

# SUMMIT SPOTLIGHT

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## RYAC 2026 Theme GOD'S GREAT LOVE

On Thursday, February 12, 160 Young Adults met at Bethel URC in Calgary, AB for the 5th annual 2026 Reformed Young Adults Conference. Pastor Chad Vegas (Senior pastor of Sovereign Grace Church in Bakersfield, California) led three main sessions on 'God's Great Love' based on John 3:16. Session titles were, The Love of the Father in Sending, The Love of the Son in Giving, and The Love of the Spirit in Fellowship. For the fourth session, Pastor Vegas presented a powerful testimony of his transition from the Baptist 'world' to Reformed. (All sessions and group photos can be found here: [Young Adults 2026 | SUMMIT](#))

As in years past, the 2026 Conference drew attendees from many different towns and cities across Canada and the US. Ethan Barel won the prize for traveling the greatest distance: all the way from Atlanta, Georgia!

**Conference Feedback:** Attendees were asked to provide their Overall Impressions of the 2026 Conference. Responses ranged from Fabulous to Phenomenal. One young adult named Sarah shared these comments: *I really loved it. It was such a joy and blessing to be around people who were like minded. I made some friends, had really good conversations with people about faith matters and the singing was*

A first-time attendee wrote: "I loved it. It was my first time at a Summit conference. I had heard a lot about these conferences but was going in with no expectations. I loved the speaker, connections and fellowship with others of similar ages, as well as the singing and worship sessions..."

*amazing. It was such an encouragement to be in this kind of environment.*

**Conference Highlights:** Along with the singing and worship, attendees loved the Christian fellowship, the Friday Out-Day options (Laser Tag, Bowling, Activate, Banff Tour or Tubing on Mt Norquay). The Saturday Evening Square Dance is always a conference favorite as are the fresh baked Chocolate Chip Cookies from Costco!

**Looking Ahead:** For 2027, the Conference will be held on February 11-14. Pastor Chad Vegas may be available to return as a Main Speaker. More details will be announced in September/October 2026.

# Meet the Reformed Young Adult Conference Committee



**Members:** Mark Greidanus, Mark Mulder, John Pruijm, Rianna Teewissen, Julie Tinga, Jared Jongs, Jared Davis and Rev. Keith and Laura Davis.

The committee is made up of single, post high young adults. We meet by Video Call several times a year to plan the annual conferences. For 2026-27, we will be looking to add a few new members. **Qualifications:** You must love the Lord Jesus Christ, have a servant's heart, are willing to work hard, and like to have fun! 😊

## Summit Financial Update:

2026 Summit Fundraising Budget:

**\$196,960**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

2026 Reformed Youth Conference  
AUGUST 3-7

# COUNSELOR COMFORTER KEEPER

The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth.  
*John 14:16-17A (NIV)*

## REGISTRATION IS OPEN

for the August 3-7, 2026, Summit Youth Conference.

Dr. Alan Strange, Pastor John Bouwers and 13 other speakers will address the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit. Conference Title: **Counselor, Comforter, Keeper.**

## NEXT ISSUE:

We will focus on Summit Board Nominations, and What is a Supporting Church?