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My name is Catherine Parler. I am coming to New Orleans from Washington, D.C., where I have been working for a year to create educational opportunities for children in Niger, West Africa. I grew up in Charleston, South Carolina, and attended James Island Presbyterian Church (JIPC). Because my mom works at JIPC, the church has played an integral role in shaping me. I attended Converse College, where I served as UKirk co-moderator and Second Presbyterian's Youth and Children's Ministry intern for four years.

My experiences in college and immediately following have inspired me to explore a life of ministry, service and advocacy. I am thrilled to be spending a year as a YAV in New

Orleans and I look forward to many life-changing, challenging and rewarding experiences!