

ANNUAL REPORT

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A YEAR OF FAITHFUL
CLIMATE ACTION

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YECA's Mission & Strategy

MISSION

Young Evangelicals for Climate Action exists to equip, empower, and catalyze young Christians to love God and love our neighbors through bold, wholehearted, and faithful climate action in our church and community in order to create a more just, equitable, and loving world.

STRATEGY

YECA is both community-oriented and action-focused. We're about coming together to unite our voices and act collectively to make a greater difference than what we would make on our own. Our diverse and creative actions are focused on three overarching goals integral to overcoming the climate crisis:



Empowering our generation of Christians to act and advocate together



Equipping young Christians to engage with their church communities



Holding our political leaders accountable to enact equitable, ambitious climate policies

A Message from **YECA Leadership**



I want to give a special thank you to all of our donors and funders for believing in the mission of YECA and for your continued support. Fiscal year 2023 has been an incredible one, from an impressive new cohort of College Fellows and meaningful advocacy at the local, state, federal, and international levels, to mobilizing an ever-growing number of passionate young Christians who are living out their faith and values to create a more just, equitable, and loving world. As the climate crisis continues to worsen, this work is more important now than ever, and I'm deeply grateful for your support.

Check out all that has happened this year below in our annual report. I look forward to all we will achieve together in the years to come!

William Morris

YECA Steering Committee Chair

Empowering Our Generation

College Fellows Highlights



10 Climate Leadership Fellows at 6 Colleges and Universities



Over 60 events organized with over 1,500 attendees



22 new composting bins at UNW St. Paul, composting started at Olivet Nazarene University, and over 200 composting bins in apartments at Pepperdine University



4 clubs started or maintained with 479 members

Thanks to renewed support provided by Mosaic, a project of The Tides Center, we were able to increase our College Fellowship stipend by 50% for the 2022 - 2023 academic year.

Additionally, in the spring and early summer of 2023, our Rising Leaders subcommittee completely updated and improved our online, on-demand training modules for our core group of activists.

“YECA has helped me develop my leadership skills and confidence in climate action knowledge way more than I ever considered possible for me. It has made me feel capable not only of participating in climate action, but to be at its forefront in my community. I have learned how to articulate my passion for creation in a comprehensive way to others and lean on others in my community for support in these efforts as well.”



Mallory F.

2022 - 2023 College Fellow at Pepperdine University

Engaging Our Churches

Over the 2022 Christmas season, YECA was delighted to support the creation and publication of a new online Advent devotional series in partnership with the Evangelical Environmental Network. As a part of this collaboration, National Organizer and Spokesperson Tori Goebel contributed a written reflection on hope for the first week of Advent.

YECA has also continued to engage with our churches and church leaders through the actions of young advocates. Ellie J., a 2022-2023 College Fellow in Illinois, spoke to her local congregation about creation care, while Hannah L. in Iowa mobilized her church community around the 2022 midterm elections.



Holding Leaders Accountable

The summer of 2022 was full of political advocacy as we fought to get the historic Inflation Reduction Act over the finish line with key climate and clean energy provisions intact. We were delighted to see this effort become a reality and were honored to celebrate its passage at the White House in September.

Our civic engagement continued with a robust voter engagement campaign for the 2022 midterm elections and the subsequent runoff in Georgia. Check out some highlights below!



Wisconsin: 13,572 people messaged
26,061 times



Arizona: 11,002 people messaged
11,147 times



Georgia: 59,980 people messaged

Total: 84,654 texts sent at 9 text bank events

So far, 2023 has been full of advocacy focused on the Environmental Protection Agency. YECA Staff, Fellows, and Advocates have offered over a dozen written and verbal comments supporting key climate and environmental proposals from the EPA, and this work will continue over the coming months.



YECA Advocates Elsa and Angelea with Rep. Nancy Pelosi at COP27 in Egypt

Additional Highlights From FY2023

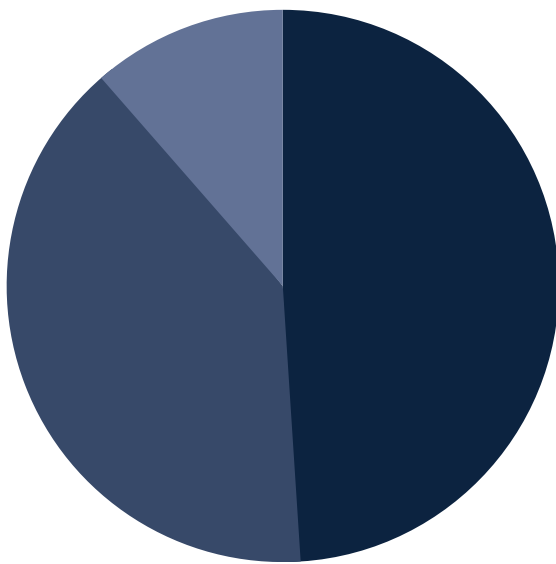
In November, five young leaders from YECA participated in the Christian Climate Observers Program at COP27 in Egypt. Thanks to our supporters, we were able to offer two scholarships to support the young Christians participating. During this international event, one YECA leader had the opportunity to speak at a panel hosted by Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi and the U.S. delegation.

Over the past year, our team has grown in new and exciting ways. In late 2022, we welcomed '20-'21 YECA Fellow Lauren Kim to our Steering Committee. In June, Jaime Butler joined our staff team as our very first Communications Associate.

FY2023 was another great year for spreading the message of faith-rooted climate action through speaking engagements and earned media. YECA staff spoke at events at Calvin University, Seattle Pacific University, University of Colorado Boulder, Harvard University, Colorado Christian University, and Aspen Ideas: Climate in Miami. We had the chance to reach an even younger audience at the St. Andrews Church youth group in Colorado and Trinity Christian High School in Virginia. YECA appeared in the Arizona Daily Sun, Christianity Today, Religion News Service, Sojourners, The New York Times, the Colorado Sun, and more!

YECA Financials

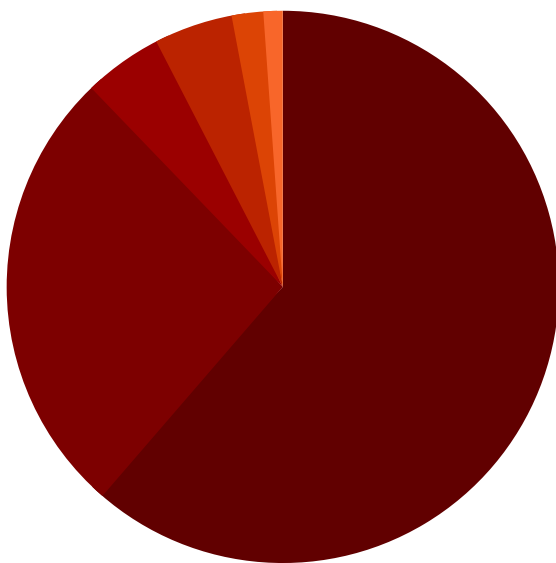
in FY2023



INCOME

- Grants - \$92,500
- Support from EEN - \$74,817
- Individual Donations - \$21,583
(\$39,580 Projected)

Total Income - \$188,900



EXPENSES

- Staff Salary & Benefits - \$115,855
- 2022 Midterms Voter Engagement - \$50,000
- Fellows & Advocates - \$8,729
- Marketing & Communications - \$8,697
- Steering Committee - \$3,487
- Events & Speaking Engagements - \$2,132

Total Expenses - \$188,900

THANK YOU

Thank you for everything your support has made possible this past fiscal year! If you would like to continue to bolster our work of faithful climate action, consider giving today at YECAction.org/Donate.



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