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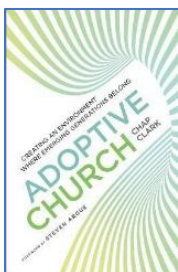
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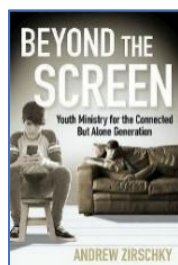
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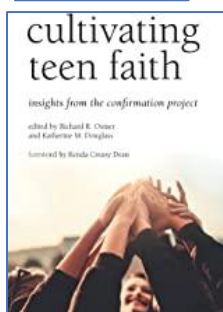
3 BIG QUESTIONS THAT CHANGE EVERY TEENAGER: MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR CONVERSATIONS AND CONNECTIONS (821123) Author: Powell, Kara and Griffin, Brad. Chapters: The big questions every teenager is asking; Learning to listen for answers; Jesus offers better answers; The big question of identity – who am I?; Enough – Jesus' better answer; The big question of belonging – where do I fit?; With – Jesus' better answer; The big question of purpose – what difference can I make?; Story – Jesus' better answer; Conversations and connections in tough times; Over 170 questions to ask a teenager. Includes discussion questions. 296 Pages.



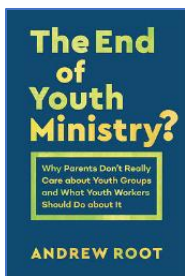
ADOPTIVE CHURCH: CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE EMERGING GENERATIONS BELONG (818210) Author: Clark, Chap. Teens and emerging adults don't feel at home in the church because they are not fully included in the church body. How can congregations nurture young adults, welcome them as siblings into God's household, and empower them to become fully embedded contributors within and to their faith community? Integrating the latest research on adolescent faith and young adult ministry for the local church, this book presents a new way of thinking about youth ministry. Chap Clark presents the adoptive youth ministry model as a way to help congregations see youth ministry as a bridge to inclusion, participation, and contribution in the body of Christ. His comprehensive plan for designing and implementing youth ministry shows churches how to intentionally welcome young people and create an environment where they belong. 195 Pages.



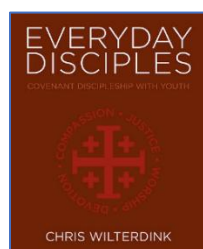
BEYOND THE SCREEN: YOUTH MINISTRY FOR THE CONNECTED BUT ALONE GENERATION (816027) Author: Zirschky, Andrew. Author Andrew Zirschky examines the latest research on adolescence and digital media through the lens of theological reflection and charts a compelling new direction for youth ministry in the digital age. Includes bibliography. 160 Pages.



CULTIVATING TEEN FAITH: INSIGHTS FROM THE CONFIRMATION PROJECT (818184) Author: Osmer, Richard and Douglass, Katherine, editors. Based on a three-year study of more than three thousand US congregations across five denominations, this book discusses what good discipleship with young people looks like. Chapters: Learning in the image of God - encountering God in body, mind, spirit, and relationship; Mentoring - building deep relationships that matter in confirmation; Deep rhythms of faith formation - separation and reintegration in summer camp and retreats; Parents and confirmation - the role of families in faith formation; A Spirit-led people - traditional innovation for confirmation in congregations and denominations; A summary of our findings - theology and empirical research in conversation; The Confirmation Project as practical theology - embodying faith in contemporary Christian life. Includes bibliography and index. 226 Pages.



END OF YOUTH MINISTRY?: WHY PARENTS DON'T REALLY CARE ABOUT YOUTH GROUPS AND WHAT YOUTH WORKERS SHOULD DO ABOUT IT (820136) Author: Root, Andrew. What is youth ministry actually for? And does it have a future? Andrew Root, a leading scholar in youth ministry and practical theology, went on a one-year journey to answer these questions. In this book, Root weaves together an innovative first-person fictional narrative to diagnose the challenges facing the church today and to offer a new vision for youth ministry in the 21st century. Informed by interviews that Root conducted with parents, this book explores how parents' perspectives of what constitutes a good life are affecting youth ministry. In today's culture, youth ministry can't compete with sports, test prep, and the myriad other activities in which young people participate. Through a unique parable-style story, Root offers a new way to think about the purpose of youth ministry: not happiness, but joy. Joy is a sense of experiencing the good. For youth ministry to be about joy, it must move beyond the youth group model and rework the assumptions of how identity and happiness are imagined by parents in American society. Chapters: Toward a journey to joy; Don't waste your life – youth ministry and the good life; Are the kids OK? – goods and youth ministry; Three sets of parents – things and happiness emerge; Identity, part 1 – a dance party, Demi Lovato, and the internal quest; Transformation in youth ministry; Identity, part 2 – romance, recognition, and resentment; Happiness, part 1 – Powerball, endgames, and Sheryl Crow versus Taylor Swift; When goods become the good; Happiness, part 2 – holiness, virtue, and Luther's freak-out; Joy and the custodian – what youth ministry is for; Borne burdens – youth ministry and stories of joy; Open takes and closed spins – youth ministry and transcendence; An identity event – how youth ministry affects identity; Holding vigil – youth ministry and cruciform practices; Conclusion – friendship and DQ. 225 Pages.



EVERYDAY DISCIPLES: COVENANT DISCIPLESHIP WITH YOUTH (816209) Author: Wiltedink, Chris. This book resources pastors, youth leaders, and youth groups with information and planning materials related to Covenant Discipleship and accountability practices. Covenant Discipleship encourages youth to connect with Christ and one another through mutual accountability. It also encourages a networked support structure for living in the world as Christ followers. 104 Pages.



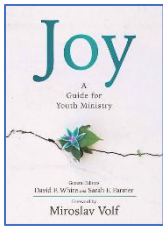
FAITH AND FRIENDSHIPS OF TEENAGE BOYS (817293) Author: Dykstra, Robert; Cole, Allan Hugh; Capps, Donald. This book focuses on later adolescent boys, ages 15 - 19. Chapters: Faithful friendships; Friendship as boyhood spirituality; Subversive friendships; Friendly fire; Close friendships. Includes index. 119 Pages.



FAITH OF THEIR OWN: A THEOLOGICAL FIELD GUIDE FOR YOUTH MINISTRY (822007) Author: Wheeler, Nathan. This book guides youth workers to think deeply and explore new strategies, all in the pursuit of helping the young people in our ministries grow a compelling, challenging, and robust faith they'll choose to engage with throughout their entire lives. Chapters: Younger generations and the Christian faith; Implicit theology – how we teach theology in youth ministry; DRAFT (Dominant, Regional, Affluent, Folklore, Theology) – what theology we teach in youth ministry; Open wide the gates – widening our theological lenses in youth ministry; Introducing the four theological lenses; Core concepts; Core beliefs; Faith practices; Faith in the world. 145 Pages.



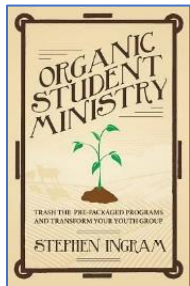
GOING ON FOR GOD: A PRACTICAL CONVERSATION FOR CHRISTIAN PARENTS AND CHURCH LEADERS (819070) Author: Walker, Mel. Chapters: What do we want for our kids?; A cause for concern - are the church and the family in trouble?; Church drop-outs - why are young adults leaving and what can we do about it?; Mission-imperative -- what do Christian parents and families need from the church? (or why is the church so important?); Danger sign - has the family become more important than the church?; The 'Titus 2 Principle' - why is mentoring so important for the church and for families?; Collaboration - how can the church and home work together for the same purpose?; Stating the obvious - what if there are no perfect families or churches?; It takes a church - how can the church be a family in a 'family-unfriendly' culture?; Action steps - how to make this work in your family and in your church. 206 Pages.



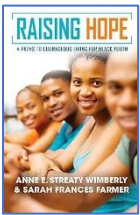
JOY: A GUIDE FOR YOUTH MINISTRY (820083) Author: White, David and Farmer, Sarah, editors. Published in cooperation with Yale University and taking cues from theologians such as Miroslav Volf and recent reflections on joy as the crown of the good life, this ecumenical group of contributors insists that reclaiming joy for youth ministry is crucial in light of modern secularism, which has eviscerated the world of such things as mystery, wonder, grace, and transcendence. The modern world urges us to work and consume compulsively; to value its creatures only for their use or to serve our egos. While consumption sometimes yields momentary fun or happiness, only rarely does it yield joy. This book contrarily asserts that to reclaim joy is to retrieve a practicable virtue of the Christian faith, express gratitude for God's gracious gifts, move us to worship, and empower us for active love of God and neighbor. Chapters: Youth ministry and the reasons for joy; Joy as a guiding metaphor for youth ministry; Kenosis – a dead dog and the joy of self-emptying; Beauty – the light of joy; Friendship – the joy of befriending youth; Purpose – finding joy in life direction; Worship – dancing in the joy of the Trinity; Hope – a pathway to adolescent joy and flourishing; Testimony – the joy of adolescent witness; Agency – the joy of activism; Forgiveness and joy; Creativity – the joy of imagining the possible; Belonging – Paul's notion of autarkes; Idolatry – looking for joy in all the wrong places. Includes index. 272 Pages.



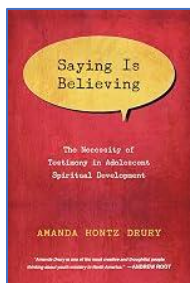
LOSING YOUR MARBLES/PLAYING FOR KEEPS (820055) Author: Joiner, Reggie and Ivy, Kristen. Two books in one. 'Losing Your Marbles: A Lot Can Happen in a Week' – A short story about love over time for anybody who will do anything with a kid or teenager this week. 'Playing for Keeps' - a book for parents, leaders, and anyone else who influences the lives of kids and teenagers. In this book, you will discover six things every kid needs over time (time, love, words, stories, tribes, and fun), and 18 practical ideas so you can make what really matters matter more. 356 Pages.



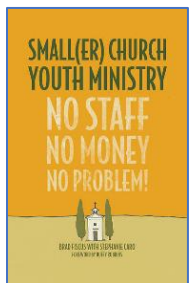
ORGANIC STUDENT MINISTRY: TRASH THE PRE-PACKAGED PROGRAMS AND TRANSFORM YOUR YOUTH GROUP (816026) Author: Ingram, Stephen. Stephen Ingram will help you develop practices instead of just programs, minister to students where they are, and focus on a way of doing ministry that grows naturally from the distinctively rich and fertile soul of your unique church. 130 Pages.



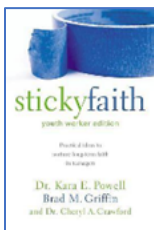
RAISING HOPE: 4 PATHS TO COURAGEOUS LIVING FOR BLACK YOUTH (817186) Author: Wimberly, Anne E Streaty and Farmer, Sarah Frances. Based on the authors' experiences, this book gives methods to effectively reach out to Black youth and motivate them to make healthier choices that promote positive outcomes. Chapters: A call for pathways to courageous living; A hope-building agenda; Forming courageous hope and enacting courageous living; Being and becoming agents of courageous hope; Steps toward pathways to courageous living; Sharing the soul's story -- a narrative pathway; Artistic expression -- a creative pathway; Transforming conflict -- a peacemaking pathway; Quest for awareness -- a pathway of exposure. Includes bibliography and index. 250 Pages.



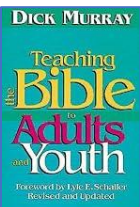
SAYING IS BELIEVING: THE NECESSITY OF TESTIMONY IN ADOLESCENT SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT (815156) Author: Drury, Amanda Hontz. The author explores how testifying, articulating where we understand God to be at work within our life, is a powerful form of spiritual formation for teenagers as well as adults. Chapter titles: Testimony -- an introduction; Faithful words prompt faithful 'reality'; What we say is who we are -- articulating identity through narrative; A Theology of testimony; Testimony in practice -- toward a practical theology. Includes bibliography and name, subject, and Scripture indexes. 175 Pages.



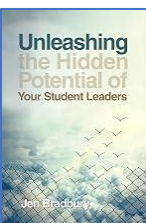
SMALLER CHURCH YOUTH MINISTRY: NO STAFF, NO MONEY, NO PROBLEM (816255) Author: Fiscus, Brad and Caro, Stephanie. Think you can't have a thriving and vital youth ministry in a small church? Think again. This book will help you see the big impact small churches can have on the faith journey of their young people. Chapter titles: The power of small(er); What if . . .?; Building; Leading; It's more than Safe Sanctuaries; Discipleship; Critical mass; 50 quick tips. Each chapter includes discussion questions. 160 Pages.



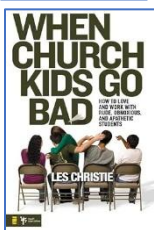
STICKY FAITH: YOUTH WORKER EDITION (811059) Author: Powell, Kara; Griffin, Brad; Crawford, Cheryl. Practical Ideas to Nurture Long-Term Faith in Teenagers. Chapter titles: The not-so-sticky faith reality; The sticky Gospel; Sticky identity; Sticky churches; Sticky justice; Sticky family relationships; Sticky youth groups; Sticky seniors; The path to sticky change. 216 Pages.



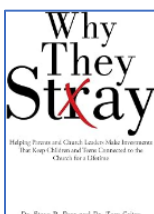
TEACHING THE BIBLE TO ADULTS AND YOUTH: REVISED AND UPDATED (895674) Author: Murray, Dick. The author offers suggestions for teaching, provides several different approaches and perspectives from which to teach and conduct activities for learning, and examines such Bible study series as Kerygma, Trinity, Bethel, and Disciple. 173 Pages.



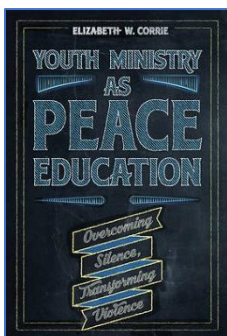
UNLEASHING THE HIDDEN POTENTIAL OF YOUR STUDENT LEADERS (817064) Author: Bradbury, Jen. Chapter titles: What is student leadership?; Creating a community of misfits; Spotting potential -- recruiting your team; Crafting covenants -- establishing and communicating your expectations; Abiding in Christ; Training student leaders; Be awkward so others don't have to be -- the primary role of every student leader; Discovering the strengths of your student leaders; Allowing your student leaders to influence your teaching calendar; Equipping student leaders to teach; Taking risks and embracing failure; The gifts of student leadership. 180 Pages.



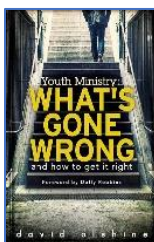
WHEN CHURCH KIDS GO BAD (809014) Author: Christie, Les. How to Love and Work with Rude, Obnoxious, and Apathetic Students. Chapter titles: Why do kids act that way?; Discipline -- the goal is maturity; Dealing with problem behavior; Giving kids confidence to be all God wants them to be; Praise -- catch them doing something right; Rules, boundaries, and limits; Consequences -- natural and logical; Anger -- yours and theirs; Engaging your kids and avoiding distractions; Everyday discipline challenges; Coping with caustic kids; Antidotes to apathy; Helping high-risk kids; The challenges of learning differences and AD/HD; It's your turn -- responding to youth workers' questions. Includes bibliography. 201 Pages.



WHY THEY STAY (817009) Author: Parr, Steve and Crites, Tom. Helping Parents and Church Leaders Make Investments That Keep Children and Teens Connected to the Church for a Lifetime. Based on a research project of those who grew up in the church and are still serving faithfully, this book provides specific actions for church leaders and parents. Each chapter includes discussion questions. Includes bibliography. 221 Pages.



YOUTH MINISTRY AS PEACE EDUCATION: OVERCOMING SILENCE, TRANSFORMING VIOLENCE (821085) Author: Corrie, Elizabeth. Young people can be peacebuilders--citizens who address the root causes of hatred and abuse of power to build more just and peaceful communities. Indeed, young people are already leading movements to change policy and culture. Yet churches are notably absent among those who support and mentor such leaders. Drawing on the deep wisdom of Christian tradition and practice and the latest insights in educating for peace and civic engagement, this book offers clergy, students, and practitioners a new approach to youth ministry--a way to equip young people to transform violence and oppression as part of their Christian vocation. Chapters: Shaping images; Building community democratically; Learning theolog deliberately; Reading the Bible cacophonously; Doing mission intersectionally; Practicing worship prophetically; Acting in the world nonviolently; Images that shape our work. Includes bibliography. 199 Pages.



YOUTH MINISTRY: WHAT'S GONE WRONG AND HOW TO GET IT RIGHT (814035) Author: Olshine, David. Deep down inside, young people want life to matter. The church has something important to offer but we have to start getting it right. The author shines a revealing light on standard youth ministry practices and helps us see what needs to change. 180 Pages.