

THE **YES** MISSION

The **YES** Program aims to present to youth and young adults the one true Way of life in Christ- death of the self for the sake of the other.

We first **EXPOSE** them to the reality of the poverty in the world through interactive curriculum.



We then **ENGAGE** the students in strategically chosen service projects. Each project is chosen based upon specific criteria known to be meaningful in service-learning contexts.

With each step, the environmental or cultural tension of the service project becomes more complex. This “created tension” is by design, and provides the kind of context conducive for real spiritual transformation.

*The **YES** trip was the most amazing experience I have ever had and it changed me in so many ways. I used to think that people were homeless mostly because they were lazy. Now I realize that these people have real lives and were merely put into difficult situations. This trip showed me that Christ's light shines in everyone and sometimes it just takes a smile to bring it out. - Grace*

*Thanks to the **YES** trip in Kansas City, my eyes have been opened to the amazing capabilities of our young people. We tend to shelter them for the purpose of caring for them, but all we are doing is denying them the opportunity to care for others. Actually, we are preventing them from doing the very thing they were created to do: to see Christ in themselves and others. After taking our teens on this trip and watching Christ's love pour out of them, I have a much better understanding of what it means to be service minded in the Church. We don't serve because we should, we serve because we are made to. Anyone who wants a chance to live as they were intended should jump at the chance to be a part of a **YES** trip. A word of warning though: you will never be the same.- Erin Learned*

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