

# NEXT GENERATION REPORT

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### **Teens**

A lot of time this year has been spent experimenting with a variety of formulae and changes in order to find what worked best for everyone here, but also opened the doors to welcome in new people. One such change was to institute a two-week cycle of Friday night programs, catering to different age groups, which I will detail below:

### **Impact**

This is the program aimed at High school students and meets the first and third Fridays of the month. We had fairly consistent numbers of approximately 6-10 students but hope to grow this number during 2020. We will be keeping the program relaxed but with a definite focus on topical and theological discussion throughout the year. The teens have also started up their own weekly Bible study now to make sure they get the most out of Friday evening's discussions.

### **Drifters**

This is the program aimed at university students (but is open to the teens) and meets the second and fourth Fridays of the month. This program has only recently begun and as such is still very much in its infancy. Numbers were sporadic but at an event at the end of the year there were many new people who showed interest in joining for 2020.

### **Holiday club**

Holiday club was hosted here for the first time in years and was enjoyed by all involved. The program is run in conjunction with NG Helderberg and Coronation Methodist, who are both happy to see SWUC involved again. This year NG will likely be hosting the program, we have already started meeting to discuss it, and are also going to approach the Baptist and Life churches to see about possible collaborations.

### **Summer camp**

2019 saw the largest contingent of SWUC youth attending Summer Camp in years. We sent up 8 attendees and almost all have come back desiring to start attending discipleship classes.

### **School visits**

There were a lot of positives in the school visits this year. The groups at PV and Somerset Primary that attend both grew, and Danie Ackerman's group was consistently excited to question and learn about Theology. We also added Beaumont to the list of schools visited and this year hope to add Hottentots Holland as well.

### **Looking forward**

This year we will be instituting a Discipleship plan with the majority of the teens already interested in starting. We will also have confirmation classes available should any teens wish to make the next step in their journey.

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