

# Northwest Region Youth Service Team Report

## September 2022

### Youth Service Team Purpose & Vision

The Northwest Unity Youth Service Team creates a nurturing, spiritual community of love and acceptance. We support and empower Youth and Family Ministry leaders within our Region.

Vision: We are dedicated to empower and inspire youth ministries by collaborating with and supporting all who work with youth in our region. We recognize good practices in ministries from around the world and share these with our communities. In continued support of our Youth and Family Ministries, we create forums, discussion groups, trainings, and mentoring partnerships.

### Team Composition

Nick Muncie-Jarvis, LUT (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 typically arrive a day early to prepare and set up the Youth Team Conference.

### Youth Team Conference 2022 “Standing Together in the Sanctuary of Love” (Jan. 28-30 – Online)

24 people from 10 ministries gathered online to share ideas, resources, and connections. Rev. Philip Zemke shared about empathetic listening and story catching and our YOU Officer, Cody Little-Reece, presented a workshop about being a sanctuary, or safe place, for others. Mark Stanton Welch, musician extraordinaire, shared music throughout the weekend and performed a concert Saturday afternoon. All the participants had a good time and appreciated the opportunity to connect and share with friends old and new during this wonderful Youth Team Conference.

### Youth Team Conference 2023 “At the River’s Edge” (Jan. 27-29 – Gold Bar, WA)

Like a river, the path of youth ministry has changed since the long winter of Covid started. Youth ministry is different, and life is different. At this conference we will share and discuss how each of us approach the task of getting to our new normal and, taking lessons from the past, envision a bright and thriving future. We are excited to share in this event with youth workers from all our Region’s ministries. Please let your Youth Ministry folks know about this event!