

## We Got it Going On: A Tale of Two Young Adult Groups

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The Young Adults of Puget Sound (YAPS) formed in April 2006 to meet the needs of young adults in the greater Seattle, Washington, USA area. In July 2007, the Metro Area Young Adults (MAYAs)



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formed to support young adult ministry in greater Portland, Oregon, USA. Together, these ministries thrive across the Greater Pacific Northwest Mission Center. Collaborating with one another, we minister to young adults ranging from just out of high school to those with families.

**YAPS:** The importance of communication became apparent early on for the YAPS group as our membership covered a geographically diverse area from southern British Columbia, eastern Washington northern Oregon, and everything in-between. We began to take advantage of technology and before long had a growing e-mail list, [MySpace](#) and [Facebook](#) groups, and our own [YAPS blog](#). These

### At the Website

[CofChrist.org/emergence](http://CofChrist.org/emergence)

- **Connection Point** - LOTS of NEW YA groups listed! Pics · Links · News · Ideas for local YA Groups Add yours! Contact [Erica](#)
- **Contact info:** Campus ministry · YA ministers · Leaders
- **Growing list of ideas**
- More **Upcoming Events**

avenues brought our young adults regular updates about what was happening. To accommodate our members' scattered location, we be-

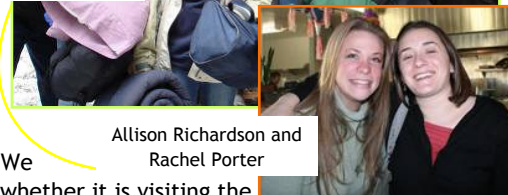


MAYAs visit the Roloff Farm and Pumpkin Patch.

gan organizing activities in varying locations around the Puget Sound area. Activities were held once a month and included bowling, movies and discussions, potlucks, weekend retreats in the mountains, sledding, karaoke, and a white elephant Christmas party. To address spiritual needs we provide a YAPS-sponsored service at a local congregation every three months. These services have become a vibrant part of our witness as young adults with congregations like Ellensburg, Washington; Vancouver, British Columbia; and Portland,

Oregon. We have found ourselves pursuing the path of the disciple as brothers and sisters, establishing the kingdom through fellowship and fun, and being better witnesses of Jesus in a dynamic world.

**MAYAs:** Being a relatively new group, the MAYAs have been evolving over the past year. Packed for adventure at Skoor Cabin at Snoqualmie as we have been seeking how to better meet young adults' needs. We typically have two activities a month. We



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do something fun - whether it is visiting the Roloff Farm Pumpkin patch, watching Tuba Christmas downtown, or cheering at the Portland Adult Soap Box Derby. One young adult from the group had the desire to organize service projects. The MAYAs have served meals to the homeless, planted trees, and plan to participate in Habitat for Humanity. We also hold fellowship meals and services every other month in group members' homes. This is a time to share meals, fellowship, pray, share testimonies, or anything else the Spirit leads us in. We are also having our first young adult retreat. The [MAYAs blog](#) is where we post testimonies, stories, pictures, and updated group info. We have found a great fellowship and a new avenue for sharing in our faith journeys. It has been a blessing to many young adults and has provided an amazing community where we share in the Spirit of Christ and grow together.

YAPS and MAYAs members travel back and forth to share together in young adult retreats and activities. In this way we foster new relationships and strengthen each other in our connectedness to the church and its mission. We hope that God will continue to bless our endeavors as we strive to ignite the kingdom in the hearts of those involved. When you visit our blogs, you will see that the young adult ministries happening in the greater Pacific Northwest are powerful.

## Get Active. Upcoming Events:

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- 1000s of Christian women from across the USA
- Presenters from many faiths
- Vibrant worship
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June 19-22  
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### 2008 PEACE COLLOQUY

October 3-5  
Community of Christ HQ  
Workshops · Intl. Speakers  
Student Rates

- 2008 International Peace Award
- Presented to a peacemaking signal community
- Ceremony: October 3 · 7:30 p.m. · Free for all!

#### EXCLUSIVE FOR YOUNG ADULTS

- **1st INTERVIEW WITH THE PEACE AWARD WINNER!**
- Only on Emergence website · Posted May 1
- Award winner revealed!
- What does the recipient say to YAs about the reality of peaceful communities in today's world?
- Does their peace-building experience relate to us?

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#### LIFE

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2008

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