

## 2019-2020 NIS Youth Ministry Subcommittee Report

***The purpose of the Youth Ministry Committee is to facilitate faith formation of young people through:***

- ***The building up of relationships***
- ***Resourcing of leaders***
- ***Organization of youth ministry events that congregations can't do on their own.***

With this vision in mind, the team began work with the LIGHT team, which was formed in March 2019, on the goal of organizing a “mini-Houston” event in the Northern Illinois Synod now called Ignite 2020. This event was originally scheduled for June 12-14, 2020 and is now in the process of being rescheduled for fall 2020.

The theme for Ignite 2020 is from John 1:5 “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it” (NRSV). Rachel Kurtz has been invited to be the speaker and music leader. Bishop Jeff was scheduled to be the preacher in worship on Sunday. We are still working to reschedule Rachel and Bishop Jeff for the fall. LOMC has agreed to partner with us to host this event!

The team met each month via zoom and three times in Oregon, IL for in-person planning. The LIGHT team led a workshop at 2019 Northern Illinois Synod Assembly where they spoke about the team and the Ignite event, six youth were able to be present.

The team is grateful for the work of all its members and supporters and the LIGHT team: Audrey Adams, Pastor Paul Cannon, Madi Casteel, Brynn Conway, Victoria Entwistle, Deacon Karin Graddy, Heide Gallagher, Jennifer Heinrich, Michelle Heinrich, Grace Hoening, Izzie Jackson, Nicole Judkins, Nathaniel Knutson, Pastor Karyn Kost (committee chair), Gabby Law, Peg Miller, Melissa Nicholson, Pastor Joanna Patterson, Coltin Rau, Mina Tolu-Honary, Deacon Shari Trotter, Judy Wilkinson, Samantha Whyte, and Amy Zeigler.

Applications for the 2020-2021 LIGHT team will be distributed throughout the synod soon so that the new team can begin work on the next event.

Respectfully Submitted,

NIS Youth Ministry Subcommittee