



# AFLC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Investing For Eternity

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## FREE LUTHERAN YOUTH (FLY) 2019 AFLC National Youth Gathering



The Free Lutheran Youth Convention or FLY Convention® is the biennial conference for teenagers of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations (AFLC) as well as friends of those youths. The purpose of FLY is providing churches with a tool to win the lost, build the believer, and encourage student disciple-making in the local congregation.



FLY is held at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, CO. The week is devoted to sharing God's Word and connecting with God's people. FLY 2017 had over 1800 people for total attendance of teens and adults. Such strong attendance leads the FLY Committee to strategize the need for additional space in the coming 3 conventions. Additional rooms for housing will enable FLY to meet the growing interest from teens and congregations across the nation.

## FLY EXPANSION

In 2015, FLY found the attendance maximized every housing room available. Some adults even stayed off campus based on the space complications. The FLY Committee has contracted with the YMCA of the Rockies for two additional dormitories in 2017 and for every two years through 2027. This cost translates to a significant expense at the beginning of each FLY cycle. This piece would give the needed solution.



*“FLY is a very eye opening experience in learning about your faith and relationship with Christ.”*

*~ 16 Year-old Teen*

*“My take home? Trust in Jesus!”*

*~ 13 Year-old Teen*

“The speakers [were] all encouraging and challenging me to grow in my faith and make it the reason behind everything that I do. ...They helped open my eyes to the many people in my life I haven’t shared Christ with, and sparked a passion in my heart for the many souls around the world who haven’t heard the good news that Jesus died for them because of his amazing grace, unfailing love, and perfect justice.”



## FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Expand the reach of the FLY Convention through the expansion of the contract with YMCA of the Rockies.

The deposit for these two dormitories for use at FLY 2019 is \$16,000.00.