

Lots of changes at CMYFC

In the past few years, the leadership of CMYFC has gone through many changes! Since Arn Bjorndal, our founding Executive Director who served 33 years, retired in fall of 2021 we have had 2 Executive Directors. The first director prayerfully decided it wasn't the right fit for her after a short period, and the second director just resigned at the end of December, leaving us currently with no Executive Director.

These changes in leadership have affected our staff and Board- there was a lot of turnover in the past 2.5 years, and due to many different reasons all of our staff have left CMYFC and we only have 2 Board members- both of whom have joined the Board in the last year. These 2 Board Members- Jimmy Rowland, Board President and Andrea Renner, Board Secretary (former staff member overseeing Washington County ministries) have worked to rebuild the team to keep supporting our volunteers and clubs. They have created a Steering Committee by inviting back former staff and board members including Whitney and Jay Brain, Cindy Williams, Barb Hanna and Arn Bjorndal.

The plan going forward

Barb Hanna will come back as part-time staff to keep the office running and handle all the paperwork and communication while the Board and Steering Committee work to decide the best path for the ministry in the future. We have closed the office we rented in Hagerstown and we are working from Jimmy's office to save money. (Our income has been impacted with the leadership changes too!) All of this has taken much longer to achieve than we first thought it would when we began the planning in January.

In January we had 2 Frederick Campus Life clubs (Monocacy Middle and TJ Middle) and 4 Washington County clubs (Barbara Ingram School for the Arts, Tech High, South Hagerstown High and Clear Spring Middle.) Our Frederick County clubs have recently had to stop meeting due to volunteer availability, but they were able to have their year-end celebration together- pictured here! Our 4 Washington County clubs plan to continue meeting regularly through the end of the school year with their volunteer leaders. All other clubs/ ministries have shut down due to lack of staff.



We have also reached out to our closest neighboring YFC Chapter- Mason Dixon Youth for Christ, which has ministries in Carroll County, MD and south-central PA. They have offered their support to us and our current clubs as we navigate what the future holds for Central Maryland Youth For Christ.

We know that there has not been much transparency with all of the staff and Board changes over the last 2 years. We want you to know that we are committed to keeping you informed about what is going on in the chapter going forward. We thank you for being a part of the CMYFC family through all of these changes and challenges. We are blessed with volunteers who have stayed committed to the students they've been working with. We are thankful to our donors who have faithfully supported this ministry financially and through your prayers through the years. We are extremely grateful to God that the ministry has been able to continue through these challenges and that young people are still meeting weekly and being introduced to and experiencing the love of Jesus! We are excited to see what God has in store for the future and we know more students need to accept Jesus as their Savior!! Please pray for our ministry and our students!

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