



We are challenging every Union to have at least one OYiM project each year. OYiM can be organized at any level – in a local church, Conference, Union or Division. It is enough to have two or more spirit-led young people who are ready to give their time for Jesus, and mentors who are willing to support them.

OYiM is one of the best ways to make youth your priority and your most important partners in mission. The Trans-European Division is happy to support you financially (through different mission funds) and to assist you in training the youth for mission.

For more information and help on how to organize OYiM projects, contact us at:  
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# ONE YEAR IN MISSION

*One Year in Mission (OYiM)* initiative seeks to send the teams of young people (18-35) to urban centres to serve the needs of others and make God known.

## By involving young people in OYiM you are:

- Deepening the interest and passion of our youth for mission
- Providing greater opportunities for our youth to directly engage in leadership, decision-making and long-term mission
- Leading them to develop a service mentality – readiness to be available to God
- Helping them to experience true fellowship, spiritual growth and high-quality training

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## **DURING ONE YEAR IN MISSION, THE YOUTH WILL EXPERIENCE:**



### ***True fellowship***

Living in a Christian community involves more than just sharing a room or eating together. It involves getting to know each other better and developing a sense of belonging to the family. It gives you an opportunity to put into practice the biblical mandate of love - to pray for each other, to encourage one another, to serve and support each other. During this year, youth will have the opportunity to take part: in corporate worships; in eating together; in classroom discussions; in joint daily activities and in united service to others. Everyone will strive to develop the best possible relationships with other members of the team.

### ***Mission and Service***

Ellen G. White wrote: "The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, "Follow Me.'" (Ministry of Healing pg.143). In the same way, the youth will try to connect with people in the local community and gradually develop true friendships with them. The next step is to serve their needs motivated by empathy and in that way to win their confidence. Finally, out of love for them, youth will invite them to follow Jesus, because this is their greatest need. During the mission activities the leaders will take into consideration gifts, interests and ideas of all youth and encourage team-work with local churches.

### ***Personal growth***

Besides involving the youth in action, every aspect of the project is intended to foster the spiritual growth and help the youth to develop completely equipped for mission and service. A daily timetable will ensure that the best time is spent in personal prayer and Bible study. Individual coaching sessions with mentors will give opportunity for everybody to be heard, supported and encouraged in their relationship with Jesus.

Every member of the team will be stirred not only to develop a deeper relationship with Jesus, but also to grow personally and professionally including working habits, reliability, perseverance and team skills.

### ***High-quality training***

In addition to the practical aspect, the emphasis is on high-quality training. Each OYiM project should provide training on youth outreach and youth spirituality:

*Youth Outreach (Mission and Service).* Foundations of youth outreach; Creative and innovative approaches; Social media in mission; Compassion and community service; Health evangelism; Youth ministry as mission; Public evangelism and lay preaching etc.

*Youth Spirituality (Faith and Life).* Biblical spirituality; Adventist identity; Big life questions; Understanding the Bible; Christian lifestyle & youth issues; Servant leadership; Healthy church for healthy outreach etc.

