

Young Friends and Young Adult Report – Mid-Year Gathering

Dear (F)friends,

Since our last Rep Body meeting (Oct 30) we are currently able to continue our youth events! I am super excited that I could announce that statement. Your youth have needed this time to share with one another as well as grow in Christ.

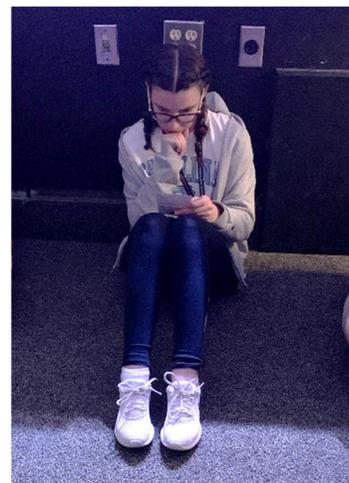


Our fall event was held at Quaker Lake on November 5-7, 2021. The theme was Reignite and challenged us to add to our flame by studying more and learning about Jesus as well as telling others to increase or start their flame. We also thought that theme was appropriate due to the lapse in youth events that we also use this theme to reignite our youth ministries. We did take the Covid-19 seriously and have not had events since March 2020. We also

took the necessary precautions to spray and fog all our meetings rooms and make sure everything was handled with the most precaution. We ended up with almost 60 participants at this event and some even from Kenyan Friends that have relocated to Baltimore, MD. It was a great retreat with a much needed restart to our programs.



Our spring retreat was March 4-6, 2022 at Ridgecrest Conference Center. The theme was illuminate and we had 30 participants sign up. The surge of Covid-19 immediately after Christmas seemed to delay or stop some of our youth from signing up but we went ahead to sign up for the event. All meals, lodging and worship sessions were planned by Ridgecrest and focused on the Light of Christ. Some sessions included putting on your armor of God from Ephesians 6: 10-17. We even had a worship session night like a prayer walk that allowed the kids to seriously think where they were in their faith.



Illuminate 2022 Participants



The Youth Leader retreat was on January 21-23, 2022 and consisted of our youth leaders and spouses at a time for rejuvenation and relaxation. Like our pastors it is good for our youth leaders to get together and bounce ideas and share resources of their own ministries. We even took time out to start planning the next year of events. We have down plans for Annual sessions August 12-13, 2022 and the Fall Retreat in November 4-6, 2022. We have Quaker Lake booked for our events and already setup activities for both events.



The Young Adults have planned two trips last year; a Camping / Lake trip and a Fall Beach Trip. I don't want to take away from FCM's explanation of those trips so I will instead ask you to see their report or talk with Beulah Gullion on how FCM and the Young Adult Events went in 2021 as well at their plans for these events for 2022.

I want to thank you for your love care and giving to our programs. It takes so much from all of you to allow us to lead our youth and young adults onward to Jesus.