional Youth Service Team (YST). YST comprises of Nick & I plus 5 active Youth Ministry supporters; a Minister, YED, YOU, Uniteens and Elementary representatives. Application & 3 year term for those selected.
- Outreach to new or restarting Youth Ministries.



Summer Unitreat 2024 Youth: 14 Adults: 8



# Unity Centers Participation, Event Census

1. Summer 2024 - Lynnwood, Olympia, Portland, Salem, Seattle, South Sound,  
Portland - **Total 7 Centers** 14 Youth, Adults 9
2. Fall Unitreat Nov 9, 10, 11 (Saturday -Monday) future Event
3. Fall Unitreat 2023 - Lynnwood, Olympia, Portland, Seattle, South Sound,  
**Total 5 Centers** 12 Youth, Adults 9
4. Summer 2023 - Central Oregon, Lynnwood, Missoula, Seattle, South Sound,  
Spokane, Portland - **Total 7 Centers** 15 Youth, Adults 9

Every Fall - Cispus Learning Center - Randle WA - \$250

Every Summer (since 2023) Camp Cedar Ridge, Vernonia OR -this facility is owned by The Centers for Spiritual Living. \$450



# Community Meetings

Occurs Daily  
We hold the rim of the Circle, every presence, all energies,  
all voices heard as we pass the Talking Stick. This is a place to offer “concerns and compliments” as well as stories of the day



This Talking Stick created 45 years ago by the founders of Unitreat



# What 11-14 year olds can feel & look like





We Build

Skills

Confidence

Faith in self & others

Connection

Focus

Peace Poles

Journey Benches



# We Serve

- ★ 9 Adult Volunteers minimum

necessary at each event.

- ★ Uniteens serve at each event.

This group laid bark chips on a newly planted bed.

- ★ Every Unitreat Volunteer uses paid or unpaid time from work for training development and service to our Uniteen Events
- ★ We are Abundant in time, resources and Love.





# We Celebrate

This is the 2024 Journey Bench.

All words were selected by

Family Group in a process of  
consensus.

The words represent what one  
needs for their Journey.

*P.S. -All Uniteens signed their name  
underneath the bench. Note to self;  
The process of honoring self and  
The group is present.*





# We prepare to say goodbye

This is from our Closing Ceremony.

Each youth lights a candle which was lit by  
candle, lit by a candle, lit by a candle

Lit by the Dalai Lama. For PEACE, for our  
JOURNEY home. For our forever

Connection....

How does this manifest in your home  
Center?



**Youth Event Account Financial Summary 9/1/23 - 8/31/24**  
**Nick Muncie-Jarvis to the NW Region Board of Trustees**

**YOU Retreat 2023**

7,698.40 Income  
 5,295.08 Expenses  
 2,403.32 Net

**2023 SURPLUS**

2,462.45 Sent to NW Region  
 General Fund 2/29/24

**Youth Team Conference**

11,712.08 Income  
 10,920.64 Expenses  
 791.44 Net

**IYOU Event - 4 People**

0.00 Income  
 4,116.96 Expenses to Date  
 -4,116.96 Net

**YOU Rally**

8,977.18 Income  
 6,117.86 Expenses  
 2,859.32 Net

**2024 Program Profit/Loss (Projected)**

791.44 Youth Team Conference  
 2,859.32 Rally  
 -836.94 Kids Camp  
 -4,116.96 IYOU  
 531.62 Rendezvous  
 2,000.00 Retreat (Est. based on 2023)  
 -175.00 Administrative Exp. (Est.)  
 1,053.48 **Net (Projected)**

**YOU Rendezvous**

9,996.35 Income to Date  
 356.60 Accts Receivable  
 9,696.33 Expenses to Date  
 125.00 Accts Payable  
 531.62 Net

**Kids Camp**

8,218.89 Income  
 9,055.83 Expenses  
 -836.94 Net

We didn't meet our contracted minimum number of attendees, so we invested in this year's Kids Camp experience to rebuild the momentum we need to grow Kids Camp in future years. With just 3 more campers we would have broken even. Please talk to the families in your center about Kids Camp!

## Northwest Youth of Unity Event Attendance Report

<b>Event Attendance</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2022*</b>	<b>2021*</b>	<b>2020*</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
YOU Rally	38	33	24		12	32		55	48	59	58	82
YOU Rendezvous	36	32		19	11	19		60	57	54	53	69
YOU Retreat		36	30			12		37	51	43	57	50
Leadership Training	4											
Kids Camp Training	13	12				13		13	12	10	14	17
Kids Camp	28	29				17		47	50	42	47	56
Youth Team Conference	33	25		24	34		52	50	42	39	43	47
Youth Services Team Mtg	7	7		6	6	6		6	8	6	6	6

\*Events held online

<b>Ministry Participation</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2022*</b>	<b>2021*</b>	<b>2020*</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
YOU Rally	7	7	6		6	9		13	13	13	13	18
YOU Rendezvous	8	6		6	6	8		11	14	12	13	19
YOU Retreat		8	8			6		9	11	12	13	13
Leadership Training	3											
Kids Camp Training	4	5					5	7	8	6	6	8
Kids Camp	8	8				7		10	13	11	10	14
Youth Team Conference	7	7		10	15		13	10	14	10	13	13





## Unity Northwest Region 2024-2025 YOUTH EVENT CALENDAR

- Oct. 4-6      YOU Retreat – Randle, WA. Contact Nick Muncie-Jarvis.
- Oct. 20      YOU Leadership Empowerment Training Session – Online: [wings.youthofunity.org](http://wings.youthofunity.org)
- Oct. 30      UWM Youth and Family Ministry Summit. <https://www.unityuwm.org/uwsi/trainings>
  
- Nov. 9-11    Fall Unitreat – Randle, WA. Contact Chris Castaldi.

### 2025

- Jan. 24-26    Youth Team Conference – Seabeck, WA. Contact Chris Castaldi or Nick Muncie-Jarvis. Youth Ministry professionals and volunteers say this is the place to be inspired, rejuvenated, and connected in one’s work with Unity youth.
  
- Jan 31-Feb 2    YOU Leadership Empowerment Training Weekend – Online: [wings.youthofunity.org](http://wings.youthofunity.org)
  
- Mar. 7-9      Kids Camp Training – Portland, OR.
- Mar. 15-16    Unitreat Planning Retreat – Location TBD. All Uniteen sponsors Welcome. Contact Chris Castaldi to register or with questions.
- Mar. 30      YOU Leadership Empowerment Training Session – Online: [wings.youthofunity.org](http://wings.youthofunity.org)
  
- Apr. 20      Easter
- Apr. 25-27    YOU Rally – Randle, WA. Contact Nick Muncie-Jarvis.
  
- Jun 28      Kids Camp Counselors Arrive.
- Jun 29-Jul 2    Kids Camp – Vernonia, OR. Contact Nick Muncie-Jarvis.
  
- July 20-24    International YOU Event – Unity Village, MO.
- July 26      Unitreat – Counselors Arrive. Training begins at 9am.
- July 27-Aug 1    Unitreat – Vernonia, OR. Contact Chris Castaldi.
  
- TBA          YOU Rendezvous. Contact Nick Muncie-Jarvis.

Kids Camp: 7-11 (grades 1-5) Unitreat: 11-14 (grades 6-8) YOU: 14-18 (grades 9-12)
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