

## Youth Listening Task Force Report – Synod Assembly 2024

From Synod Assembly Resolution on Children and Vulnerable Youth 2023-5:

"RESOLVED, That the Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly direct the Greater Milwaukee Synod Council to form a task force to organize one or more listening sessions with the youth of this Synod to hear the issues facing them and consider actions the Synod could take in support of their needs, that this task force would report back to the Synod Council with recommended actions, that the task force be provided funds from the Cross Generational Programs line in the synod budget, and that this task force would prepare a report for the 2024 Synod Assembly."

The members of this group include:

Pastor Steve Bogie, St. Luke, Waukesha

Laura Coleman, Christ the King, Port Washington

Pastor Myron Crawford, Prince of Peace,  
Milwaukee

Tom Ertel, Mt. Zion, Wauwatosa

LaQuon Johnson, Hephatha, Milwaukee

Yolanda Lewis, Mt. Pleasant, Racine

LaResha Love, Hephatha, Milwaukee

Alyssa Olson, Trinity, South Milwaukee

Pastor Tyler Rasmussen, Mt. Zion, Wauwatosa

Pastor Rachel Young-Binter, Lutheran Campus  
Ministry at UW Milwaukee

Lisa Miller, Redeemer, Milwaukee

The task force has met twice and has developed open-ended questions we will be using on our listening tour. The questions will fit the three age groups we will be bringing together: 13 to 18 age group, 18 to 22 age group and we are considering the 22 to 35 age group. If churches would like us to come to their community to work with active groups within these age groups, please contact Laura Coleman at 906-290-1544 or lauracoleman49@hotmail.com. In some communities this will include individuals outside of the ELCA umbrella which will expand our research base and give us great insights.

The task force plans on engaging 13- to 18-year-olds and 18- to 22-year-olds in the fall due to summer camps and family vacations in the summer. We may start the 22- to 35-year-olds in the summer. There are some concerns we might be going too far by going into the 22 to 35 age group so this will be discussed again in upcoming meetings.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Coleman, chair