

CYA Holiness Meeting

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“Our mission is to be the bridge between youth and adult ministry to cultivate future generations of followers of Christ by reaching out to and nurturing college and young adults, developing community, and raising leaders in the Holiness Conference.”

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- Introductions
- CYA Beginnings
 - At General Conference, there was a collective agreement that there was a need for a ministry specifically targeting college & young adults
 - There's a generation gap in the churches of our conference
 - Many go away for college, or go to churches that target CYA
 - Our group has grown over the past few years
 - Excited to see what God has in store for the future
- Updates for each region
 - Northern California
 - Separate men & women's events...
 - White elephant Christmas gathering (shared testimonies)
 - Cooked together
 - Softball event (including Nichigo & international students)
 - Rock-climbing event (to sh
 - Building community
 - Mostly SLJCC, but are trying to include Fremont, Santa Clara churches as well
 - Hawaii
 - Starting CYA ministry this year
 - Praying for this generation
 - Had unofficial gatherings to hang out (ranging from 18-28 yrs old)
 - Genesis 45:7 - Joseph response to his brothers... his focus was more on God's purpose rather than on own life
 - Planned future events
 - Meeting with Pat Zukron to talk about apologetics
 - Back to school banquet... students & older folks to bridge gap and to learn from each other, sharing experiences & pray for each other

- Southern California
 - Tried to move from fellowship based focus to serving & growing together
 - Made lunches for homeless in Santa Monica, listened to stories &
 - Turkey bowl... evangelistic event, Pastor Rich Katakawa led devotion, flag football
 - New Year's Prayer & Worship night at OCCC... Seigo Takayoshi led devotion to commit year to God
 - Pastor's appreciation... served, ate dinner with and prayed for Nichigo & English pastors & families
 - Prayer Retreat in Arrowhead... David Kitani & Ji Son led teaching sessions about misconceptions & truths about prayer, learned different ways to pray, prayed for each church in the conference, good time of fellowship & growth in prayer
- Combined vision/mission statement
 - What has God placed on your heart for the CYA ministry?
 - Important to understand the upcoming propositions, especially the restructuring of the conference... we need to dialogue with the rest of our church members & be active in conversations because it will greatly affect our generation
 - Current structure is top-down... executive council is very much centered around business/financial aspect of conference matters
 - New structure allows local churches to have greater voice because each church have different needs
 - Movement towards a regional structure
 - Some people are afraid that the pastors will lose their voice with ... some people don't like change...
 - Invite vision committee members to CYA meetings to share restructuring
 - Reaching out to the seniors of our church... bridging the gap between generations, and Nichigo & English... SFVHC has senior events a few times a year as an outreach program that include seniors in community
 - Vision = Final destination
 - Mission Statement = How to get to final destination
 - Important to know where we are going because otherwise we won't know where we are going
 - As a vision is passed down from generation to generation, the vision fades
 - God want to revive us again, rather than to just maintain the church
 - Acts 1:8
 - As we enter a new stage, we need to have a different structure
 - We need to work together to reach our end goal
 - We don't need to be doing the same thing, but we need to be moving in the same direction... to the glory of God
 - Love your generation and build up your generation, then every generation after you will not suffer in the same way that you did
 - We will need to step out in faith & submit to God's leading
 - It's okay to make mistakes along the way, but we need to step out in faith

- We need to pray... have God-sized dreams
- Gen X & Y churches have 2 strengths... community & missions
- When the vision is not big enough, we will bicker against each other in opposing methods
- What is the vision? Then, is the method reaching the vision?
- Fight for the vision
- Remain faithful to the call... don't look with your eyes, look with your heart... you will face trials... it's not about numbers, it's about being faithful to what God is calling you to do... the older generation cares for us, so if they question us, it's because they love us
- Work on self, then family, then church, community & world.
- Southern California – “Our mission is to be the bridge between youth and adult ministry to cultivate future generations of followers of Christ by reaching out to and nurturing college and young adults, developing community, and raising leaders in the Holiness Conference”
- Northern California – “The purpose of the Holiness Conference’s NorCal College Young Adult (CYA) Ministry is to provide a place of support and resource sharing to the college and young adult community in order to equip and encourage spiritual growth.”
- Hawaii – “We see an environment that is loving & accepting. Where people aren't afraid to share, because they will not be judged, rather they will be shown the truth in love. We see mentorship & discipleship as the church as a while begins to bridge the gap, imparting wisdom into the lives of the young adults (and learning from them also, Proverbs 27: 17). Equipping these young adults to be the men & women of influence our church & society greatly need.”
- “The Remnant” ... the pioneers were the visionaries, the 2nd generation were the builders, the 3rd generation were the maintainers... what will we leave behind? What is our legacy? What is our remnant?
- Underlying vision is to glorify God... activities, gatherings, prayer, outreach, worship, discipleship, mentorship, serving, leadership, support the conference, vision casting, encourage next generation... we need to move together as a whole
- We must start with prayer (going back to the beginning of our conference)... raise up leaders, becoming the next leaders of our conference, we must move forward/progress (not the same as previous generations), becoming a launching pad to our surrounding communities that need Christ
- Love God & all people & all nations... passion for God, Word (inductive bible studies), life of worship, loving our neighbors, inclusion of Nichigo
- We are to learn/receive from the older generation & serve the younger generation
- Similarities: Prayer, raising/training leaders, glorifying God, serving, working together as a unit/body, action/movement, making changes (for the next generation), looking outward/outreach, mentoring, vision, transition
- All CYA Retreat (4/17-4/19) – Jason Oshiro (HCC),

- Set dates to plan with all regions
 - Vision
- How we can be more cohesive as a group
- Prayer requests
- CYAHoliness.org