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Youth & Young Adult Ministries  
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America  
Office of Camping Ministries

GREEK ORTHODOX  
ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA  
National Philoptochos Conference  
June 30 - July 4, 2024  
San Diego, CA

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY  
Eva Konstantakos  
National Y2AM Director



## MISSION AND VISION OF Y2AM

The mission of Y2AM is to help ministry workers introduce young people to Jesus Christ so they can live out their relationship with the Lord and His Church on a daily basis.

The National Y2AM Department strives to accomplish this mission in several ways:

- Parish Ministry Support and Youth Worker Training
- Archdiocesan Camping Ministries Support
- National YAL Ministry Support
- GOA Cross-Department Collaboration
- Cross-Jurisdictional Collaboration



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**The National Y2AM Department is pleased to announce the expansion of its Departmental team with the following individuals:**

**EVA KONSTANTAKOS**

National Y2AM Director

**CHRIS KATERINAKIS**

Y2AM Communications Coordinator

**GEORGE MILLER**

Y2AM Resource Coordinator

**ALEXIS PAPPAS**

ECM Cohort Director



**EVA KONSTANTAKOS**

*National Y2AM Director*



**CHRIS KATERINAKIS**

*Communications Coordinator*



**GEORGE MILLER**

*Resource Coordinator*



**ALEXIS PAPPAS**

*National Y2AM Director*

## RESOURCE AND COMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENT

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With the addition of two new staff members, the Y2AM Department is actively engaged in the following projects so it can provide the necessary youth and young adult ministry support to clergy and lay ministry leaders.



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### Resource Development

- Be the Bee Worksheets
- Camping Ministries Curriculum
- GOYA Ministry Plan
- Development of new Be the Bee video series (in progress)



### Communications Development

- Y2AM Email Newsletter
- Increased Social Media
  - Reset Mondays
  - Mountaintop Wednesdays
  - Frequently-Asked Fridays



# NATIONAL YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

## NATIONAL YAL CONFERENCE

- The 2024 Conference is under the leadership of George Anagnostopoulos (National YAL Conference Chair), Hon. Steven and Stacia Counelis (Conference Advisors), His Grace Bishop Nektarios of Diokleia (Conference Spiritual Advisor), and Eva Konstantakos (National Y2AM Director).
- Key partnerships have been established to deepen the connections between ministries and organizations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.
  - National Philoptochos
  - Leadership 100
  - HCHC



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JULY 3-7, 2024



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## OBJECTIVES

ENHANCE COMMUNICATION AND  
COLLABORATION ACROSS OUR  
DISTRICTS/METROPOLISES FOR YOUNG  
ADULT MINISTRY

SUPPORT EXISTING METROPOLIS  
AND REGIONAL YAL MINISTRIES

PLAN AND EXECUTE THE NATIONAL  
YAL CONFERENCE EVERY TWO YEARS  
(NEXT CONFERENCE - 2026)

DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT  
ADDITIONAL NATIONAL YAL  
INITIATIVES

**\*NEW\***

**NATIONAL  
YOUNG ADULT  
LEAGUE (YAL)  
BOARD**



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## 2024-2026 NATIONAL YAL BOARD MEMBERS

**ARCHDIOCESAN DISTRICT**  
Arianna Firpo

**ARCHDIOCESAN DISTRICT**  
Ariel Livanos

**ATLANTA**  
Nicolas Keenan

**ATLANTA**  
Marika Missailidis

**BOSTON**  
Stephan Maranian

**BOSTON**  
Elaina Stamas

**CHICAGO**  
Evalina Bournias

**CHICAGO**  
Tia Kotsiopoulos

**DENVER**  
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**DENVER**  
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**DETROIT**  
Lenie Tsakonas

**DETROIT**  
Grant Vlahopoulos

**NEW JERSEY**  
Pennie Papamichael

**NEW JERSEY**  
Panos Skoutelas

**PITTSBURGH**  
Lucas Carroll

**PITTSBURGH**  
Natalia Kellamis

**SAN FRANCISCO**  
Joseph Dumont

**SAN FRANCISCO**  
Eva-Marie Kailas

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**National Conference Chair**  
George Anagnostopoulos

## GOA CAMPING MINISTRIES - UNITY AND COLLABORATION

The Archdiocese is blessed with 21 incredible Metropolis and parish camping ministries throughout the country, annually serving over 4600 campers. Orthodox Christian camping ministries are unique, Christ-centered communities for youth that provide a nurturing environment for spiritual growth and transformation. These camps are truly a spiritual “home away from home” for campers and the staff who serve them.



In addition, the National Y2AM Department has developed a **Camping Ministries Mental Health Guide** with the invaluable assistance of the following individuals:

- Christy Buck (Mental Health Foundation of West Michigan)
- Juliana Leondis (BS in Clinical Psychology)
- Yianna Papadeas (BS in Psychology and Nursing)



## CAMPING MINISTRIES - SCHOLARSHIPS AND SUPPORT



**The Archbishop Elpidophoros Camping Scholarship Fund** was established as part of the 2023 NAMEDAY Gala for His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros to provide current funds for needs-based camping scholarships for the summer of 2024 and to establish an initial fund functioning as an Endowment of \$120,000 for the future of camping scholarships that is anticipated to be added to through future fundraising events.



**The Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Fund** continues to provide essential support the ongoing work of the Archdiocesan Camping Ministries through the Camping Ministries Grant. This grant provides \$30,000 in assistance per Metropolis for scholarships and other programmatic support.

OFFICIAL MINISTRY TRAINING PROGRAM OF THE Y2AM DEPARTMENT



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**Effective Christian Ministry (ECM)** combines the timeless wisdom of the Church with current research on faith formation to equip people to identify the 5 needs in the lives of young people, address the 5 challenges they face today, and implement the 5 practices that help to form faithful Orthodox Christians. ECM provides multiple levels of training for anyone who wants to lead young people to Christ – including ministry leaders, parents, clergy, youth workers, and teachers.



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## ECM ONLINE COURSE

## LEVEL 1

**A self-paced series of video lessons (5+ hours) for anyone who wants to help lead young people to Christ. The ECM online course includes: 13 comprehensive lessons with workbooks, exclusive access to our Facebook group, and priority access to upcoming seminars and training opportunities.**



## ECM COHORT PROGRAM

## LEVEL 2

**A 9-month intensive process for parish Teams that involves written reflections, applied projects, team building, and ministry planning. Teams join a supportive learning community designed for parishes that have completed the online course and want to further guidance in applying the practices and principles of Effective Christian Ministry.**

## GOALS

- Increase number of learners having completed the ECM Level 1 Online Course
- Secure representation from EACH Metropolis in the ECM Level 2 Cohort in 2025-2026



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