



# Covenant Youth of Alaska

A relational outreach, discipleship and leadership ministry for Alaska youth and young adults



# **Connecting With Youth For Life** =

#### Val Thomas Shares Her Journey From Student to Board Member

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"One of the many reasons that I love and support the ministry of Covenant Youth of Alaska is the continuum of discipleship care. I love that CYAK supports and encourages youth in many ways throughout their lives.

A friend invited me to church and I started regularly attending the youth group and Sunday services at the Covenant church in Bethel where I was born and raised. I was the only one in my family to attend church

where the youth group and youth workers became my second family.

CYAK and the local church gave me

opportunities to know God, understand my identify, and to start the journey of loving myself as God made me. These events included Bible camp, mission trips, youth gatherings and leadership experiences.

After high school, I continued engaging by attending CYAK college retreats. CYAK continues to expand ministry to college students through Aarigaa residence housing and ministry internships.

These are great spaces to learn about
God, meet other believers, and continue
building community.

This summer Bethel Covenant Church hosted 2 local interns. I love seeing youth find opportunities to grow and for the church to disciple young people in Alaska.

Following my college years, I remained connected to the CYAK network. It was and still is a big part of my community. For

example, I served at Covenant Bible Camp as a camp counselor. Opportunities like these, to serve and minister alongside

youth in Alaska show me the importance of outreach and discipleship.

Even now as an adult, CYAK encouraged me to stay engaged through serving on their board of directors. My time as a board member continues to challenge me to find my voice and grow in my development as a leader. Thank you so much for supporting this ministry."

## Ministry Highlights



Jr High Fall Blast
Students from Norton Sound
joined in Unalakleet to
"Elevate" one another.



Road System Retreat
High schoolers gathered to
remember the hope and light
in life's journey.



Quyana Tristin!
Director of Aarigaa FBX
Tristin Jackson is concluding
her time with CYAK.





#### JUNIOR HIGH FALL BLAST Unalakleet, AK

The theme for the retreat was "Elevate" - learning what it means to see one another as children of God, and encouraging each other to live into that identity.





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#### PRAYER PRAISES & REQUESTS

Sign up to receive monthly prayer updates, visit www.cyak.org.

**Praise:** For the way God meets those who are hurting. For a wonderful high school road system retreat.

For Tristin Jackson and for her service as Director of Aarigaa FBX.

**Prayer Request:** For mental health as the days get shorter.

That the light of Christ will be evident this season! For 2020 - that our hearts would be attuned to Christ.

Thank you for your faithful support of CYAK's ministry through prayer.

#### YEAR-END GIVING

### There is still time to give.

Consider making a year-end gift, either by using the enclosed envelope, or by visiting us online at:

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Your gift can make all the difference!

Quyana, thank you.



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