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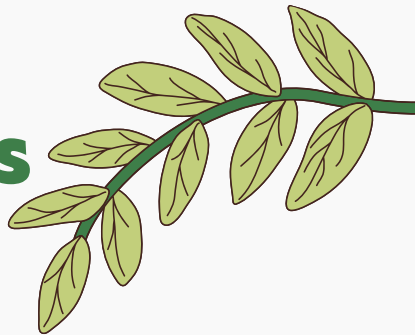
**Delegate
Handbook**



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NYI President's Report



I don't think we could have imagined a better year for VANYI. Thank you Jesus. My personal life has been a race trying to keep up with my daughter who is always on the move. I find myself often seeking rest from days that are filled with drafting behind that mischievous, dimpled smile. In many ways, that has been the picture of what VANYI looked like this past year. We have been on the move, keeping in step with the Spirit, and asking to not get weary from doing so much good. We are able to accomplish what God has had before us due to the empowerment of His Spirit, and the unity we share as a team. Let me walk you through what happened this past year.

The wait was finally over and we got to experience Nazarene Youth Conference together! We also got to participate in Global NYI Assembly with our VA reps. We hosted Winter Retreat, Ultra Camp, Young Adult Camp, MegaFest, Quiz Camp, and NYI at The Great Gathering. We also had our debut event: The Youth Leader Retreat. I'm not sure if you are counting, but that is a lot of ministry. Each one of these events represents a vast multitude of young people and those who serve them. I am so proud to be on a team that is committed to pushing further to minister farther. When the church is unified, truly, the Gospel is multiplied. Can I get an amen?

We are looking forward to our NYI Convention this year at the Virginia Nazarene Retreat Center. This will be the third year in our goal to put an emphasis on pouring back into our district for a time of unity. Who knows, there may even be more one-time giveaways again this year?

The most sacred part of fulfilling the role of District President is to see how God is using our team in ways that not everyone gets to see. I would like to honor all they have done to see changed lives happen for our district.

I want to honor Caleb Kriner, our NYI Vice President. Caleb is a pastor to our district, but also to me. He is a trusted voice that I go to because I know that he will put the ministry of young people in its proper place: At the feet of Jesus. I couldn't ask for a better partner in leadership, and Virginia couldn't have a better leader than him. I am grateful for you.

I want to honor Clay Bryan, our NYI Secretary. Clay has put countless hours into the district this past year. He has also strived to take us to the next level in so many ways. Many of the improvements that have been seen have been a result of his dedication. I am grateful for you

I want to honor Tim Sluss and Chris Cruz Osorio, our Communication Directors. We have had more events than ever before, and that means that these two have worked harder than ever before. We have made more improvements in communicating in Spanish and English, and for this I am grateful. We are seeing the fruits of our posture of unity over the past years, and these two have had a lot to do with it. I am grateful for you both.

I would also like to honor Christy Marshall, our NYI Treasurer. Christy has to work constantly to make sure we are supporting the mission. She is a diligent worker for the Kingdom, and helps guide our council in so many matters past the responsibilities of her role. Her encouragement has personally kept me moving forward this year. I am grateful for you.

I would like to honor the rest of the VA NYI council as well.

25 Years and Older

- Jeff Hernandez
- Madison Freeman

24 Years and Younger

- Kelsi Gordon
- Mary Kriner
- Isaiah Dillman
- Darrin Sever



We have had many discussions, votes, and prayer in our NYI Council meetings. I am so grateful that we have a council that wants to lead Virginia to what God has next for us. Thank you for all the late hours. Thank you for your grace. Thank you for your voice. Thank you for taking the steps in unity that we need. I am grateful for all of you.

I would like to honor our event directors as well.

- Olivia Michael - Winter Retreat
- Bertha Cruz Osorio - Ultracamp
- Christopher Cruz Osorio - Ultracamp
- Jeff Hernandez- Mosaic Retreat
- Clay Bryan - Mosaic Retreat
- Caleb Kriner - Mosaic Retreat
- Bucky Wince - Teen Quizzing
- Julia Cuthbert - MegaFest
- Mark Brown - Nazarene Youth Conference 2023 (Virginia)

I truly believe that we have the best directors. All of our events have not only grown in numbers, but in power. The amount of feedback I have received concerning life changing moments this year has been past what we could hope or imagine. We continue to strive to have excellent events because we believe that God still wants to use them to unite our district, and to reach young people with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you to all of our directors for the countless hours, energy, and sacrifice you put into your events. The world is not the same because of it! I am grateful.

I want to personally thank Dr. Phil Fuller and Joyce Grambo for their support of VANYI. We have a district that shows up to support what NYI is doing. Seriously, you can find one of these two at all of our events. Your presence in person, and virtually in our council meetings, makes a true difference. You have both given me personal council, and our team as well. Every time I have asked about striving to the next goal, I am always met with support, and you truly do not know the impact that has on me. Thank you for your hearts for young people. Thank you for leading us. I am grateful.

I want to thank most of all my beautiful wife Carroll Bailey. I couldn't have made it a day without your partnership and support in this role. She is my counselor, my encouragement, and most of all my best friend. She has had to sacrifice this past year so that I could show up to minister while also pastoring herself. She is my first sounding board for opinions, ideas, and stress. On the days I felt the weight of this position, she has pointed me to Jesus. I am so blessed to call you my wife. I cannot express how grateful I am for you, but with every day I will try.

What a year we have had. I look back and sometimes can't believe everything that happened. When I look in the rearview mirror and see how God has been faithful, I know then I can look ahead at the road He has us on, and He will remain faithful. Let us not grow weary from doing good, but remain focused on Jesus. The author and perfecter of our faith. We have made so many strides to push the ministry of young people further, but God has even more ahead. When we look back next year, I cannot wait to see how Christ has moved once again. We give You glory God for Your call, and Your empowerment. You have not left us alone, but called us to be one with You. Amen.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonny Bailey

NYI President



Winter Retreat

2024 was such a successful year for Teen Winter Retreat with over 300 students and leaders in attendance! We gathered in Harrisonburg for a weekend of spirit filled worship, thoughtful teaching, and tons of fun together. Pastor Aaron Duvall joined us all the way from CrossPoint Community Church in Idaho Falls and he shared about God's promise to make things new in Isaiah 43. Students and leaders were reminded of God's faithfulness and challenged to live differently because of it.

BrothersXSisters joined us all the way from Kentucky for the third time and lead us in worship all weekend long. We also got the privilege of supporting Stone Haven, a local non profit, as they are working to care for survivors of human trafficking in our area. We raised just over \$1200 to support their mission!

Students + leaders really leaned in over our weekend together and we believe that lives were changed because of it! We feel strongly that having fun together in community is another way that we get to worship, so we believe that God truly was glorified all weekend long.

While this year truly was such a success, it was bittersweet for me as this was my last year directing such a fun event. I have had such a wonderful team around me as I've led over the past several years, and I'm confident that they won't miss a beat as I step away. Winter Retreat would have never been successful without them and it will continue to be successful because of them!

To God be the glory!

Pastor Olivia Michael



YLR24

— YOUTH LEADER RETREAT —

Our first ever Youth Leader Retreat went more amazing than we ever thought! We had 66 total youth leaders present for this day-and-a-half retreat. We took time to connect with others from around the district, to pray for others and their Ministry, and we took time to learn and grow from each other! We have had this theme in our minds for a few years now: "One District." I am proud to say we were ONE District at YLR!

Huge thank you to Pastor Chris Cruz Osorio and Bertha Cruz Osorio for helping to translate the whole event. This helped us tremendously to be one district.



We met on Saturday to have Breakout Sessions that went deep into topics like *"Cross Cultural Ministry," "Balancing Life & Ministry,"* and *"Rethinking Youth Ministry."* Big thanks to Pastor Chris Cruz Osorio, Pastor Laura Ryba, Pastor Jerry Varner, and Pastor Clay Marsh for leading these great breakout sessions! Lastly, Thank you to Pastor Jonny Bailey, our awesome District President, for supporting this vision and walking alongside me as we planned, prepared, and executed Youth Leader Retreat.

We look forward to continuing the Youth Leader Retreat and helping Virginia have the best Youth Leaders prepared and equipped to lead young lives to Christ.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pastor Caleb Kriner





I'm happy to share that The Great Gathering was a big success. Nearly 80 students attended each worship session, creating an atmosphere full of enthusiasm and deep spiritual connection. The energy and dedication of these young people were clear, showing how much the event meant to them.

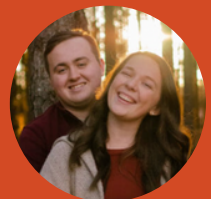
A special part of the event was hosting the NYI Convention, which brought together over 200 people who care deeply about the future of our young people. This convention showed our strong commitment to supporting and nurturing the next generation. The sense of community and shared purpose was truly inspiring.



We are very grateful to our speaker, Matt Ryba, for his inspiring message on "whole-y-ness." His words touched everyone who attended and offered deep insights and encouragement. Matt's contribution was a key part of the event's success, and we thank him wholeheartedly for his dedication and passion. The Great Gathering made a lasting impact on all who were there, and we look forward to continuing this momentum in future events.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Clay Bryan



ULTRACAMP

It really seems like Chris and I were just here yesterday, and it's been a whole year. It's a privilege and blessing to be before you all to report the great things that God is doing through ULTRACAMP. *ULTRACAMP 2023 El Cielo on Earth* has definitely been one to remember as all years are. This year brought its own beauty and all the glamor that Camp ministry brings, if you know you know! While we prayed that year God would move, and show up! Well, He did just that! We reached FULL capacity here on the grounds! We had to put some students who were last to register on a wait list. And although we had hot days while here, our students did not seem to put the heat as an excuse to enjoy each activity to the fullest.

This year we had the privilege of having Pastor Ashley Gage from the Intermountain District. She took us in a deep dive of what it truly is to our lives here as in Heaven. And when I tell you that students were touched, it's because I witnessed and lived the beautiful altar callings and the lifelong commitments made at these altars.



Worship was led by our very own ULTRABAND and I can definitely attest that we have very talented students and pastors in our District! I want to give a very special thanks to our amazing team: our media and production, my very own husband Eliseo Llanos, lead of security Rev. Walter Cruz, Ultraband leader Pastor Caleb Kriner, Our games and activity coordinator Pastor Madi Freeman and our dorm parents, Larry and Kelsi, and so many others! Pulling camp each year truly takes a village, and ULTRACAMP has one of the best villages! We are excited and expectant of what God has in store for ULTRACAMP 2024! We ask you to join us in prayer as we finalize all the prep work that goes into a God led successful event!

Respectfully submitted,

Bertha Cruz Osorio
Pastor Christopher Cruz Osorio





MOSAIC

RETREAT

The Mosaic Retreat was a truly special weekend for all of us. We had a great time bonding through fun games and activities, which helped us form and strengthen friendships. The worship sessions were powerful, and the Bible studies and group discussions allowed everyone to learn more about Christ and reflect on their faith. It was wonderful to see everyone, from new believers to those with a deeper faith, engaging and growing together.



This past year we started adding more time to relax and enjoy some quiet time, which was much needed. The balance between activities and downtime left everyone feeling refreshed and grateful. As we wrapped up the retreat, there was a strong sense of excitement for the next one. I am thrilled to announce that our next Mosaic Retreat will be from July 19-21. I can't wait for us to come together again for another amazing experience of bonding, worship, and spiritual growth.

We would like to thank our co-directors from last year Jeff Hernandez. Jeff has been a huge part of making this event happen from the start. As he steps away from his role as a co-director we are truly grateful for the dedication and time he has put towards this event. We are excited to continue to share Jeff's love for our young adults across the VA district and can't wait to see how this event continues to grow.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Caleb Kriner
Pastor Clay Bryan



THROWBACK

VA MEGAFEST 23

PSALM 78:1-4



This past MegaFest 2023 was AMAZING. Through friendly competitions and an incredible talent show, we were able to see how God has blessed our teenagers with their own unique gifts. Through amazing messages from our speaker, James Heyward, we were able to “throwback” to key moments in Scripture when God called and equipped a teenager to do Kingdom work, and we learned that God is still calling and equipping us today.

I'd like to say a big, heartfelt “thank you!” to the many volunteers who served at MegaFest this past year. As someone who has served as both a director and a volunteer for NYI events, I recognize how essential our volunteers are. These events are only possible because of your dedication to serving our teens as the hands and feet of Jesus. You are the example they look up to of those who use their gifts to do God's Kingdom work.



After 2023, we had many people tell us that they wished MegaFest could be longer. You asked—we listened! I am very excited to announce that MegaFest is now a FULL weekend retreat, meeting Friday-Sunday.

Looking forward, a call that God has placed on the hearts of our NYI team is the need for unity. This year, MegaFest 2024 is committing to this call through our theme: *Pieced Together*. Through the lens of Romans 12:3-8, we will be learning how we are all uniquely created yet pieced together to use our gifts to do God's Kingdom work as a unified body. Even further, we are also committing to make MegaFest 2024 fully bilingual!

It is such a blessing to be involved with VA NYI's commitment to disciple students through incredible, life-changing events!

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Julia Silverthorn



Nominating Committee Report

The Virginia District NYI Nominating Committee met on May 7 2024 and recommends the following:

That elections for the District NYI Council be by ballot during the District NYI Convention on June 29, 2024. That elections be for members of the Executive Committee of the District NYI Council and for additional representative members of the Council. Executive Committee members are to be elected by majority vote, other members may be elected by plurality.

That the District NYI Secretary, Clay Bryan, oversee and provide necessary ballots for the convention.

That the First Ballot Consist of the following sections:

Ballot 1 - Section 1. For *District NYI Council Vice President* the Nominating Committee recommends the following four names be placed on a ballot; The nominees for this position listed in alphabetical order are:

- Bertha Cruz Osorio
- Caleb Kriner
- Christopher Cruz Osorio
- Julia Silverthorn

Should one of the nominees receive a majority of the votes on the first ballot that the person is elected to serve a two-year term.

If no one is elected on the first ballot then the highest two vote-getters will be placed on a second ballot for the convention to choose the Vice President.

Ballot 1 - Section 2. For the *District NYI Council Treasurer* position to be elected by a "Yes/No" ballot for incumbent Christy Marshall for a two year term. By the NYI Constituion a 2/3 vote is required.

For the District Council At Large there will be elected representatives from two different age groups:

Ballot 1 - Section 3. *District Council Representatives (Ages 24 or younger):*

Four (4) persons aged 24 years or younger (as of the date of their election) to serve for a 2 or 1 year term as determined by the number of votes. The top 2 vote-getters will be elected on a 2-year term otherwise elected to a 1-year term. Final election is by plurality vote.

The nominees (names listed in alphabetical order, age in parenthesis, and church location) for this position be as follows:

- Adam Hogsed (22) – *Lynchburg Compassion*
- Assia Koryeyon (18) – *Charlottesville First*
- Benjamin Picado (24) – *Emmanuele Arlington*
- C-Untis Gill (16) – *Richmond Varina*
- Caleb Bradley (15) – *Richmond Woodville*
- Darrin Sever (17) – *Leesburg*
- Isaiah Dillman (16) – *Fredericksburg Salem Fields*
- Kaden Ragland (17) – *Roanoke East Gate*
- Kenneth Salmeron (18) – *Harrisonburg/
Esperanza Viva/East Rock*
- Mary Kriner (20) – *Tidewater Central*
- Roger Flores Aguilar (18) – *Richmond Comunidad
de Esperanza*
- Zoe Dill (21) – *Lynchburg Compassion*

Ballot 1 - Section 4. *District Council Representatives (Ages 25 or older):*

Two (2) persons aged 25 years or older (as of the date of their election) to serve for a 2 or 1 year terms as determined by the number of votes.

The top vote-getter will be elected on a 2-year term otherwise elected to a 1-year term. Final election is by plurality vote.

The nominees (names listed in alphabetical order, age in parenthesis, and church location) for this position be as follows:

- Armando Silva – *Annandale Presencia de Dios*
- Jasmine Bryan – *Lynchburg Compassion*
- Jennifer Jackson – *Victoria*
- Madison Freeman – *Loudon Valley*
- Melvin Hernandez – *Stafford Compasión*
- Stephen Brown – *Virginia Beach First*

Ballot #2 – For VP If Necessary and Ties in Ballot #1

Section 1. In the event we do not reach a majority for the Vice Presidency, the top 2 vote-getters will be listed in subsequent ballots until election by majority.

Section 2. The top four (and ties) for the Council Representatives Ages 25 or older be listed on a ballot for election of two by plurality. The nominee who receives the most votes will be elected for a 2-year term otherwise elected to a 1-year term.

Section 3. If necessary the breaking of any ties for any of the provisional elections on ballot #1

Ballot #3 – Breaking of Any Ties from Ballot #2

If necessary the breaking of any ties for any of the provision elections on ballot #2

For the committee,

Clay Bryan

Nominee Bios

Vice President Nominees

Bertha Cruz Osorio

Stafford Compasión

Lay Leader at Stafford Compasión; Co-Director of Ultracamp

Caleb Kriner **currently serves in this role*

Roanoke East Gate

Current VA NYI Vice President; Currently Youth Pastor at East Gate, staff at NYI Great Gathering & UltraCamp, Ultraband Director, and Co-Director of Mosaic Retreat

Christopher Cruz Osorio

Harrisonburg/Esperanza Viva/East Rock/Waynesboro

Pastor of Student Ministries at Harrisonburg & Esperanza Viva; Outgoing Co-Director of Ultracamp; Incoming Director of Winter Retreat; VANYI Co-Communications Coordinator

Julia Silverthorn

Fredericksburg Salem Fields

Student Ministries Pastor at Salem Fields, MegaFest Director, staff at NYI Great Gathering, assisting in the plans for NYC26

Treasurer Nominee

Christy Marshall **currently serves in this role*

Charlottesville First

Serves as the NYI President at Charlottesville First Church of the Nazarene in Charlottesville, VA. She was called to volunteer in youth ministry over 15 years ago and still remains passionate in providing a safe place, with some fun and games sprinkled in, where teens can learn about the love of God and who they are in Him.

Nominee Bios

24 + Under Nominees

Adam Hogsed

Lynchburg Compassion

Youth Leader at Compassion

Assia Koryeyon

Charlottesville First

Attends youth group at and is a member of Charlottesville First

Benjamin Picado

Arlington Emmanuele

Youth Director at Emmanuele; member of Ultraband

C-untis Gill

Richmond Varina

NYI President at Varina; member of Ultraband

Caleb Bradley

Richmond Woodville

Attends youth group at Woodville; assists NYI President

Darrin Sever **currently serves in this role*

Leesburg

Currently serves at the Elected 24 and Under Representative on the NYI Council; local council; member of Ultraband

Isaiah Dillman **currently serves in this role*

Fredericksburg Salem Fields

Currently serves at the Elected 24 and Under Representative on the NYI Council; member of the Salem Fields Student Leadership Team

Nominee Bios

24 + Under Nominees Cont.

Kaden Ragland

Roanoke East Gate

Graduated Senior, attended youth group at East Gate

Kenneth Salmeron

Harrisonburg/Esperanza Viva/East Rock/Waynesboro

Part of the Student Leadership Team at Harrisonburg; volunteers with production team

Mary Kriner **currently serves in this role*

Tidewater Central

Currently serves a 24 and Under Representative on the VANYI Council; Youth Leader at Tidewater

Roger Daniel Flores Aguilar

Richmond Comunidad de Esperanza

Youth Leader at Comunidad de Esperanza

Zoe Dill

Lynchburg Compassion

NYI has a special place in my heart because growing up I would attend every event and always loved my experiences! I have not been as involved as of lately with a busy college schedule, but still love the mission of helping our youth grow closer to Jesus

Nominee Bios

25 + Over Nominees

Armando Silva

Annandale Presencia De Dios

Youth Pastor at Presencia De Dios

Jasmine Bryan

Lynchburg Compassion

Youth Leader at Compassion Church; small group leader at District Events; Great Gathering NYI Staff

Jennifer Jackson

Victoria

Local NYI President; Sunday School Teacher; Youth Leader

Madison Freeman **currently serves in this role*

Loudoun Valley

Lead Pastor at Loudoun Valley; District Leadership; Ultracamp Coordinator of Games and Activities

Melvin Hernandez

Stafford Compasión

Lead Pastor at Stafford Compasión

Stephen Brown

Virginia Beach First

Youth and Young Adult Pastor at Virginia Beach First