

Initiative Proposal
ES-YAYA Grant 2019

God on the Streets

Subway Scavenger Hunt
St Philip's Lutheran Church

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The Basics

“God on the Streets” is an annual subway scavenger hunt hosted by St. Philip’s Lutheran Church, Etobicoke. It has historically been an opportunity to bring those that hosted us for an annual winter retreat, to Toronto to explore Canada’s largest urban centre. Our event has also included the provision of care packages to those who are homeless, or asking for support along the way. It is targeted at young adults, aged 13-20 years (hereafter referred to as “young people” or “participants”), in the Eastern Synod of the ELCIC and has historically brought together about 20-30 people.

This year, our goal is to grow the event by building on the foundations of faith, connection and community nurtured at CLAY. We are also aiming to expose our young people to the realities faced by those experiencing homelessness through the addition of a stop at a youth shelter or food bank, as permitted by shelter/food bank staff.

In that vein, we are looking at the following demographics:

Age: 13-20 for participants; 20+ for leaders and volunteers

Target Number: approximately 60 people (participants + leaders/volunteers)

Geography: The main target audience of this event has been those within drive-able distance from Etobicoke. For 2019, we’re opening our audience to other ministry areas, and varying denominations, including our Anglican partners in full communion. This allows our young people that connected at CLAY the opportunity to see each other more than once every two years, while allowing for the forging of new connections.

We are, therefore, asking for \$2,200.00 from the ES YAYA Committee.

Objectives

This expanded event will expose participants to the strengths and challenges faced by urban populations, in addition to landmarks in the city. The groups are no larger than 5 young people and 1 adult, allowing for an excellent ratio and minimizing the likelihood of getting separated or lost. Young people and volunteers use the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) day passes to travel along Line 1, stopping periodically to take pictures as dictated by provided riddles.

In the past, landmarks have included: Scotiabank Arena, Rogers’ Centre, CN Tower, Eaton’s Centre, the Royal Ontario Museum, the cherry blossoms at Robart’s Library, Queen’s Park Parliamentary Buildings, and SickKids Hospital. This year, we are hoping to add specific stops at homeless shelters in the downtown core, where the groups will learn a little about the struggles of being a homeless young person in Toronto.

The specific objectives of the 2019 event are outlined below:

1. Community and Faith Building:
 - Emphasize relationship building and connections between young people around the ELCIC Eastern Synod;
 - Foster a foundation of faith and belonging in relation to the church for those transitioning through the young adult chapters of their faith journey;

- Build friendships across geographical and contextual distances; and
- Create a safe and fun atmosphere in which the participants can cultivate relationships that connect them to church community, gatherings, activities and events.

2. Education and Outreach:

- Support the National Youth Project for 2019-2020 of Canadian homelessness by offering exposure to those experiencing homelessness in Canada's largest urban centre, Toronto;
- Visit a youth shelter or a food bank should a youth shelter not be possible (subject to coordination and scheduling with staff). This could look like the following:
 - Connecting with shelter staff on possibility of small presentation on homeless youth
 - Possible tour of facilities where permitted
 - Possible volunteering aspect included (reliant on identified needs of shelter/food bank)
 - Include specific packages relevant to those serviced by the shelter or food bank (eg: gift cards, small toiletry kit, canned food, etc);
- Provide care packages for distribution to those experiencing homelessness and as dictated by shelter/food bank staff;
- Provide education on statistics and reality of being homeless to build on what was introduced at CLAY 2018 in the form of:
 - Discussions
 - Debriefs
 - Exposure to homelessness and short presentation at shelter (subject to approval);
- Explore options for participants' involvement in supporting those who are without shelter and/or in a food bank setting; and
- Debrief on experiences and exposure to ensure there are no lingering questions or discomfort, and evaluate or get a sense of things that were learned and things taken away from the event (Evaluation, and Appendix A).

Budget

Included below is the proposed budget for the event, including a breakdown of where the ES YAYA Grant will be applied. The total proposed budget for the entire event is \$3,800.00.

This has been calculated with the full 60 participants in mind (young people and leaders). We are asking for \$2,200.00 in this application (highlighted in green below).

From ES YAYA

Item	Cost	Number	Total
TTC Day Passes	\$12.50	10 teams 1 pass/team	\$125.00
Breakfast	\$5.00	\$5/participant x2 mornings	\$600.00
Lunch	\$10.00	\$10/person	\$600.00
Dinner	\$12.00	\$12/person	\$720.00
Care Packages (60)			
Socks	\$10.00	6 pairs/package (Walmart)	\$60.00
Granola Bars	\$15.00	36 bars/package (Costco)	\$30.00
Loonie	\$60.00	1/bag	\$60.00
Baggies	\$5.00		\$5.00
Total			\$2,200.00

From Participants

Item	Cost	Notes	Total
Printing Cost (SPLC)	\$50.00		\$50.00
Marketing Printing Cost	\$100.00		\$100.00
Snacks	\$100.00	Friday & Saturday night	\$100.00
Speaker	\$150.00	Honorarium	\$150.00
Care Packages		1/participant	
Tim's Card	\$5.00	1/participant	\$300.00
Misc Additions*	\$15.00	1/participant	\$900.00
Total Participant			\$1,600.00

*Misc Additions includes any requests from shelter/food bank as outlined in "Objectives"

Evaluation

The evaluation piece of this event will cover questions in regards to connections built, and challenges the participants saw and experienced while exploring the city. Evaluation will be mainly based on a rating scale and handed out Sunday morning to ensure the broadest feedback from participants. Other qualitative measures will be addressed in the debrief questions outlined in Appendix A.

These questions will help us gather information on the different groups of participants that join us for this event. Questions may include:

- Age
- Congregation
- How did you travel to the event?
- How did you hear about the event?
- On a scale of 1-5, 1 being poor, 5 being amazing how did you feel about:
 - The guest speaker
 - Breakfast on Saturday
 - Breakfast on Sunday
 - Dinner on Saturday
 - Icebreakers (Friday night)
 - Your experience on the subway?
- On a scale of 1-10, one being not at all, 10 being totally:
 - How impacted were you by your time at Covenant House?
 - How impacted were you by your experience giving out the care packages?
 - How connected do you feel to your fellow youth?
 - How likely are you to attend an event like this in the future?

Timeline

This event will take place the weekend of May 3-5, 2019

A weekend long event will allow us the opportunity to lead a service for the congregation of St. Philip's on Sunday morning, while also allowing for the most time possible to experience downtown Toronto and build connection.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Tasks</i>
January 2019	Save the dates released to churches in the Eastern Synod ministry areas via e-mail
February 2019 – March 2019	Invitation package released including information for registration, any unsubsidized cost, packing list, and letter to parents Package sent to contacts via e-mail to distribute to young people groups and participants
April 1, 2019	RSVPs due to ensure most accurate count of numbers prior to event and ensure food, space and volunteers can be purchased and found in enough time.

EVENT TIMELINE

Friday	<p>7pm – young people arrive to SPLC for icebreakers and getting to know you games</p> <p>9pm – prepare care packages for teams to distribute during the hunt</p> <p>10pm – devotional</p> <p>10:30pm – wind down time and bed</p> <p>12am – lights out</p>
Saturday	<p>8am – wake up</p> <p>8:30am – breakfast (provided)</p> <p>9:30am – hunt introduction, discussion of homelessness in Canada & specifically Toronto - Distribute clues and break young people into teams</p> <p>10:30am – HUNT BEGINS</p> <p><i>Proposed stops include:</i> Scotiabank Arena, CN Tower, Ripley's Aquarium, ROM, Queen's Park, SickKids, Casa Loma, City Hall, Nathan Phillips Square, Yonge-Dundas Square</p> <p><i>Key stops include:</i> Covenant House, Evergreen Centre for Street Young People (subject to approval from shelter staff) OR a food bank (subject to scheduling with food bank staff)</p> <p>Lunch occurs during the hunt at the discretion of the teams & leaders.</p>

4:30pm – HUNT ENDS

5pm – return to SPLC, debrief on experience in small groups and as a larger group, calculate winner

6:30pm – dinner

8pm – service planning, event evaluation

9:30pm – free time (board games, outdoor activities, movie, etc)

12am – lights out

Sunday

8:30am – wake up

- prepare for service
- clean up church

9:30am – ready for worship

10am – young people-led worship

11:30am – go home

Appendix A: Debrief Sample

Debrief is an extremely important part of an event like this. There is something distinctly different between hearing about homelessness but actually seeing and experiencing it is something entirely different. Additionally, in our experience, taking the TTC is often a new and startling experience for those who join us from outside of Toronto. Exploring those feelings is an important part of ensuring the participants leave without unresolved questions and/or feelings.

Questions may include:

- Do you feel you learned about the strengths and challenges of urban populations? What's an example of something you learned?
- Were you impacted by what you learned about youth homelessness?
- How did it feel to see people without shelter sleeping on the streets and asking for money?
- How did it feel to see what a youth shelter actually looks like and realize that these people are the same age as you?
- Were you afraid while you were downtown? What made you afraid?
- Was there any situation where you pushed through that fear? How did it feel? What helped you push through that fear?
- In your team, how did you handle distributing the care packages?

Appendix B: Documentation

The following pages include the documentation sent out to parents and churches in regards to God in the City. These documents include:

Parent Letter from 2018 – please note, this letter details a much smaller event and will be changed for the 2019 event to include more details on the specific nature of the 2019 event.

Sample Riddles & Subway Rules/Guidelines

THIS APRIL, WE'RE FINDING GOD IN THE CITY OF TORONTO ON OUR
ANNUAL

Subway Scavenger Hunt

Dear Parents,

We've scheduled our subway scavenger hunt for April 27-28, 2018 and we're inviting youth from the surrounding areas to come join us!

Here's how it works:

Cost per youth: \$15 for fare & food

April 27

7:30pm or later – Arrive at St Philip's Lutheran Church
(61 West Deane Park Drive, Toronto, ON)

Evening – games, snacks, sleep!

April 28

8am – wake up

8:30am – breakfast (provided)

10am – LET THE HUNT BEGIN!

Note: lunch will be "on the road"

3pm – return to St Philip's for debrief

5pm - departure

The scavenger hunt itself comprises of the downtown core of Toronto. We're using the Yonge-University-Spadina line south of the Bloor-Danforth line. Your child will stop at landmarks such as Queen's Park, the CN Tower, the Roger's Centre, Union Station, the Eaton's Centre, and the Royal Ontario Museum. Due to TTC regulations around the day pass, we will be putting your child in a *group of maximum five (5) other youth. This group will be led by an adult.* Maps will be provided along with the riddles for each group. We will provide them with all necessary contact information if they have any questions along the way.

Your child's safety is our utmost concern. We can assure you your child will not be without supervision during this scavenger hunt and that groups dividing up to try and successfully solve all of the riddles is expressly forbidden by the hunt rules.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Emily Savage at esavage3@gmail.com or 647-466-0551.

We look forward to meeting your youth!

Emily Savage & Sarah McCutcheon

Stop	Riddle	Points
St George	High heels? Flats? Prince's shoes? Elton John's?	200 pts
Museum	The atrium was used to film <i>A Night at the Museum</i> .	150 pts
Union	How many cities can you count around this iconic ceiling?	100 pts
Union	The gold standard for fans hangs off the side of this building.	200 pts
Union	Jurassic Park or Maple Leaf Square?	100 pts
Union	Bonus Get creative! Make sure the top of this massive landmark is in your picture!	100 pts
Dundas	Toronto's Times Square	250 pts
Bay	This was a tiny mom & pop radio repair shop in the 40's. It's not so small now.	350 pts
Dundas	It's a bird! It's a plane! It's... a van coming out of a building?	200 pts
St Andrew	This corporation is still partially funded by the government	250 pts
Queen	60 of these birds float high above the Eaton's Centre's atrium.	200 pts
Osgoode	Take a picture with the sign. You know you want to.	100 pts
King	Wander down to this market of merchants. May make a great lunch stop!	200 pts
Bathurst	This "honest" store is no more.	200 pts
Bloor-Yonge	You can't take anything out of this library, even if it's just for reference.	200 pts
Multiple Stops	This 4-letter movement is also the name of a network under Toronto's downtown core.	300 pts

SUBWAY SCAVENGER HUNT 2018

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Welcome to the 2018 photo scavenger hunt!

The majority of your riddles take place on Line 1/Yonge-University-Spadina/Yellow line.

The major rules are as follows:

- 1) You are in a team! Make friends with teams.
Every photo you take must include your entire team (picture taker excepted)
- 2) YOU MUST BE BACK AT KIPLING STATION BY 2:30PM.
- 3) Solve as many riddles as you can in that timeframe.
- 4) **If you do not get on the train with your team:** stay where you are. Your team will backtrack for you. Please find the Designated Waiting Area (DWA) signs and wait there for your leader.

If your call is more urgent: Emily Savage's phone number is 647-466-0551. We will find you.