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## Exciting News in the Nith Valley Ministry Area!

The Nith Valley Ministry Area (NVMA) leadership team is pleased to announce that Heidi Van Schaik has been hired for the Youth Worker position in the ministry area.



*Heidi Van Schaik*

Heidi has a wealth of experience in youth ministry. She facilitated youth ministry at St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kitchener for 17 years, has participated in National Youth Gatherings, chaired two Synodical Youth Gatherings at Camp Edgewood, and co-facilitates Bridges Vacation Bible School, a multi-congregational joint VBS venture. Heidi's organizational and communication skills will be a real asset to building community, especially within the NVMA.

As Youth Worker, Heidi will be tasked with: organizing and facilitating monthly activities for the 14 congregations of the NVMA; introducing herself to the 14 congregations through parish visits; connecting with youth via social media; and working with congregations to support their ongoing individual youth ministry initiatives.

Heidi will begin her one-year contract on August 21<sup>st</sup>. Funding for this position comes from a Synod Mission Grant, further subsidized by NVMA congregations.

Please join the NVMA leadership team in welcoming Heidi to our ministry area!

Rev. Bonnie Schelter-Brown, Dean  
Nith Valley Ministry Area