

Council Report for Youth Ministry
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Greetings in the name of the Lord. Peter here with all the news on the youth front. Well, as you can imagine this Council Report is radically different than any other previous. YG was enjoying its busiest part of season, before the virus took over and forced us all to work remotely from home. We did get one event in in the month of March. On Saturday, March 7th we had our Annual Pancake Breakfast. It went great. We had around 25 YG helpers and served around 120 families, friends, and congregation members. We made around \$600 at this event to help with funding for our Sr. High/College Mission Trip this coming summer to North Carolina. The morning went well and was a success. And that's the last event that we were able to have at church.

Once at home, the first week was just spent figuring out this new reality, and how best to communicate with YG, Confirmation, and morning classes. After some trial and error, and a few emails, I started to figure things out. First, I learned to navigate the world of YouTube, and I have starting posting a weekly video Prayer and Message to the Youth (and whoever else wants to see). So far there has been 3 of those and they have all generated a lot of views, Over 100 views on the first one. This makes me happy that people are checking them out. After getting the YouTube thing up and running, I thought I would try to tackle the world of Zoom. This past Sunday night we had our first YG ZOOM CHAT. 27 YG tuned in to talk, catch up, read scripture and pray with me. It was great to see so many faces again. Mostly everyone had a lot to say, as we are all in the same boat. Over all, it went semi-smooth learning to utilize this format with such a big group. Got some ideas, adjustments and tweaks that I can make for next time. I am probably planning on making this an every other week event.

The next big hurdle was figuring out my Confirmation class. The plan I came with should work. We are concentrating our efforts on those classes most essential. The pastors and I are sending some topical written material over e-mail, posting videos, and giving them take-home worksheets to do with family members. With the help of Danelle Andrews, this whole new Confirmation plan, is being hosted on its own website. So now, everything will be located in one place, and will be easy for students to go to access materials that they need for the class. This is awesome, and I think things will work out great. Both of my Sunday school classes, the F.O.J. and the Jr. High Faith Connect, have been contacted by their teachers through email to exchange thoughts and conversation.

Looking ahead, Both Confirmation Camp and our Mission trip both remain as scheduled. Due dates have been moved, but not the actual events. So please keep your fingers crossed and say your prayers that these events can happen in their given time. That said, that's about all for now. As I read it now, we have been doing a lot. Hopefully things get back to normal soon, but its nice to know that my YG and my classes are staying pretty connected.

Peace,
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