

Northwest Youth of Unity 2021-2022 Annual Report

This year the NW YOU Regional Officer was Cody Little-Reece (Unity of Portland). This was Cody's second year as Regi, and they did an awesome job rolling with the punches of living through a global health emergency and frequently having to shift to plan B, C, or D. I'm very grateful for Cody's service and the continuity they offered when they agreed to continue as Regi during these uncertain times.

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

YOU Retreat – Cancelled: Low Enrollment

YOU Rally “Sacred Moments” (April 22-24 Randle, WA)

24 people from 6 ministries participated in this event, which focused on letting go of the past and being present in the moment so that you can be aware of the sacredness that is around you, each and every day. We shared an inspiring weekend of share and in-person connection!

Participants reflected that:

- “It’s important to take some time and appreciate the little moments.”
- “Living in the moment is essential! It is good to reflect, but don’t let past take you away from here and now.”
- “Sacred moments are not just the quiet, feel-good moments, but also the difficult moments.”

Kids Camp – Cancelled: Not Enough Counselors

IYOU Event “Reawaken” (July 10-14 Unity Village, MO)

7 YOUers and 1 adult from the Northwest Region joined with YOUers from the other 6 regions. Alyssa Young from Unity of Tacoma (2020-2021 Indie Officer) got to step in and help facilitate this event and Aidan Falin from Unity in Lynnwood was sworn-in as our 2022-2023 IYOU Indie Officer. You can watch a slideshow of pictures from the event here: unityworldwideministries.org/iyou-event

YOU Rendezvous – Cancelled: Wildfire

We had to cancel Rendezvous the morning of the event due to an uncontained wildfire near the camp facility. Instead, we held an online gathering that night so that people could still connect and help process their feelings about the in-person event being cancelled. 19 of the original 27 registrants participated in the online gathering. Since the YOU Summer Rendezvous event was cancelled due to a natural disaster, [YOUers that would have graduated this summer are welcome to attend Retreat for their last event.](#)

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

This year during the YOU events we will be exploring the 12 Powers. Next month we will delve into the powers of Will, Order, and Zeal. We are inviting different YOU chapters to lead the various activities.

Other Activities

When we cancelled the retreat last October, we decided to hold an online movie night instead, as an alternative that less of a time commitment. We had three Movie Time events over the last year and watched Soul, Hook, and Encanto for connection and fun.

Looking Ahead

This past April none of our NW YOUers chose to apply for Regional Office. This year our events will be adult coordinated, and we are still very much focused on the importance of youth leadership. We will invite YOU chapters to plan and facilitate workshops and other activities during our regional events.

This June we will have Kids Camp, regardless how many YOUers do or don't apply to be counselors. Part of rebuilding the NW YOU program is supporting those that want to serve and lead, so that more will be inspired to serve and lead in the following years.

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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