

# DOC Youth Voice Newsletter

The General Youth Council helps to plan, implement, and evaluate the total general youth ministry program for the Christian Church (DOC)



## Benchmark goals

1. Major youth events
2. Each regional cluster have a representative on GYC
3. Help set up regional youth councils where none exist
4. Mission day
5. Increase number of applicants
6. Leadership curriculum/ leadership events
7. Actively maintaining social media accounts

As members of the present and future Church we work to: Represent, connect, and strengthen the diverse youth in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).



Who is The General Youth Council? Watch this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ho1YxzwEjxs&feature=youtu.be&a=>

# Who is The General Youth Council?

## Adults:

Born in Norman, Oklahoma, Jeff Champeau is in his second year as a General Youth Council adult. He is an IT Consultant and elder at First Christian Church in Norman and, in true Disciple fashion, has served on numerous congregational, regional, and general church committees. Inspired by the wisdom, grace, and creativity of today's youth, Jeff values the opportunity to serve on *GYC* and is grateful for the leadership and passion he sees in his fellow *GYC* members in their service to God, church, and neighbor.



Stephanie Sager is a member of Saguaro Christian Church in Tucson, Arizona. She is currently studying at Eureka College in Eureka, Illinois where she is set to graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology with a minor in Philosophy and Religion in May of 2018. After graduation, she will be participating in the XPLOR program through the NBA. She loves singing, playing, listening to music, knitting, reading, and is very excited to be working with the *GYC* as an adult representative.

Eliud Peralez is currently the youth director for his church, Iglesia Cristiana Emanuel, and assistant director for The Hispanic Convention in the Southwest. He loves leading praise and worship with his band. He also is a trainer for The Anti-Racism Pro Reconciliation Ministry in his area.





## Youth:

Maddie Berry is 16 and lives in Fort Worth, TX. She is a member of the music honor society (Tri-M) at her school. She enjoys playing guitar and quilting with her grandma. This year Maddie is serving as the moderator for the General Youth Council.

Blake Coe is a member and section leader of his school's choir. He enjoys practicing guitar and listening to blues, folk, and classical music. His favorite subject is History, with Computer Science close behind. Blake is a member of his church's praise band and discipleship team, as well as a leader within his youth group. This is his second and final year on the General Youth Council.



Emily Huxtable is serving her second year on GYC. She is a senior at her high school in Illinois. She is a very outgoing person who almost never has a free second during the school year. National Honor Society, Drama Club, Science Club, Key Club, Soccer, Bowling, and GYC are part of Emily's everyday life. She is also a diaconate in her church where her father is the minister. Emily and her church put together a small community garden a few years ago that has made a difference in their small town. Her church is always trying to ways to improve themselves as well as the community around them.



## Youth:

Kendall Weir is a Junior at West Albany High School. Her favorite activities in school are competitive cheer, soccer, and band. As an active member in her church, she is involved as a deacon and as a member on various committees which better the church and her community. Kendall is excited to be a member on *GYC* to represent all Disciples of Christ youth. She has joined us from the Oregon and SW Idaho region.



Katie Varon is a Junior at Douglas Anderson School of The Arts in Jacksonville, Florida. She is a violinist, an activist, and an animal lover. She attends Riverside Avenue Christian Church where she participates as a deacon, acolyte leader, and a member of the praise band. She is excited to be a member of *GYC* and to be able to be a voice for all DoC Youth.

Sophie Won is a member of the Pacific Southwest region. She enjoys painting with watercolors, calligraphy, reading, and hanging out with her friends. Sophie also enjoys kickboxing and cooking. She helps out as much as she can at her church, Saegil Christian Church by assisting with their mission projects and youth group.



## Youth:



Shalom Cobb is one of five new members of the General Youth Council this year by way of the North Carolina region. Shalom is from Charlotte, N.C and attends the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics in Durham, N.C. Shalom is a member of Agape Christian Church in Columbia, S.C where her grandmother Rev. Susie H. Cobb is the pastor. Shalom is the daughter of Rev. Dr. Dara Cobb Lewis and Michael Lewis. Shalom is very involved with Christmount Christian Assembly participating in various retreats and has attended as both a camper and volunteer. Shalom is also a member of her school's gospel choir known as Colors which serves the community through song and outreach.

Patrick McCarthy is 16 and is from Raleigh, North Carolina. He enjoys running cross country and track, participating in Boy Scouts where he is soon to be Eagle Scout and is an avid Boston Red Sox fan. He is actively involved in his church and region where he serves on the North Carolina RCYW. In his home church of Saint Paul's Christian Church in Raleigh, North Carolina he is an active member in the youth group and helps with anything from Sunday School for little kids to playing in the Hand Bell Choir. He looks forward to serving you all in the next few years as the current Vice Moderator of GYC.



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