

## **The impact of JUMP Summer Camp on the authentic Christian experience and personal growth of young people**

The topic of this thesis is the pastoral care of young people. Specifically, it looks at the pastoral methods used at Jump Christian Summer Camps. These camps have been held regularly for over twenty years, and over time the organizers have sought to respond to the needs of the youth so that the Good News can be effectively communicated to them, so that the youth can respond, and follow Jesus Christ in freedom. The work describes the pastoral methods used, comparing them with the teachings of the Church. It explores their compatibility with contemporary magisterium and provides a theological reflection on them. It goes on to examine whether these camps are really fulfilling their vision, whether they are helping young people to have an authentic Christian experience, and whether their camp experience is bringing about concrete spiritual and personal growth. Through longitudinal research, it looks at which pastoral methods most appeal to young people. The research also reveals in which areas young people experience growth at JUMP and the extent to which this growth is observable in the longer term.