

Support our Young Adults in Global Mission!

The Florida-Bahamas Synod is pleased to share that 2 Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGMs) from our synod will be engaged in a year of service representing the ELCA in Global Church mission. You, your congregation, and your conference can lift up these servants in prayer, follow their story and experiences be getting on their blogs and newsletter links, and support them financially by donating to the ELCA YAGM program. Each YAGM must raise \$5000 to contribute to their year abroad.

To make a donation to either Ashley or Kelsey – go to <https://community.elca.org/yagm/give>.

Meet our 2017-2018 Young Adults in Global Mission –



Hello! My name is Ashley Fyle, and I am from a small town called Amery, Wisconsin. I was confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Amery. I recently graduated from Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida where I played on the Women's Basketball team. I graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Molecular Biology.

During my senior year of college, I grew in a passion to serve globally. This is when I first heard about and applied for YAGM. During the application process, I went on a spring break medical service trip to Port Maria, Jamaica. After doing a short week of service, I knew I was making the right decision by applying for YAGM.

Shortly after that, I found out that I would be serving as a YAGM in Australia. I was so excited! It wasn't until July that I found out I was going to Coolum Beach, Queensland. I will be working at Luther Heights Youth Camp. My work there will include leading team building activities, providing outdoor education experiences for youth, and other ministries. I am so grateful to be called to serve in such an amazing place, and I can't wait to learn all about my new community.

My name is Kelsey Johnson and I am from Apollo Beach, Florida. My home congregation is Calvary Lutheran. I spent most of my childhood summers at Luther Springs(ELCA) in Hawthorne Florida. In college, I served as a counselor at Luther Springs and Lutheridge from 2009-2013. This year, I anticipate great joy, and great challenges. YAGM is an immersive and transformative experience, and I expect to grow deeply as a person of faith. I am very much looking forward to interacting within a new faith community as well as a new culture.

This year, I will be serving as a teacher in Jerusalem. I hope to share my love of literature and composition with students ranging from late elementary to high school age. I am extremely excited for this placement, as it combines my love for English studies with the joy of working with youth.

My blog can be found here: kelseyjohnsonyagm.blogspot.com and I give full permission for it to be shared, as appropriate. Thank you again for the prayers and support- I am incredibly humbled and blessed to be called to a year of service, and I look forward to sharing more!

