

## YOUTH CONFERENCE INSIGHT

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YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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- May 12th
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Telling the story of Salvation



**DAY CAMP**



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EMMETSBURG  
Serving by Kiwanis  
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