

EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY (EYC)

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EYC again kicked off the year with participation in 48: A Slum Experience--a simulated third world village that puts youth and adults in the role of the most impoverished world citizens for 48 hours. This year, four youth and two adults participated. While it was physically and mentally difficult, the youth came back with what will likely be a lifelong empathy for those in true need for the basic necessities of life.

This year, the EYC budget was \$3,000. The bulk of those funds were spent on activities, food, gas, and supplies. We have also used funds for clothing for an underprivileged child's Christmas needs, a booth for t-shirt sales at Annual Council, participation in a parish-wide event, a self-defense course, and a team building event.

In the fall, the vestry approved a mission trip during 2016 for the youth. We will participate in DOOR Network-Atlanta (<http://www.doornetwork.org/atlanta/>). The kids have been fundraising this year and will continue to work towards their goals in 2016. The theme of the weeklong event is Bread for the Journey and the kids will partner with area agencies by serving people who may be mentally disabled and/or struggling with homelessness, helping recent immigrants transition into a home, working on an urban foodshare farm, or preparing food in a food kitchen. Dates for the trip will be May 22-27, 2016 and youth sponsorships or donations will be welcome.

EYC appreciates the ministry of the vestry and staff along with the support of the congregation. We recognize and sincerely thank you all for your part in helping us support and love each other and work to be the hands and feet of Jesus in the world.