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Ministry in Motion

Youth Ministry Workshop

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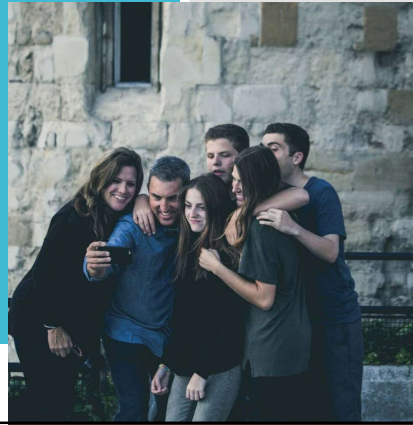
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Overview:

Youth ministers: community creators

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Exceptional Communication

Essential Tasks

Connect with other Youth Leaders

Vision and Values

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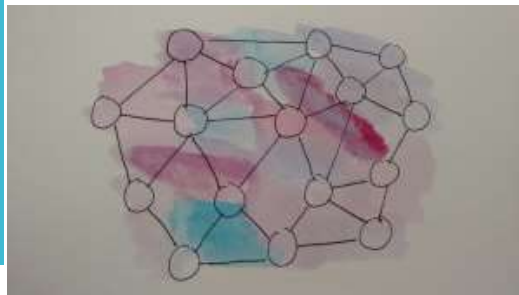
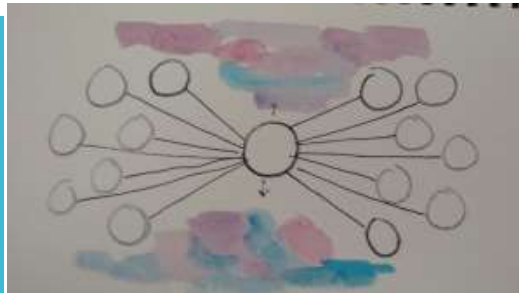
"The most effective congregations utilize a variety of program models in their faith formation efforts. The Exemplary Youth Ministry found that effective youth programming is characterized by the following factors:

- A Caring Environment
- Quality Relationships
- Focus on Jesus Christ
- Life Issues
- Well Organized

From Lifelong Faith Journal Collection: Best Practices in Adolescent Faith Formation

https://www.lifelongfaith.com/uploads/5/1/6/4/5164069/adolescent_faith_formation_-_lifelong_faith_journal.pdf

Bow Tie or
Network?



Getting started: Essential Tools

Sustainable Youth Ministry Key Documents:

- Directories
- Annual Events Calendar
- Job Description
- Recruiting List
- Curriculum Template
- Safety Policy
- Background Checks
- Birthday List
- Attendance List
- Lesson Planner



Directories:

- **Church Management Software Benefits:**
 - All data in one place
 - Ability to email/text groups and track opens
 - Record attendance
 - Online registration
 - Earn points with the Admin!
- **Other options:**
 - Spreadsheet
 - Email & Text service (Mail Chimp, Remind, etc.)
- **My Ministry Template Available at:**
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Tozmuma_W3MOjCCsH1VtLVLEkl5a_daz44bXl53R9QE/edit?usp=sharing

Calendar:



- Yearly Calendar by min-August – Online and on paper
 - Vacations
 - School Schedules (Prom, Homecoming, Theater, Breaks)
 - High Attendance Times
- Calendar with Colleagues
 - Your church staff
 - Area colleagues
- Recommended Resource: Plan It by Peer Ministry: <https://peerministry.org/plan-it/>

Lesson Planning:

2018-2019 Lesson Planning Calendar - Lectionary Year B-C

Month	Themes, Materials, Worship Notes	Week 1 - August 5	Week 2 August 12	Week 3 - August 19	Week 4 August 26	Week 5
August	Special Events					
	Worship Reading					
	Psalm					
	4-5					
	JH/HS					
September	Youth Group					
	Special Events	September 2	September 9	September 16	September 23	September 30
	Worship Reading					
	Psalm					
	4-5					
	JH/HS					
	Youth Group					

Lesson Planning Template:

<https://christinevhides.com/2018/05/19/free-2018-2019-planning-calendar/>

Communication Schedules

Day	Content	Streams
Monday	Sunday Follow Up Story Upcoming Events	Blog Post shared on social media, Email, Bulletin
Tuesday	Prayer of the Week	Instagram, Facebook
Wednesday	All church devotional	Email, Social Media
Thursday	Youth Group Reminders	Scheduled Texts

Exceptional Communication: Tools

- Remind
- Canva
- Boomerang for Gmail
- MailChimp
- Church Management Software
- Communications Template

EssentialTasks

Weekly:

Communications
Lesson plans to leaders
Tidy youth lounge
Pray the list

Monthly:

Lesson Planning:
Ministry Team Meetings
Touch bases with students

Quarterly:

Seasonal Materials (Advent, Lent, Summer)
College Student Invites and Outreach
Attend Student Activities

Yearly:

Registration Forms
Calendar
Retreat and Mission Trip Contracts
Scholarship Links
Leader Training



Vision and Values

Youth look for the church to show them something. Someone, capable of turning their lives inside out and the world upside down. Most of the time we have offered them pizza. We are painfully aware that we have sold them short. —

Kenda Creasy Dean, Ron Foster, *The Godbearing Life*



Get Connected!



Facebook Groups:

21st Century Sunday School
Progressive Youth Ministry
CEF Northern IL
NIC-North Youth Ministry

Denominational Network Groups

CEF (United Methodist)
APCE (Presbyterian)
Forma (Episcopal)

In person

Books:

Almost Christian – Kenda Creasy Dean

Sustainable Youth Ministry – Mark DeVries

Organic Student Ministry – Stephen Ingram

Starting Right: Thinking Theologically About Youth Ministry-
Kenda Creasy Dean and Chap Clark

*Book, Bath, Table, and Time: Christian Worship as Source and
Resource for Youth Ministry* (Youth Ministry Alternatives) -by Fred P
Edie

Small(er) Church Youth Ministry – Brad Fiscus



Staying Connected

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- Other Webinars:
 - [Youth Ministry 15 Minutes at a Time](#)
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