

Mighty Rasing 1

GYPC 2018! Johannesburg South Africa

This is an exciting event

it is amazing to see a lot of young people from all over the world just coming together, eating together, having conversations together and sharing stories about their faith, their leadership development coming from their own setting.

There are around forty countries represented in this event and it is such a tapestry of language, cultures and expressions of worship and just looking and watching and being in worship with these Young People is phenomenal.

Mike Ratliff

There have been many people who have helped make this happen.

A number of people across the church including our Council of Bishops helped raise the money for scholarships that will allow broad participation in the event.

A planning team has been in place for well over a year working together in every aspect of the event to prepare and now to lead that event.

There are volunteers, a big volunteer team from South Africa and Mozambique, who have been at the airport, they have been here helping people finding their way they have been singing and dancing for us and gave us wonderful gifts yesterday.

Our Bishops who have been a part of this event,
have provided the kind of episcopal advice
that helps us to be able to move
down the road with the plans that we have.
Our translators, have worked day and night
to assure that people are able to understand
everything that is happening during the event.
There are many more that I haven't named
and yet it really is a true global gathering
of people both planning
and actually living out this event.

Constitution Hill

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We are here at GYPC 2018!
It has been amazing so far
we are in some of Mandela's exhibit
and we are learning more about South Africa
and what really made the present South Africa now
so it is a blessing and I am thankful

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It is very powerful!
There is a lot of emotion tied into
just being able to see some of the movements that went on here
with the different leaders that we know and love

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Christian Madsen

When I have been here

I am so happy because it is just fantastic to meet a lot of Methodists
and to meet people that have the same thoughts
have the same feelings that I have for Jesus and for the church
And it is fantastic to meet people around the world
and yeah I am just so amazed of it.

Di Ann Sanidad

This is what I've learned in this convocation
is that if you love much, you will care much
and if you will care much, you will hurt much.
And that is the same thing that is going on in our church today
that when we say we love the church,
we love the people, we love God
then we care so much about the church, we care so much about the people
and all these issues that is going through in our church
and if that is the case, then we might as well participate more
take part in the healing of the church.

Junius Dotson

This gathering is by far the most diverse gathering of young people
of anywhere around our denomination.
Over forty countries represented, more than six languages,
it is a picture of the church that God intended.
Secondly I would say that this convocation is full of energy
Young People sharing their faith
Young People who are excited about Jesus
and who are excited about their futures
reminds me of the text from Second Timothy
where this kind of event fans the flames of their spiritual gifts

This is the type of event that ignites their faith
but also ignites their passion for leadership.
The third thing about this convocation is that it is full of hope.
If you ever wonder about the future of our church,
trust me, it is going to be all well
because these young people, they believe in Jesus
but they also believe in a vibrant vibrant future
for the people called Methodists.

Courtney McGuire

I feel like the worship experience here has been phenomenal.
I don't think I have ever gotten to worship
with so many languages being used in and out.
English has always been something that I have been surrounded by
and to finally have a chance to worship in Portuguese or in Russian
or in German, it is truly inspiring to see that our Lord
can make so many wonderful things
and there are so many wonderful ways to praise Him
and so worship has been fully met.
My expectations for that have been probably exceeded at this point.

Makasa Felix

French

Nous en tant que Leaders
nous devons prendre des décisions
venant de la hiérarchie soit de haut niveau,
soit de les ramener dans les régions épiscopales

et tout ça pour renforcer la capacité des jeunes dans les régions épiscopales
Ça nous aider même de mettre en sécurité les jeunes
et ça nous amène à les encourager et les promouvoir".

English

We as leaders of young people
We need to make high-level decisions
and bring them back to our local episcopal regions
and all that just to empower young people's capacity in our local churches
This will also bring security to our young people
and this also can help us just to promote them.

Mighty Rasing 2

Another thing that really gets me excited for the GYPC
is the ability for young people to come together
the opportunity to come together and
to talk about different issues and challenges
that they are facing from their own setting
and hopefully through the legislation process
these voices will be heard at the General Conference of the United Methodist Church