

MISSION MOMENT

Young Adults in Global Mission 2018 "YAGM"

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Meet our synod's new Young Adults in Global Mission!

Another cohort of Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) volunteers have recently accepted the call into service, beginning in August. The YAGM program has seen significant growth since its beginnings in 1999, and this is especially true since the start of the Campaign for the ELCA. In the past five years, the average number of volunteers sent into service each year was 30 more than in the years prior to the Campaign. This growth has only been made possible through generous individuals, congregations and synods who support this program and the faithful young adults who answer God's call to service. And with approximately 35% of YAGM alumni entering seminary, it's also a strategic and timely investment.

Among the 80 newly called YAGM volunteers, two of them have named a congregation, campus ministry, ELCA camp or ELCA college/university as a faith home within the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin. They are:



Rachel Perkins



John Baynton

Rachel Perkins - Faith Lutheran Church in Janesville. She will be serving in Southern Africa, and **John Baynton** - InterVarsity Christian Fellowship in Madison, Luther Memorial in Madison and Blackhawk Church in Madison.

The YAGM volunteers will be sent to serve in 14 countries in 11 country programs alongside our companions in Argentina/Uruguay, Australia, Cambodia, Central Europe (Hungary & Serbia), Jerusalem/West Bank, Madagascar, Mexico, Rwanda, Senegal, Southern Africa and the United Kingdom. Young adults serve in a variety of areas including congregational ministry, human rights work, development projects, healthcare, education and youth work. A year of service through the YAGM program helps young adults to think more critically about their

own identity, God's work in the world, and their place within it all.

Watch What Matters for more updates on these two young adults and their journey. We will be publishing links to their blogs and newsletters when they become available. For now, please keep them in your prayers and thank you for the support that your mission support provides these young disciples. Your offerings and prayers are greatly appreciated!

God's blessings to you Rachel and John! We will be walking wet with you!

Visit the ELCA website for more information on the [ELCA's Young Adults in Global Ministry program](#).

Might your son or daughter be ready for this opportunity?