

annual report

2024

a year of growth and engagement



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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



On behalf of the team at YECA, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to you for believing in our mission and standing with us in the fight for climate justice. Your generosity and commitment to this cause inspire and empower us to continue the work of mobilizing young Christians to live out their faith through climate action.

2024 has been an extraordinary one for YECA. We've celebrated another remarkable cohort of College Fellows, championed meaningful advocacy efforts at every level—local, state, and federal—and witnessed the growing momentum of passionate young believers advocating for a just, equitable, and sustainable future.

As the climate crisis intensifies, your support makes this vital work possible. Together, we are equipping a generation of leaders to be the hands and feet of Christ in addressing one of the greatest challenges of our time.

I invite you to take a look at the highlights of this past year in our annual report. Thank you for being part of this mission—I'm excited about all that we'll accomplish together in the years ahead!

With deep gratitude,

Shaphan Hestick
YECA Steering Committee

bold advocacy for climate policy

In 2024 YECA played a key part in getting several EPA pollution safeguards across the finish line. YECA advocates submitted over one hundred written comments in support of protections against toxic soot, mercury, carbon, and traffic pollution. Additionally, our advocates gave public testimonies in support of a strong methane waste emissions charge and pipeline safety rule.

Steering Committee member Maddie A. with the CCOP group at COP29.



'23-'24 College Fellow Aislynn P. at COP29 in Azerbaijan



YECA Communications Associate, Jaime B., and fellow testifiers in D.C. supporting pipeline safety

At the end of 2024, two YECA folks, Aislynn ('23-'24 College Fellow) and Maddie (SC Member) attended COP29 in Azerbaijan with the Christian Climate Observer's Program. This was an opportunity for them to represent YECA in critical discussions on climate action and make valuable connections with global climate activists and leaders.

equipping young christians

This year YECA continued and expanded our efforts to equip young Christians with the knowledge and experience they need to be impactful climate advocates in their churches and communities. Our excellent cohorts of College and Community Fellows hosted creation care fests, a summer camp for kids, book clubs, and environmental club meetings.

"Now, I feel more confident in my ability to take initiative and share how being a Christian connects to caring for the environment. Through the program, I've learned how to organize sustainable projects, write persuasively about climate issues, and have meaningful conversations about faith and climate change." -Joshua G, Taylor University, '23-'24 College Fellow



2024 Community Fellow Jenna C. hosts a creation care fest at her church in California

Our Steering Committee and Staff worked diligently this year to update and expand YECA's online resource library. Our website now features an organized and accessible page containing links and recommendations to sources of all mediums, covering a broad array of topics related to YECA's work.

engaging churches & communities

YECA seized many opportunities to reach and engage with our target audience this year. YECA representatives spoke at creation care and sustainability conferences, summits, meetings, and classes in California, Arizona, Michigan and more! At these events we reached almost 200 students.

YECA staff member Jaime B. speaks at a student sustainability conference at Calvin University.



YECA staff attend a student Bible study in Arizona

Our network was also able to engage with local communities through the publication of six letters and articles in news and media outlets. Besides writing our own, YECA was featured or mentioned in sixteen media hits this year.

growing our leadership

This year marked a significant moment in YECA's history, as we welcomed our first ever Gen Z National Organizer, Lauren Kim! Lauren is excited about YECA's potential for growth in this new season as we expand our outreach to a whole new generation of Christians. Similarly, this year brought transition for our Steering Committee as we had a few members roll off after a combined 14+ years of service. YECA was able to bring on six new Steering Committee Members, bringing our leadership number to eleven!

Lauren Kim, YECA's new National Organizer & Spokesperson



New Steering Committee members in 2024

yeca in an election year

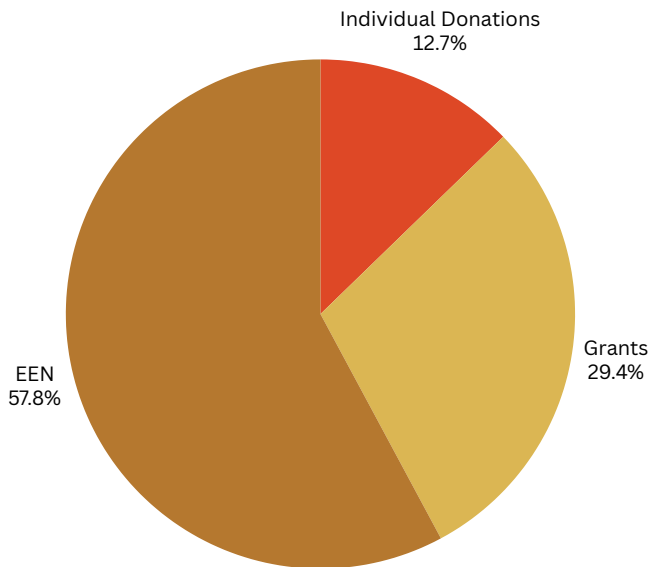
This year YECA executed a Voter Engagement Campaign, “Love God. Love your Neighbor. Vote for Climate”. Ahead of the 2024 U.S. presidential election we wanted to encourage young people nationwide to vote with climate in mind. Over 1,000 people utilized our voter tools to register to vote, view what’s on their ballots, and request absentee ballots. We were able to reach folks in almost every U.S. state, with tabling events hosted by volunteers in Colorado, Michigan, and California.

YECA staff and volunteers encourage people to vote for climate by tabling in California and Colorado

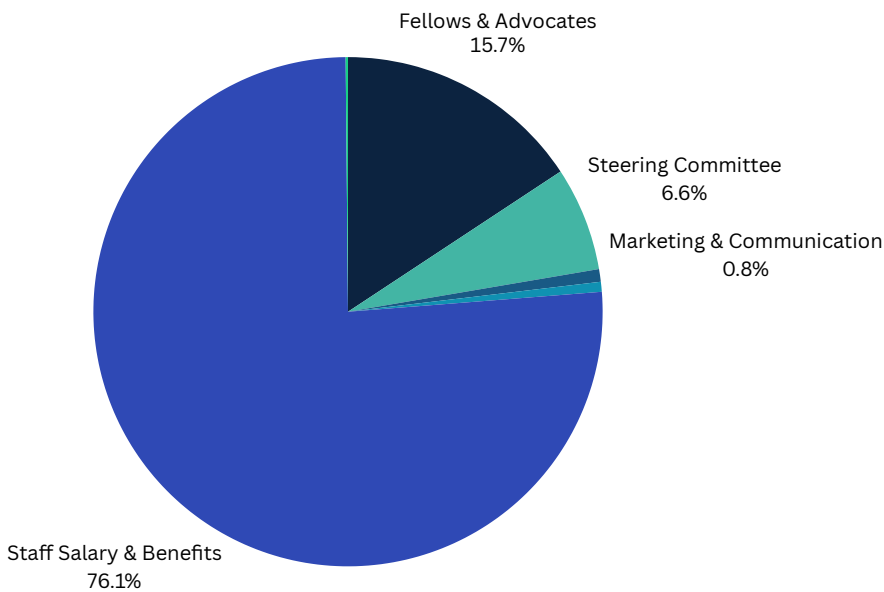
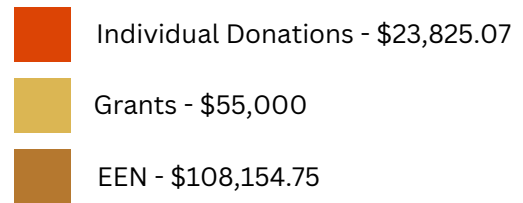


In addition to our voter tools, we hosted two training webinars, garnered eight outside media hits, and our community published four of our own pieces! Across social media platforms, we had 56 posts related to voter engagement.

yeca financials in **FY2024**



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