

Conference Council on Youth Ministry SMART Goals created 1-15-11

1. TO INTENTIONALLY IDENTIFY AND IMPLEMENT WAYS FOR YOUTH TO GROW IN RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST THROUGH PRAYER, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE, AND WITNESS.
 - a. Give an invitation and opportunity for youth to commit their lives to Christ, teach, and model practical ways to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
 - i. Youth will be given opportunities at each conference youth event.
2. TO PREPARE YOUTH FOR LEADERSHIP IN THE CHURCH AS YOUTH, ADULT LAITY, AND POTENTIAL CANDIDATES FOR SPECIALIZED MINISTRY
 - a. Offer conference youth events including Leadership Training Camp, The Journey (Sr. High event), The Crossing (Jr. High event), and Dakotas Youth Annual Conference
 - i. Youth will be encouraged to grow in faith using worship, small group study, fellowship, speakers, and mission opportunities.
 - b. Train and equip youth elected to leadership positions within the annual conference for local church and conference leadership
 - i. Youth will learn worship planning, discipleship, leadership skills, intentional Christian community, and implement their learning at conference events.
 - c. Nurture youth as they discern calls to specialized ministry.
 - i. Youth who are discerning a call to specialized ministry will be provided opportunities in ministry to explore God's calling
 - ii. Youth who have expressed an interest in ministry will be tracked in cooperation with the Board of Ordained Ministry to encourage and support continued discernment.
3. TO SUPPORT ADULTS WORKING WITH YOUTH IN THE LOCAL CHURCH
 - a. host one retreat for clergy and laity working with youth taking place in late-summer/early fall
 - i. Given a place apart to re-energize and experience renewal, participants will make connections with other youth workers, share best practices and resources.
 - b. host a workshop in connection with Dakotas Youth Annual Conference for clergy and laity working with youth
 - i. Participants will receive training from a qualified United Methodist instructor from outside of the Dakotas Conference
 - c. invite and encourage clergy and laity working with youth to attend the United Methodist Global Youth Gathering including the coordinating of transportation and logistics
 - i. Clergy and Laity working with youth will receive promotional materials, invitations, and itinerary, as well as shared costs.