

## YOUTH SERVICE FUND? WHAT'S THAT?

**We are so glad you asked!**

Youth Service Fund, or YSF, is a unique ministry because it is completely by, with, and for youth. Youth contribute money, they decide what mission projects receive the money and the mission projects supported are youth-designed, youth-led, and benefit youth. Money raised BY youth, FOR youth!

## HOW DOES THIS WORK IN VIRGINIA?

**You are full of the best questions!**

**Thanks for asking!**

Conference Council on Youth Ministries (CCYM) serves as the steward of these funds. This means we support districts and local churches as they brainstorm ways to raise money, we raise money ourselves via events and in partnership with the Office of Ministries with Young People, and annually we distribute funds gathered over the last year through grants.

## WHERE DO I APPLY FOR A GRANT?

**My goodness – it is like this is an advertisement or something! You are asking about everything!**

Please visit [www.vaumc.org/youth](http://www.vaumc.org/youth) and click on the “YSF” button in the middle. There are two important links on this page. First, the application form (be sure to fill it out completely – do not include hyperlinks as grant applications are reviewed where internet access is not available). The second is the FAQs for the process. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask [alisonmalloy@vaumc.org](mailto:alisonmalloy@vaumc.org) – Alison will be happy to help.

