



Resources for Youth Ministry

INUMC Ministry with Youth Websites

www.youthministryconnection.org - Connection and resources for all in ministry with youth in the UMC in Indiana.

www.inumcyouth.org - Information on conference, district, cluster and church events of the UMC in Indiana.

www.beacamper.com - Information on Indiana UMC Camping Ministries.

Websites and Blogs for Ideas and Connection

<http://www.gbod.org/youngpeople/worker/default.html> - General Board of Discipleship site for youth ministry.

www.rethinkingyouthministry.com - a site of two youth workers in the Christian Church sharing ideas and their creative thoughts on youth ministry.

www.studentministry.org - A youth worker who provides his thoughts and ideas for free and has both large and small church youth ministry experience.

www.thejournalofstudentministries.com - An education style journal with articles on youth culture and working with youth. (Offers email updates.)

www.youthworkermovement.org - A network of youth workers, many with United Methodist ties. This network was created by Rev. Terry Carty who used to work for the General Board.

www.smallchurchofministry.com - Blog of Stephanie Caro designed for small church youth ministry leaders.

www.youthworkerjournal.com - Youth ministry resources, lessons, and games.

www.youthspecialties.com - Curriculum, articles from youth ministry veterans, and online tips for youth ministry. (Offers email updates and newsletters.)

www.echothestory.com - A site with excellent resources and tools (free) for teaching the stories of the Bible.

www.immersejournal.com - The publishing site of Barefoot Ministries, providing theological reflection on youth ministry.

www.cpyu.org - The Center for Parent/Youth Understanding provides resources for understanding ministry with a focus on the family.

Communication Tools

www.txtsignal.com – A way to send mass text messages to your youth for \$10 per month.

www.constantcontact.com – An email tool that allows you to send creative e-newsletters. (About \$15/month)

www.surveymonkey.com – An online survey tool that can be used to gather information from young people in your community. (Some surveys are free.)

Christian Music Connections

www.worshiptogether.com – A site that is designed to share the latest in worship and praise music. Includes free sheet music downloads.

www.hearitfirst.com - This site promotes new Christian music artists and new releases of Christian albums. Email updates are available that include links to free downloads of new Christian artists and their music.

Books for Getting Started

Think Orange – Reggie Joiner

The Godbearing Life – Kenda Creasy Dean and Ron Foster

Your First Two Years in Youth Ministry – Doug Fields

Sustainable Youth Ministry – Mark Devries

Books for Deeper Understanding

Engaging the Soul of Youth Culture – Walt Mueller

Revisiting Relational Youth Ministry – Dr. Andrew Root

Hurt: Inside the World of Today's Teenagers – Chap Clark

Contemplative Youth Ministry – Mark Yaconelli

Soul Searching: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers – Christian Smith

Resource Books

Deepening Youth Spirituality – Walt Marcum

Imaginative Prayer for Youth Ministry – Jeannie Oestreicher & Larry Warner

Shaped by the Story – Michael Novelli