

## Good Stuff, Good Times

YOUTH COUNCIL has been alive and kickin' for over 10 years now—making great things happen for, and providing enthusiastic Youth representation to our Presbyteries!

The people involved in YOUTH COUNCIL have been the creators of great initiatives such as the

YAYA BURSARY FUND

as well as life-changing events such as

MAY RETREAT

WANDERING WORSHIP

WALKING THE TALK OUTREACH

and more! The list goes on... If this sounds like something that YOU want to be part of we'd love for you to join us!

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WE ARE.  
WE CARE.  
WE BELIEVE.

### THE YOUTH COUNCIL VISION STATEMENT written by the 2002 YOUTH COUNCIL, revised 2005

YOUTH COUNCIL is a group that consists of amazing individuals. We are many and we unite as one to make a difference and to share our voices in the world and our church; as we proclaim our ideas, we are working towards the future in faith and love. We are not your average teens!

We are inviting friends and unique spirits. YOUTH COUNCIL is full of people who love to laugh and have fun and who care about the feelings of others. We gather to plan YAYA events and present our ideas and gifts to those who are willing to listen.

We are people in faith, interested in being a part of the church, who believe. We are children of God.

YOUTH COUNCIL brings the gift of ideas, creativity and new thoughts on God. We bring love, smiles and caring. We bring compassion and forgiveness. We also bring RESPECT. We are non-judgmental and understanding. LAUGHTER! A football, some stories, hands for caring, voices for praising and music for celebrating. With enthusiasm and an open mind we bring FAITH and ENERGY.

In our day-to-day lives we, as youth, worry about not being accepted or not fitting in because of our age, our acting differently than what others are used to, other people's judgments, and for being true to who we really are. The well being of our loved ones and making the right decisions are other worries that fill our hearts. We have concern about the future of the environment, wars, the government, technology and life direction, as well as the life of our church.

YOUTH COUNCIL looks forward to making a difference in the present for a better future. Through others and their faith and life experience, we learn about ourselves and the gifts that we have and how to share them with others. The knowledge and experience that we gain will help us bring about changes in society and the church. Friends, new and old, keep us inspired through laughter and fun!

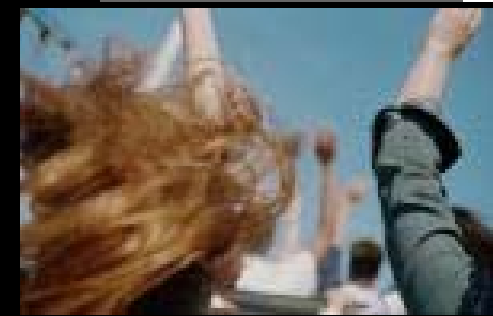
We, the youth, believe in ourselves, in others and in God. We believe that youth have the power to create the change we want to see in the world. We believe in love. We believe in peace, equality and freedom of speech. We believe that people are good and that goodness will always prevail. We believe in those who lead us. We believe in ourselves, in others and in God.

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# YOUTH COUNCIL

Offering Fun and Engaging  
Leadership & Community  
Building Opportunities for  
United Church Youth!



Proudly a Vital Programme of the  
Youth and Young Adult Ministry  
of the Van-Burrard & Van-South  
Presbyteries of the United Church of  
Canada!

# Welcome to YOUTH COUNCIL!

## Do you...



Want to connect with other amazing church youth from around Vancouver?



Want to develop your leadership skills?



Want to practice your faith in a great community of people?



Want to have tons of FUN doing so?

## Are you...



In grades 9-12?



Part of a United Church community or youth group?



Excited about meeting people from other places?



Enthusiastic about representing youth issues in the Church?

## YES?!

Then you should definitely check out the Vancouver Presbyteries' YOUTH COUNCIL!

YOUTH COUNCIL is a diverse group that involves youth from United Churches all the way from Tsawwassen to Whistler and from East Vancouver to UBC.



## Purpose

Youth Council brings youth from our more than 40 Vancouver and Area United Churches together to:

- Learn practical and life-enriching leadership skills that you can use anywhere!
- Connect youth from our 2 Presbyteries to build a wider United Church community of youth!
- Brainstorm and share ideas of great youth programs and events!
- Plan excellent Presbytery-wide youth events and fundraisers, and help lead them too!
- Promote YOUTH COUNCIL to your youth group and church—and beyond!
- Have loads of FUN!!

*Each year the YOUTH COUNCIL members appoint 8 Youth from the Council to be Youth Representatives—Youth Reps for short. Youth Reps represent the YOUTH COUNCIL by attending Presbytery meetings and take a more active role in planning our Wandering Worship service...*

*This could be you!*

## How It All Works

YOUTH COUNCIL is a representative group, meaning that members represent other youth who aren't part of YOUTH COUNCIL as well as themselves.

There are spots for 2 reps from each congregation in our 2 Presbyteries. That could be up to 92 members in all!

YOUTH COUNCIL meets twice a year for a Planning Weekend where folks learn leadership skills and plan upcoming events that are for Youth in our 2 Presbyteries.

Talk with your Youth Leader to find out how you can get involved, or contact the YAYA Office!

