

Social Media Ministry

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Praises

* Our Frederick Area CLM clubs had a great joint Christmas party in December and our Boonsboro clubs also had great turnouts for their Christmas parties. The real reason for celebrating Christmas was shared at all the parties!

* All of our clubs have seen either steady attendance or growth recently.

Prayer requests

* Pray for more volunteers for our CLM clubs in Frederick County, including volunteers who can lead sites and small groups.

* Pray for our relationships with students!

* Pray for a few people to have a desire to join us on staff to work with DTQ, our Washington County ministries, and Juvenile Justice ministries.

* Pray for our funding- we've been struggling for awhile.



I am still processing all the great things I heard and learned at the Regional Leadership Conference (RLC) back in November! YFC/USA is heading in a great direction and I'm excited that our chapter is a part of it!

Our theme for RLC this year was "Mosaic" and it was designed to help us understand that the ministry is moving toward "Unified Interdependence." We spent a lot of time diving into what that phrase means and what it will look like in each chapter.

Two of the key statements made on Saturday by some of the National Ministries staff that really made me look at myself are:

- *"We need a culture in our organization that has humility (to be teachable, to learn, to have hard conversations), trust (we can't be skeptical, with our arms crossed, leaning back) and shared authority."*
- *"We have to be able to trust each other because we have a mutual calling."*

YFC/USA is moving to a model that seeks out best practices and then shares them with all the chapters across the country. The practices that have been vetted and proven as best practices will then be expected to be implemented in all chapters. Our hope is that sharing these best practices will help chapters that are struggling, and that implementing standards and best practices in all the chapters will make each chapter more effective in reaching lost young people with the gospel!

I've spent enough time in and around YFC (almost 30 years!) to see how sometimes chapters doing things their own way is good, but often times it's unsustainable and as soon as the key people who ran those programs left, the ministries themselves died. I am looking forward to YFC sharing with chapters both old and new processes, standards and best practices that will help all of us.

Molly Ramseyer, one of our speakers for the weekend, ended Sunday with a story about riding a tandem bike with her young son. He pedaled hard no matter whether they were going uphill or down and without knowing which way they were going. Sometimes we do the same, we pedal as if the journey is dependent on us. God is saying, "I'm the one who balances the bike, I know the destination and where the turns are, I'm the one who sets the pace. I'm the final authority." Our role is to participate with him and let him do the steering and heavy lifting. I am ready- will you join me?



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