

Youth Center for North America (YCNA)

2020 annual report



New Vision & Mission statement

Vision - A united world where fraternity is lived among all people.

Mission - YCNA inspires and mobilizes young people from all backgrounds to live for a more united world.

2020 programs

(Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all programs were virtual)

Awaken Easter Retreat - 4 days of prayer and reflection

Called to be Community – a course on the points of the spirituality, offered by YFUW and gen from Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary

Highways to Heaven - Session on the life of Blesseds Carlo Acutis and Chiara Luce Badano

Light, hope, strength - prayer service with reflections on racial justice



Luminosa Youth School – a program that helps young adults develop a lifestyle based on the gospel message. Lessons, volunteer work experience, trips and community life
Summer & fall 2021

Summer conference for Gen 2 – 3 days of deepening priorities (identity, leadership, formation) with guest speakers

Youth retreat and reflection on Pope Francis' "Fratelli Tutti": "Faith Unites"

In time for Peace - 2019-2020 pathway

- 3-part **webinar series** with: Atty. Alba Doto - Person-centered justice, Judge David Shaheed - Restorative justice, Atty. Lori Chesser - Immigration law
- **United World Week** - A week of workshops and activities:
 - Petition to stop the embargo in Syria
 - ToGetThere podcast – interviews with people who work for positive change
 - Run4unity – in conjunction with the gen 3 and Teens for Unity

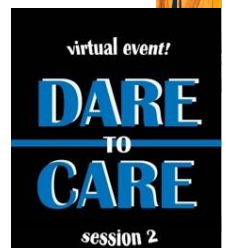
Dare to Care - 2020-2021 pathway

- **Paint it Forward** – virtual painting activity fundraiser hosted by the gen of the West Region. Proceeds donated to support those affected by the explosion in Beirut, Lebanon through *Azione per un Mondo Unito* (AMU)
- **Baking for Beirut** - virtual bake-along fundraiser hosted by the gen in the South Region. Proceeds donated to support those affected by the explosion in Beirut, Lebanon through *Azione per un Mondo Unito* (AMU)



Dare to Care (DTC) series - gatherings focused on key topics.

1. Kickoff to DTC series with keynote and witness talks. Why and How?
2. Racial Inequality. Exploring the topic and how to work together for racial justice. Speakers: Carey Latimore, Lisa Mishraky and Chris Perez.



Exploring a more inclusive economic model

- **Economy of Communion (EoC) “Get to know.”**
Values that drive the EoC and how to start a business. Speakers: Paul Catipon, Nick Sanna, Joe Hokama
- **Economy of Francesco Hub** – Valuing diversity in the workplace and caring for our planet. With speakers Paul Catipon, John Mundell and Sasha Ongtengco.



Synergies and collaboration

- **Ambassadors for a united world** – ongoing training to document and collaborate efforts in the promotion of a united world
- **Hearth for the Human Family** – themes on spirituality and economics. 2021 edition: focus on Pope Francis’s vision for humanity as explained in *Fratelli Tutti* and *Lessons from the Pandemic*. Workshops on the following topics: Healthcare, Business/EOC, Law & Politics, Education, Ministry/Psychology, Media & Journalism.
- **“To Get There” podcast** with hosts Noe Herrera and Chris Piazza
- **“In all things” with Marie Anne Torres** – episodes on *Salt and Light* media that showcase examples of young adults living out their faith
- **Gen Sun** – musical band of gen in the West Region



New for 2021

- **The Hearth** - A hands-on experience for young adults on service, community and vocational discernment in a God-centered environment. July. Santo Domingo.
- **Together on the Journey; Gifted with a Spirituality** – 8-week course for young adults on the 12 points of the spirituality.
- **Leadership workshop** – core elements in leadership training.

International connections

- 1) Regular, ongoing collaboration with Gen & youth schools in Argentina, Switzerland, Brazil, Philippines, Mexico). Exchange of programs, content and methodology
- 2) Program of formation for adults that accompany youth (FormaT)
- 3) Gen & youth headquarters, Rome, Italy. Collaboration in programs and activities that extend worldwide.

Young Adult Advisory Team (YAAT) – collaborative effort with Focolare adult members who accompany young adults. Discovering ways to reach young adults and foster involvement.

Numbers

Activities & programs (virtual) – 15 | Registered participants – 600+ | Guest speakers – 17+

Key terms

Gen – young adults that feel called to live Focolare spirituality in a deeper way. They are called Gen 2, for “second generation.” Gen 2 regularly get together in smaller groups to share, support and encourage each other as they live Focolare spirituality in their daily lives.

Teens for Unity - teens in Focolare that live its spirituality.