



Something to Start With

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A Conversation with Young Adults

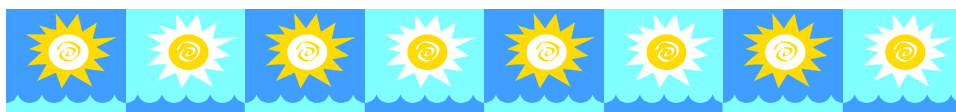
Registration is open for **A Conversation with Young Adults** - an event for those interested in ministry with Young Adults and College Students which will be held on October 24, 2009 at Collegiate United Methodist Church and Wesley Foundation in Ames, Iowa. Bruce C. Birch, Dean of Wesley Theological Seminary and Bill Lazor, past Director of Young Adult Ministries with the General Board of Discipleship will provide primary leadership for this event. The event will focus on the premise that ministry with young adults needs to come from a spiritual center of Biblical and theological groundings rather than based on the "right" technique. Ministry begins with the intentional willingness to be in conversation with young people rather than assuming that we already know what "works". An event brochure is *included in this mailing and* available at [Conversation Brochure](#). Register for the event at www.iaumc.org/yaconversation

Included in this mailing:

- Adventureland Poster
- Adventureland Coupons
- Conversations Brochure

Information on:

- A Conversation with Young Adults
October 24, 2009
- YSF Day at Adventureland
September 19, 2009
- Youth Leadership
Exploration
November 13-15, 2009
- Youth Strike for Christ
February 5-7, 2010
- Youth Service Funds Grants
- Youth 2011
- The Young Adult Network



Youth Service Fund (YSF) Day

This year's YSF Day at Adventureland Park in Altoona is scheduled for September 19, 2009. YSF Day is a full day of fun at the park, including a Youth rally at 11:30 am. A portion of ticket sales that day support grants through the United Methodist Church's [Youth Service Fund](#). A poster and coupons are included in this mailing or available by contacting DeeDee Sobotka at deedee.sobotka@iaumc.org.

Youth Leadership Information

If you know of Youth (12-17) or Young Adults (18-30) who might be interested in serving in leadership as members of Iowa conference boards, councils or committees encourage them to fill out a [Leadership Pool Form](#). Forms are available at www.iaumc.org. Click on "Forms" along the left hand side and then scroll down to "2009 Leadership Pool Form".

Youth Service Fund Grants

If you have a dream or an idea for an innovative or creative ministry with youth in your community that needs seed money to get off the ground you can apply for an Iowa Conference YSF Grant. The [YSF Grant Application](#) form can be found on the conference website (www.iaumc.org) by following the links for "Ministries", "Youth and Young Adult" and "Youth Service Fund". Applications are due by November 1, 2009 and grants are awarded by December 15 each year.

THE YOUNG ADULT NETWORK IS ALIVE!

Visit us at:

www.gbod.org/youngpeople/yanet.

YOUTH STRIKE FOR CHRIST

Youth Strike for Christ, 2010

Plans are underway for 2010 Youth Strike for Christ, February 5-7, 2010 at the Polk County Convention Center and Downtown Marriott Hotel in Des Moines. The theme this year is **Portable Faith**.

Kelly Croy will be the 2010 Keynote Speaker! Youth Strike for Christ is a faith building experience for 7th – 12th graders. Check the Youth Strike website

www.youthstrike.com often for updates.

Exploration 2009

EXPLORATION is a three day event for high school seniors – young adults age 24 to hear, discern, and respond to God's call to ordained ministry and to explore their gifts for service as a deacon or elder in the United Methodist Church.

DATES!

Friday, November 13 – Sunday November 15, 2009

LOCATION!

The Sheraton Hotel
400 North Olive Street
Dallas, TX

For more information, or to register for EXPLORATION, please visit www.gbhem.org/exploration or www.explorecalling.org.

Scholarship Assistance is available for EXPLORATION 2009 through the Iowa Conference Young Adult Ministry Office. For information about scholarship assistance or if you would like your name included in a pool of participants who might be interested in traveling together contact Eric Guy at eric.guy@iaumc.org or 515.974.8944.

YOUTH 2011

You think you are ordinary? Think again!! Throughout the Bible, God chooses seemingly ordinary people to do extraordinary things. The Story of God is filled with unlikely heroes. The story is still being written, and you have a part to play. God wants to do extraordinary things through YOU.

YOUTH 2011 is more than a gathering: It's a community to know that you are not alone. **YOUTH 2011 is more than a concert:** It's a communion with our extraordinary God. **YOUTH 2011 is more than an event:** It's a commission to change your life and your world.

YOUTH 2011 is July 13-17, 2011 at Purdue University West Lafayette, Indiana and July 27-31, 2011 in Sacramento, California. For more information visit www.youth2011.org.