Young Life At a glance

- Founded in 1941.
- Nearly 7,800 ministries in over 100 countries.
- Involved in the lives of more than 2.4 million kids annually.
- Over 180,000 kids attend a Young Life weekend or summer camp each year.
- Young Life has 37 resort-quality camps globally.
- Young Life is made up of over 72,000 volunteers and 4,400 staff serving around the world.
- 85 percent of annual expenses go to direct ministry and programs.
- Charity Navigator Four-Star Charity.

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Mission Statement

MISSION

Introducing adolescents to Jesus Christ and helping them grow in their faith.

VALUES

1. ***The Gospel*** — Living according to and communicating the whole gospel of Jesus Christ.
2. ***Scripture*** — Acting under the authority of Scripture and relying on the Holy Spirit to empower our ministry.
3. ***All Kids*** — Reaching adolescents of every ability and all economic, cultural and ethnic backgrounds through innovative approaches.
4. ***Ecumenical*** — Collaborating with followers of Christ from various traditions and local churches worldwide.
5. ***Diversity*** — Welcoming those whom God calls to our mission — men and women of all ethnicities and abilities who are committed to the common purpose of introducing adolescents to Jesus Christ and helping them grow in their faith.
6. ***Health*** — Encouraging our staff and volunteers in their personal and spiritual health so we may minister out of a consistent and growing relationship with Christ and His followers.
7. ***Stewardship*** — Observing the highest standards of stewardship of all the resources placed in our trust.

METHODS

1. Praying for young people.
2. Going where kids are and building personal relationships with them.
3. Earning the right to share the good news of Jesus Christ.
4. Providing fun, adventurous, life-changing and skill-building experiences.
5. Inviting kids to personally respond to the good news and walking in friendship with them regardless of their response.
6. Preparing kids for a lifelong relationship with Christ and a love for His Word, His mission and the local church.
7. Working in community alongside like-minded adults (volunteer leaders, committee members, donors and staff).

Statement of Faith

PREAMBLE

We the members of the Young Life mission — trustees, staff, instructors at Young Life schools and volunteers — join together in our affirmation of the following articles and our central purpose of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ and introducing adolescents everywhere to Jesus Christ and helping them grow in their faith. *

ARTICLE I
The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments being given by divine inspiration, are the Word of God, the final and supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.

ARTICLE II
In the Scriptures, God reveals Himself as the living and true God, Creator of all things. Perfect in love and righteous in all His ways, this one God exists eternally as a Trinity of persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

ARTICLE III
God made man and woman in His image that He might have fellowship with us. Being estranged from God by our disobedience, we are, as sinful people, incapable of a right relationship with God apart from divine grace.

ARTICLE IV
The only mediator between God and all human beings is Jesus Christ our Lord, God's eternal Son, who as man fully shared and fulfilled our humanity in a life of perfect obedience.

ARTICLE V
By His death in our place, Jesus revealed His divine love and upheld divine justice, removing our guilt and reconciling us to God. Having risen bodily from the dead and ascended into heaven, He rules as Lord over all and intercedes for us as our great high priest.

ARTICLE VI
The Holy Spirit, through the proclamation of the gospel, renews our hearts, persuading us to repent of our sins and confess Jesus as Lord. By the same Spirit, we are led to trust in divine mercy, whereby we are forgiven all our sins, justified by faith through the merit of Christ our Savior, adopted into God's family as His children, and enabled so to live in the world that all people may see our good works and the gospel of grace at work in our lives, and glorify our Father who is in heaven.

ARTICLE VII
God, by His Word and Spirit, calls us as sinful people into the fellowship of Christ's body. Thus He creates the one holy, catholic and apostolic church, united in the bonds of love, endowed with the gifts of the Spirit and summoned by Christ to preach the gospel and to administer the sacraments, to carry on the ministry of reconciliation, to relieve human need and to strive for social justice.

ARTICLE VIII
God's redemptive purpose will be consummated by the return of Christ to raise the dead, judge all people and establish His glorious Kingdom. Those who are apart from Christ shall be eternally separated from God's presence, but the redeemed shall live and reign with Him forever.

** from Young Life Bylaws, Article IX*