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ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Report for: Youth of Ethical Societies (YES)

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Please provide brief updates on the following areas of your Committee that occurred or developed during 2020:

Committee's Mission/Purpose: To provide an annual teen conference for teens (grade 9-12) across the Ethical Culture Movement

Programs/Projects: After several planning meetings with YES officers and youth group advisors, the YES planning committee held a successful online conference in March 2021. We were able to keep many of the favorite, traditional activities and incorporating digital materials, actually made some aspects smoother. Our theme for YES 2021 was "Public Education in America" and our conference was completely teen-led. We had 28 teens in attendance and several of our dedicated youth group advisors also attended.

Goals for 2021: After the success of the 2021 YES conference, the teens decided that the format would enable us to hold a second, smaller conference in the Fall. In-person is still the preference for our main conference, but we want to take advantage of the inexpensive opportunity to maintain relationships and build interest in YES.

The teens will also be hosting the May 16, 2021, All-Society Platform.

Our new slate of officers for 2022 and our enthusiastic planning committee will be planning both our online Fall mini-conference (2021) and our Spring YES (March 2022, in New York).