

Youth Breezes

Summer 2006

CALENDAR

September 27

See You At The Pole – Youth Rally at Family Worship Center with speaker David Burke

September 29

Equipped to Serve Youth: Youth Ministry Resources and Connections: Introduction to Convention – Rachel Swartzendruber

October 27-29

Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series at Hesston College

November 4

Youth Leaders Discovery Day 8-12:30 with speaker Darrell Pearson, YM Prof. Eastern University

November 10-11

Fall Conference Assembly

November 17-19

FMC/EDC Youth Leadership Retreat at Spruce Lake

November 30 – Dec 4

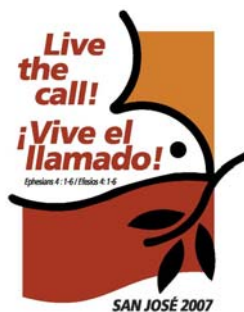
National Youth Workers Convention in Charlotte

March 23, 2007

Jr. High Lock-In

“Live the Call!”

What does it mean to live the call? The church has a rich history and powerful stories of persons who have modeled God’s call in their lives. Many of these brothers and sisters helped to change communities and beyond. What does it look like to live out the call in such a time as this? Think about what could happen if Mennonite young people would “live a life worth their calling.” Could it be that within a faith community youth could be challenged to live a passionate life which could help change our communities and the world?



The challenge is coming, as plans are well underway for the next bi-annual youth convention, which will be held in San Jose, California! Our hosts will be members of Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference. They are excited that convention finally was chosen to be on the west coast. The theme for youth and adults emerged a few months ago as the general planning team gathered to begin the yearlong task of planning. Live the Call! ¡Vive la llamada! comes from the book of Ephesians.

I have been privileged once again to be a part of the worship planning team that has been meeting in San Jose. Our time planning time together is filled with singing, praying and reading the book of Ephesians over and over again. This focused time creates a way for emerging ideas for daily worship themes, drama, music and speakers.

As I have listened to youth and adults share their faith stories over the years, many times a youth convention experience has helped to shape the faith of a youth. Conventions continue to be a place where youth and adults gather for five days in order to participate in inspiring worship, service to others, and building relationships with other Mennonites from all over the United States and Canada.

Registration costs are similar to the last convention; airfare is continually fluctuating and will likely increase the cost of attending. Keep in mind: persons from the west coast have had an increased cost in traveling east. We are hoping that attendance from the east will be strong, sending the message that we appreciate our brothers and sisters in the west and are willing to support them as hosts.

Begin planning now so your group can attend this life-changing event!

Marlene

San Jose
July 2-7, 2007

Ephesians 4:1-6

“Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. Be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. Always keep yourselves united in the Holy Spirit, and bind yourselves together with peace. We are all one body, we have the same Spirit, and we have all been called to the same glorious future. There is only one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and there is only one God and Father, who is over us all and in us all and living through us all.”

Costs

Adult Registration: \$175

Youth/Sponsor Registration: \$175

Discounted Sponsor Registration: \$125

Meals: \$167

Hotels: \$79 to \$89 per room per night

Attention: FMC Youth Leaders

Continue to keep me informed of upcoming youth Sundays or events that I could attend. I am open to helping with youth ministry needs and concerns that develop in congregations. I would also appreciate if you could keep me informed of sponsor changes so everyone involved in youth ministry can receive mailings.

Please note my new email address:
mfrankenfield@franconiaconference.org
~Marlene

Every Teenager's Secret Desire

If you were choosing a church, how important would the following things be?

1. A welcoming atmosphere where you can be yourself – 73%
2. Quality relationships with teenagers- 70%
3. A senior pastor who understands and loves teenagers-59%
4. Interesting preaching that tackles key questions – 53%
5. Spiritual growth experiences that actively involve you – 51%
6. Fun Activities – 51%
7. Engaging music and worship – 50%
8. Quality relationships with adults-36%
9. Multiple opportunities to lead, teach, and serve-35%
10. A fast-paced, high-tech, entertaining ministry approach – 21%

-Survey by *Group Magazine*

What's Coming

Equipped to Serve Youth: Youth Ministry Training and Connections

This fall you will have the opportunity to meet Kalona, Iowa native, **Rachel Swartzendruber**, associate director of Convention Planning.

Join together on **September 19 at 7pm** at Zion Mennonite Church as Rachel provides information and answers questions about the upcoming 2007 convention. Come and meet other youth leaders and share fundraising ideas. Please RSVP to Marlene for this event. mfrankenfield@franconiaconference.org 215-362-7069

Rachel will be speaking in chapel at Christopher Dock on **September 20 at 10:20am**; you are all welcome to attend.

Youth Leadership Retreat

Join Franconia & Eastern District youth leaders **November 17-19** for a weekend you won't want to miss! This retreat is designed to be a place where pastors, youth pastor's sponsors, parent, mentors and youth with leadership responsibilities come together to discuss the issues and challenges of youth ministry.

The theme for this year's leadership retreat is "Find the Missing Peace." We are privileged to have **Julie Ellison White**, author of *Tent of Meeting*, and associate pastor/youth minister at Wellesley Mennonite Church, ON, as the keynote speaker. Julie will focus on spiritual disciplines & daily spiritual practices for leaders.

Jeremy Kempf, Mennonite Mission Network recruiter and former Thristborne band member will lead worship, along with a team of accompanying musicians. Worship will be mixed in throughout the weekend.

Workshops are being planned for student leaders as well as adults who minister with youth. Look for a packet that will be mailed to each congregation.

Cost: \$124.00 per person, which includes lodging and meals.

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An Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series Event

Join us **October 27-29** at Hesston College for a weekend where you can dream about what the church can be! Senior pastors, youth pastors, and lay leaders will get together to think about the future of youth in the church.

Rates (per person)	By Oct. 1	After Oct. 1
Individual	\$90	\$100
Group (3+)	\$70	\$80
Student/Faculty	\$20	\$25
Big Group (8+)	\$45	\$45

Guest Speaker:

Tony Jones – Author of numerous books, speaker at several national conventions, including the Princeton Forum on Youth Ministry, and a pastor of youth and young adults.

Young Adult Leaders:

Karissa Miller of Goshen, Indiana, **Matt Troyer** of Shickley, Nebraska, **Angie Lederach** of Nederland, Colorado, **Eric Miller** of Berlin, Ohio, and **Sarah Thompson** of Elkhart, Indiana.

Worship, Bible studies, and workshops will take place throughout the weekend.

For more information or to register online, visit www.hesston.edu/AVDS

Mark Your Calendars!

The annual **Jr. High Lock-In** will be held **March 23, 2007**, at Christopher Dock High School.

Get equipped for youth ministry by attending **Youth Leader Discovery Day on November 4 from 8-12:30pm** at Lancaster Conference Center with speaker Darrell Pearson, Youth Ministry Professor at Eastern University.

Watch for more information about these events.



See You At The Pole/Pillar

Support your youth in this annual gathering at any local school by engaging in prayer around the school's flagpole on **September 27 at 7am**. You can meet on the lawn of Detweiler House at Christopher Dock High School for prayer at the pillars.

The national theme for this year is "Be Still and Know that I am God." End the day by attending the community worship service at Family Worship Center with speaker David Burke.

For more information check out the "See You At the Pole" website at www.syatp.org.

Opportunities & More

Websites for Youth Workers:

www.cpyu.org – The Center for Parent/Youth Understanding

www.centeronconscience.org – Center on Conscience and War

www.youthministry.com – Practical, Idea-filled website for youth leaders from the publishers of *Group Magazine*

www.journalofstudentministries.com – Articles and resources for youth leaders from *Youth Specialties*.

Gather 'Round Youth Curriculum

"Gather 'Round" offers a quarterly leader's guide for high school youth, including 13 six-page sessions and eight reproducible student handout pages.

Check out a free sample session at www.gatherround.org. The entire quarter's content is downloadable upon payment, or is also available on CD at www.mph.org.

Also new this fall: *With Magazine* content is being coordinated with "Gather 'Round" youth materials! Order one issue per youth Sunday School.

Many leaders have attended the "Gather 'Round" training events that have taken place in various settings. Feel free to contact Marlene to view a sample of the youth curriculum.

Plugging in Parents: 200 Ways to Involve Parents in Youth Ministry

Parents are often left out of youth ministry. This book has many ideas about how to involve parents in practical ways. Check out how you can enlist parents to make a difference in your ministry.

This book is published by Group Publishing (2005) and is available online for \$16.99 at www.grouppublishing.com.

NOOMA Video Curriculum

NOOMA is a series of short films featuring the powerful teaching of Rob Bell. Each video is 10-14 minutes and dives head-first into tough questions about faith, authenticity, and living as a follower of Christ. Topics like forgiveness, discipleship, and unconditional love are presented through everyday life experiences. The 32-page guide comes with a DVD that offers verses, observations, and questions for personal or group reflection. Visit www.zondervanchurchsource.com.

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