



**YECA**  
YOUNG EVANGELICALS  
FOR CLIMATE ACTION

# ANNUAL REPORT 2025

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# WELCOME

**As my time at YECA comes to an end after six wonderful years, I wanted to express my gratitude and appreciation for the continued support we have received, which has made our work of mobilizing young Christians around climate justice possible.**

**I started my involvement with YECA in 2019 as a project leader, then in 2020 became one of YECA's field organizers, educating and mobilizing young Christians toward climate action during the pandemic. Afterward, I joined the Steering Committee and have spent the past several years as Chair, helping to oversee our incredible trainings, programs, and fellowships. My YECA story is just one of many made possible by your generous support.**

**As I age out and pass the torch to our new generation of YECA leaders, the experiences, knowledge, and friendships I have made during my time with YECA will continue for the rest of my life. From interacting with many cohorts of YECA fellows to attending COP25 to the many speaking events representing YECA, I have been very blessed by my time with the organization.**

**I invite you to not just take a look at all our highlights from this past year in our annual report, but to also join me with excitement for where YECA is going next. With our first Gen Z National Organizer at the helm and a renewed Steering Committee, YECA is in the ideal place to reach a new generation of young Christians. I cannot wait to see all that YECA accomplishes in the coming years!**



**With blessing and gratitude,**

**William Morris, *Steering Committee Chair***

# MISSION AND STRATEGY

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.

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:

1. Empowering our generation of Christians to act and advocate together.
2. Equipping young Christians to engage with their church communities.
3. Holding our political leaders accountable to enact equitable, ambitious climate policies.





# MEET THE STEERING COMMITTEE



**Lauren Kim**  
**National Organizer & Spokesperson**



**Madeline Armstrong**  
**Financial Secretary**



**Lindsay Garcia**  
**Communications Director**



**William Morris**  
**Steering Committee Chair**



**Isabel Vander Molen**  
**Records Secretary**



**Jaime Butler**  
**Communications Associate**



**Samantha Swanson**



**Shaphan Hestick**



**Carolina França**

# OUR 2025 REWIND



## JANUARY

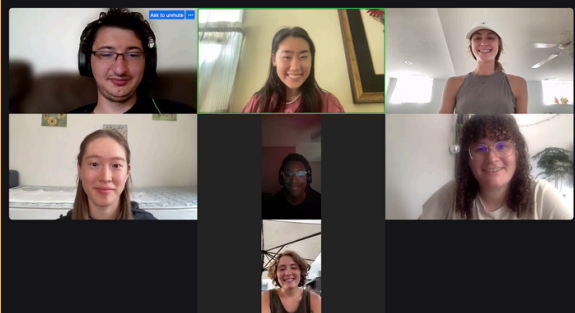
### Steering Committee Retreat in Maine



Our Steering Committee kicked off the year by gathering together for strategic planning and collaboration, fellowship, and fun exploring God's creation.

## MAY

### Celebrating '24-'25 College Fellows



The end of the school year meant saying goodbye to another cohort of excellent College Fellows. It's so exciting to see their progress and growth during second semester and to celebrate all they were able to accomplish in their fellowship year.

## FEBRUARY

### Christian Student Leadership Conference



At the CSLC, we were able to raise awareness for creation care among the next generation of Christian leaders. From listening to a senator speak on creation care to changing mindsets over dinner, our presence at CSLC reminds us why YECA exists!

## JUNE

### Summer of Action



In Summer 2025, our Advocates rallied for a summer of defending climate progress. We raised our voices to keep critical climate policies in place, submitting petitions, letters, and testimonies to Congress and the EPA. We also hosted several trainings and workshops to equip and resource our young leaders.

JULY

## American Scientific Affiliation Conference



At ASA 2025, faithful STEM professionals and academics gathered to talk about technology and theology. While YECA was there to share about climate communication, we had the opportunity to also engage with the men and women working on solutions for a cleaner, safer tomorrow.

## Christian Climate Observer's Program at COP30



Past and present YECA folks reunited in Belém, Brazil for COP30. As members of the Christian Climate Observer's Program, they observed negotiations and engaged in important climate conversations, all from a Christian and missional perspective.

## Witness for Christ, Witness for Climate Giving Campaign



In early December, we kicked off our end-of-year giving campaign. We created testimony videos from members of our network, sharing how they see their efforts with YECA as a witness for Christ and for our climate. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, we raised over \$10,000 for more bold and faithful action in 2026.

NOVEMBER

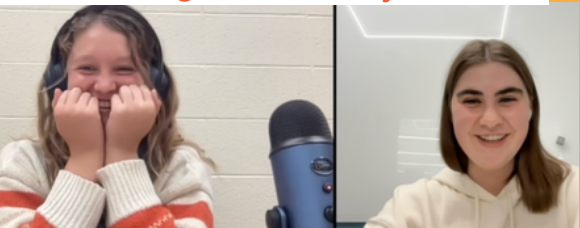
## Faithfully Advancing Sustainability Together (FAST) Conference



For the second year in a row, YECA had a presence at Calvin University for this wonderful gathering of Midwest Christian colleges. YECA tabled at the conference to share our mission with students, and Lauren led a breakout session detailing climate change discussion techniques.

DECEMBER

## Celebrating Community Fellows



This year, our Community Fellows blew us away with their creative and collaborative efforts. Beyond raising awareness for climate change at their churches through faithful conversations and writing, they magnified their impact by starting a creation care podcast, *Rivers in the Desert*.



# 2025 HIGHLIGHTS

YECA was busy in 2025. Here are some of our favorite, most impactful moments.

## Making Headlines

In the Spring, two of our 2024-2025 College Fellows had their work featured at impressive levels. Rinah F. had an op-ed published in [\*\*The Gospel Coalition\*\*](#), writing beautifully on the importance of our “hope-infused Christian creation ethic.” In Indiana, Becca B. was spotlighted in a [\*\*New York Times\*\*](#) article on creation care efforts at Christian churches and universities.

In August, YECA Staff testified to the EPA opposing the repeal of the foundational Endangerment Finding. The hearings, with quotes from Jaime’s testimony, were featured in [\*\*The Guardian\*\*](#).

## Serving Neighbors

YECA’s award-winning College Fellowship Program has helped us establish a consistent presence at certain universities. One 2025 College Fellow, Maddie B. at Taylor University in Indiana, continued working with a Stewards of Creation Club established by a previous YECA Fellow. A highlight of her fellowship year was organizing weekly community meals to address food insecurity in the area. Maddie partnered with a community food pantry and local farmers and utilized produce from Taylor’s own campus garden to provide a fresh, locally sourced meal and extra produce for students and families to take home.



## Defending Climate Progress

Throughout the Spring and Summer, YECA worked to defend the climate progress we've made in recent years, including the passage of several key pollution safeguards and clean energy tax credits for churches, schools, and homes. As the Trump Administration and Congress took steps to reverse and roll back these critical wins for our climate, our network submitted hundreds of petitions, letters, statements, and testimonies opposing these steps in the wrong direction.

These policy rollbacks reiterated what a critical time we are in for our climate. The presence of young leaders and faithful voices in these moments is more important than ever. This fight is not over and in 2026 we plan to continue boldly advocating for a healthy and just environment for future generations.

# CLIMATE LEADERSHIP FELLOWS

## BY THE NUMBERS

12

media hits and published  
articles

500+

students and community  
members reached

120

letters sent to Congress  
and the EPA

10

blog posts and statements  
covering current events and  
climate resources and topics

JAYDEN S.

2024-2025  
College Fellow

“ Being part of the YECA Fellows program has equipped me with valuable leadership skills and resources to effectively communicate the importance of climate action. The program’s training sessions and mentorship have strengthened my ability to frame environmental stewardship within a faith-based context, making it more relatable and impactful for my peers. ”



# CLIMATE LEADERSHIP FELLOWS

## FELLOWS IN ACTION



Becca B. hosted a creation care book club on campus



Jayden S. restored an on-campus produce garden



Iris M. led a climate liturgy walk in the woods



Rinah F. recovered over 5,000 lbs of food from campus dining halls

**BEATRICE S.**

2025

Community Fellow

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I was so grateful for the mentorship I received throughout these projects. I would not have had the confidence to do them without it. This experience has grown and encouraged me enormously in this work. I am so thankful for this opportunity, and I cannot wait to see the ways it continues to change my own and others' lives.

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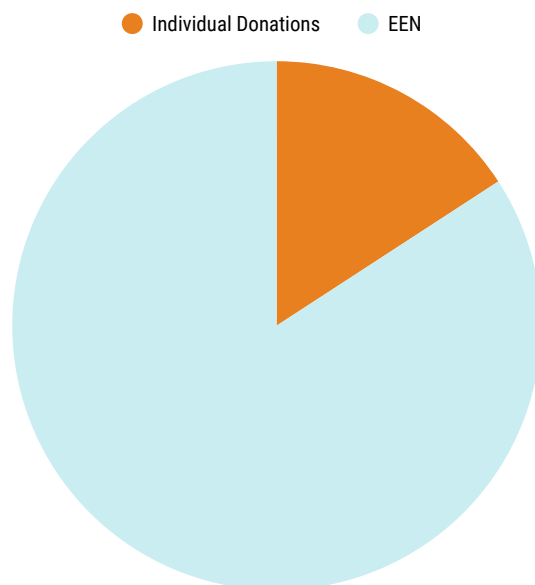
# YECA FY2025

(JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025)

## INCOME

Individual Donations - \$22,341.38  
(15.8%)

Evangelical Environmental Network  
(EEN) - \$118,875.40 (84.2%)



## EXPENSES

Staff Salary & Benefits - \$119,293.36 (84.5%)

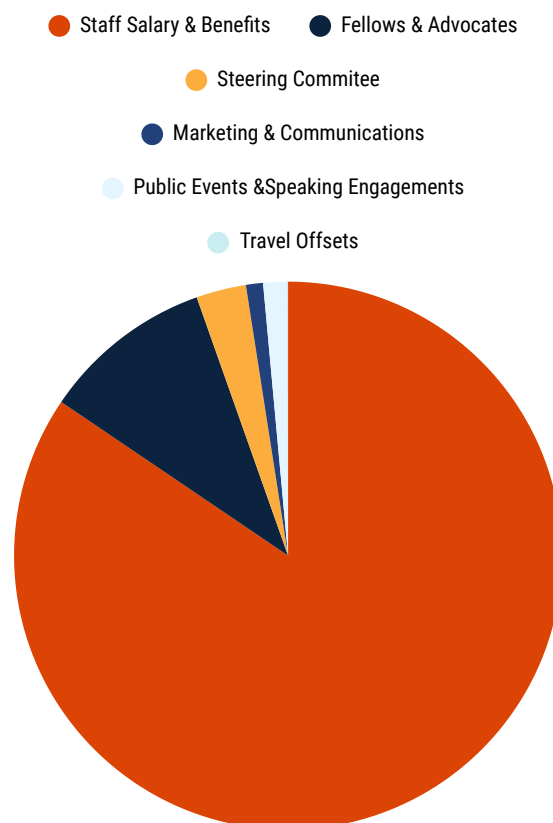
Fellows & Advocates - \$14,283.97 (10.1%)

Steering Committee - \$4,161.89 (2.9%)

Marketing & Communication - \$1,418.18 (1%)

Public Events &  
Speaking Engagements - \$1,935.92 (1.4%)

Travel Offsets - \$123.46 (0.1%)





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FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT  
**OF YECA.**

