



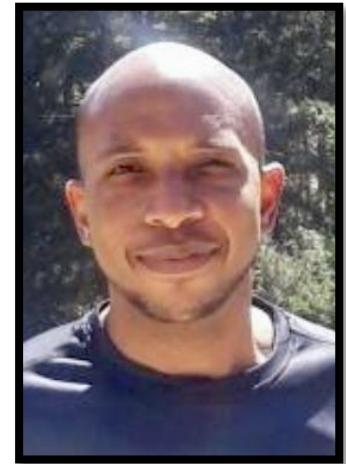
THE PINE SEED

CCSM Family Connections

July 2018

NEW YOUTH MINISTER: THOMAS DELOACH

Finally, after following almost twenty leads and doing over a dozen interviews, CYF found the ideal person to lead our youth ministry and develop a stronger high school program based on spiritual leadership development. Thomas is a collaborative team player and accomplished leader who strongly believes in empowering others to realize their potential. Before Thomas left Tesla to begin his own consulting company, he worked with twelve- through 20-year-olds at two churches for eight years. He describes himself as logical, organized, and skilled in recognizing and cultivating other's personal strengths. Bonus: his dad was a pastor, he is proficient at time management and meeting deadlines, and he can speak Southern if necessary!



NEW WEDNESDAY COORDINATOR OF CHILDREN

Alex Valencia was discovered when we searched for a youth director. For two years after her move to San Bruno, she helped supervise children, assisted with homework, organized activities, and taught the children how to be better team players. Now she serves as a full-time residential counselor at StarVista, interacting daily with the youth and handling crisis situations in the residence and with families. Last month she began offering programs for our children who attend the Wednesday Gathering.

Bonus: She is bicultural/bilingual, great fun, and an EMT!

MID-HIGH OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday mornings the mid-highers get to TRAVEL THE WORLD, as they hear coming of age stories from CCSM members who grew up in other countries. Already Ramil and Michelle Oberes-Padre took them to the Philippines, and Javier Ruiz talked about growing up in Guatemala. Except for first Sundays (when the mid-high stay in church), don't miss:

- July 8 Valerie Leung and Haywood Cooper, China
- July 15 Mauricio Palma, Nicaragua
- July 22 Manny Boigues, Puerto Rico
- July 29 Sarah Iya, United Kingdom
- Aug 12 TK Sen, Turkey
- Aug 17 Nora Espinoza, Costa Rico



SIXTY MINUTES and YOUTH GROUPS ON SUMMER BREAK

LAST CHANCE FOR CAMP CAZ !!!

Send an email to kibbie@ccsm-ucc.org quickly to save a spot at Camp Caz. Online registration has already closed! Scholarships are available!

July 8-14, *Caz Senior High Camp*

for entering 10-12 graders

July 15-21, *Caz Junior Camp* or entering 4-6 graders

July 22-28, *Caz Junior High Camp* for 7-9 graders



Yaoli and Marcy try to eat cream-filled Portuguese donuts in the dark (messy!)

WRYE service project to remove invasive plants ← on Oahu (muddy!)



Seventeen make it through airport security →



First slow venture ← Into the ocean

A GREAT ADVENTURE

Workshops, service projects, Pearl Harbor, new friendships, Polynesian Cultural Center, Missionary Houses and more! For years, our youth will be telling stories about their fascinating, fun trip to the UCC Western Regional Youth Event on Oahu. They represented us well; the worship service they led received a standing ovation! **Many thanks** to all of you who helped make this trip possible!



↑ Wiped-out chaperone



HELP !!! This summer the children will be bugs, as in Blessed Under God's Sky. For Children's Church, they'll go out to the labyrinth to connect with nature and God's little creatures. But, we need some help! Please go to [volunteer](#) to sign up to give 45 minutes of your time.