

The Anglican Church of Luxembourg Youth Group Report – 2013

The Youth Group began in September, looking to meet a need that had been identified. As we considered what form the group should take we established two clear aims:

The first is to provide a place for teenagers to meet with each other and make friends. Jesus came so that we might live life to the full. There is a very serious side to the message Jesus has given us, but he also wants us to be a people who can have a lot of fun at the same time.

The second aim comes from understanding how Jesus lived and how this helps us explore the big issues of life and faith: How is the Bible relevant to us today? What does it look like to live out our faith in practice? How do we handle the tougher questions both life and our faith throw at us? How does our faith intersect with the culture(s) in which we find ourselves?

These aims are centred on simple, yet profound words: “I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.” We are all invited to have life to the full. This means appreciating and enjoying life, wrestling with the big issues and discovering more about who we are and what we might become together.

Some of the ways we have so far done this are:

- Meeting in the Hotel Parc Bellevue. This has turned out to be an excellent venue with excellent drinks and pastries.
- Discussion on some important life issues: the environment, war and peace, human nature and the existence of evil in the world.
- Breakfast and video meeting using zombie theology to better explore our humanity and understand who we are.
- Social outing, including lunch, a visit to the Chocolate House and then the Christmas market.
- Two charity projects: shoeboxes for orphans in Moldova and Handi’chiens, dogs for the handicapped in Luxembourg.

Through these events the Youth Group has begun to develop as a group, not simply a collection of individuals. Looking ahead we will be extending what we do to 3 Sundays per month, meeting on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays of each month.

Finally, we would like to say a big thank you to the parents of our Youth Group members for being so supportive of this new initiative.

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