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- Jeff and Kelly Throne (Hampton Roads)
- Eric and Megan Testa (Indianapolis)

This team, along with the Rhyne's (Denver), Kim's (Denver) and Bergem's (San Diego) did groundbreaking work planning our fellowship's first ever "Family Conference", which was entitled: "All Generations". This event placed the traditional ICYFM in a track and accompanied it with an outstanding parenting track, as well as an exciting track focused on Children's Ministry. The combined attendance of the three tracks totaled 1,166. The nearly 500 youth and family leaders also had a powerful track. Worth noting is the fact that nearly 75% of those leaders attending this track had never been to any of our previous ICYFM events. A paradigm shift sees our family of churches continuing to work from a youth and family ministry model, while aiming to encompass all ages from "cradle to campus."

Goals: Over the past 11 years God has worked through the previous service teams to do great work. The current team has the following goals, elaborated upon in our previous report:

- Leave it stronger
- Continue to build on what has already been done
- Create a functioning network of Youth and Family ministers around the world
- Utilize subcommittees to achieve various tasks

Upcoming Meetings: The next Youth and Family Ministry Service Team meeting will be October 25th and 26th in Dallas at the 2018 Youth and Family Leadership Conference "All Generations - INSPIRE."

There will be powerful preaching, teaching, training and discussions on building inspiring youth and family ministries in the whole range of congregation sizes.

There will be training sessions and discussions on:

- Competent training and fresh ideas for working with pre-teens, middle-schoolers and high-schoolers
- Working with the parents of pre-teens, middle-schoolers and high-schoolers
- Networking with youth and family leaders across North America

Some key lesson topics will include:

- Youth evangelizing their high schools
- Youth living on a path of purity
- Youth being rooted in Jesus

Details and registration coming soon for the 2018 Youth and Family Leadership Conference "All Generations - INSPIRE" in Dallas this October,

Conclusion: Much has been done, and there remains even more to do! It is a privilege and honor to serve in this way. The team is open to advice, thoughts and requests. Any member of the service team is willing to dialogue regarding such things. May God bless all of our efforts!

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• **Black History Month: "I Have Come to Testify to the Truth"**

*Dr. Richard Rodriguez, Miami, FL, USA
— Wednesday, 28 February 2018*

This Black History Month sermon, "I Have Come to Testify to the Truth," is a lesson on why the word of God does not sanction what scholars now call "American slavery." American slavery, a legal and...

• **Good News Video from Philippines Churches**

Maria Theresa J. Bagasbas, Manila, Philippines

— Saturday, 17 March 2018

With theme "IGNITE" 2017 was an encouraging year for the International Churches of Christ Philippines as God lit our hearts and our minds through various church activities and miracles that have impacted...

• **California Church Seeks Lead Ministry Couple**

Mike Condray, Temecula, CA, USA — Saturday, 17 March 2018

The Temecula Valley Church of Christ in Southern California is offering a great opportunity for a mature, experienced, transparent couple who feel called to serve in the full-time ministry and lead our 100 plus member church. A minimum of 10 years full-time...

• **God is Moving in the Knoxville Church**

Anton Ivy, Knoxville, TN, USA — Sunday, 11 March 2018

In 2011, God used my wife Sharon to make it clear that we were withering spiritually and needed a fresh start. Sharon suggested I call an old friend of mine, Antonio...

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• UPCOMING EVENTS

Catalyst Singles Retreat
San Diego, California USA
April 20-22, 2018

International Campus Ministry Conference
Cincinnati, Ohio USA
July 5-8, 2018

2018 NE US Christian Conference
Providence, Rhode Island USA
July 20-22, 2018

Florida Discipleship Conference
Orlando, Florida USA
August 3-5, 2018

International Singles Conference
Phoenix, Arizona USA
August 30 - September 3, 2018

Central American Conference
Panama City, Panama
October 5 - 7, 2018

2020 World Discipleship Summit
Orlando, Florida USA
July 2-5, 2020

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Service Team History: The Youth and Family Service Team has existed since 2006. The first group planned the Youth and Family Conference in Boston in 2007. After that the 2009 incarnation took place in Chicago under a different name: ICYFM (International Conference of Youth and Family Ministry). From this service team came a resource website and worked with leaders from other service teams to facilitate healthy communication.

The second term of the service team advanced the youth and family model around our churches and developed the "Eleven Characteristics of Healthy Youth and Family Ministry". This team also facilitated the 2011 ICYFM in Long Beach. Local Youth and Family conferences also began in different locations globally including Johannesburg, Southeast Asia, Lagos, etc.

In its third term, the service team held the ICYFM in New York City in 2013. This conference was in conjunction with the annual delegates meeting to allow leaders from around the world to participate. The conference ended with the 30th anniversary service of the New York City Church. At Reach 2016, there were 2,600 teens in attendance from across North America. It was one of the largest gatherings of youth our movement has ever seen.

Recent History: ICOC Youth The current and fourth service team was formed in 2016 and now includes eight couples, with a goal of increasing over the coming months. The current members are:

- Phil and Kris Arsenault, Chairman (Boston)
- Curt and Heidi Ammons (Chicago)
- Damon and Michelle Curtis (Houston)
- Kevin and Nadene Joachim (Toronto)
- Ross and Manami Lippencott (New York)
- Audie and Bethany Monday (Philadelphia)



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