

# Youth Ministry

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## Overview:

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## Youth ministers: Community Creators

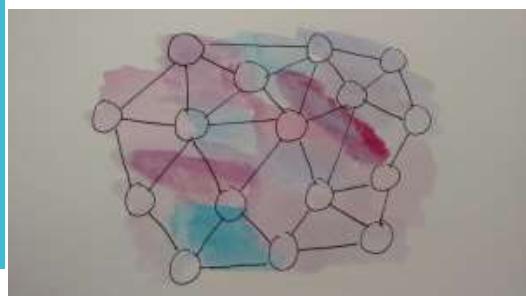
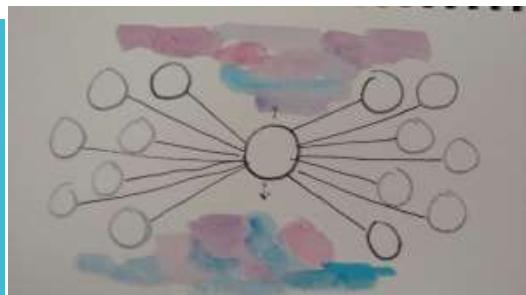
"The most effective congregations utilize a variety of program models in their faith formation efforts. The Exemplary Youth Ministry found that effective youth programming is characterized by the following factors:

- A Caring Environment
- Quality Relationships
- Focus on Jesus Christ
- Life Issues
- Well Organized

*From Lifelong Faith Journal Collection: Best Practices in Adolescent Faith Formation*

[https://www.lifelongfaith.com/uploads/5/1/6/4/5164069/adolescent\\_faithFormation\\_lifelong\\_faith\\_journal.pdf](https://www.lifelongfaith.com/uploads/5/1/6/4/5164069/adolescent_faithFormation_lifelong_faith_journal.pdf)

Bow Tie or Network?



## Getting started: Essential Tools

### Sustainable Youth Ministry Key Documents:

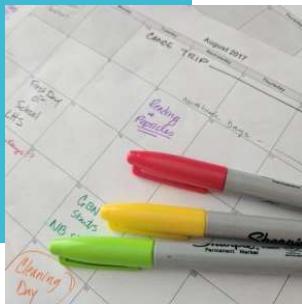
- Directories
- Annual Events Calendar
- Job Description
- Recruiting List
- Curriculum Template
- Safety Policy
- Background Checks
- Birthday List
- Attendance List
- Lesson Planner

## Directories:

- **Church Management Software Benefits:**
  - All data in one place
  - Ability to email/text groups and track opens
  - Record attendance
  - Online registration
  - Earn points with the Admin!
- **Other options:**
  - Spreadsheet
  - Email & Text service (Mail Chimp, Remind, etc.)
- **My Ministry Template Available at:**  
[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Tozmuma\\_W3MOjCCsH1VtLVLEkl5a\\_daz44bXI53R9QE/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Tozmuma_W3MOjCCsH1VtLVLEkl5a_daz44bXI53R9QE/edit?usp=sharing)

## Calendar:

- Yearly Calendar by mid-August – Online and on paper
  - Vacations
  - School Schedules (Prom, Homecoming, Theater, Breaks)
  - High Attendance Times
- Calendar with Colleagues
  - Your church staff
  - Area colleagues
- Recommended Resource: Plan It by Peer Ministry:  
<https://peerministry.org/plan-it/>



## Lesson Planning:

2018-2019 Lesson Planning Calendar - Lectionary Year B-C

Month	Themes, Materials, Worship Notes	Week 1 -	Week 2	Week 3 -	Week 4	Week 5
August		August 5	August 12	August 19	August 26	
	Special Events					
	Worship Reading					
	Prek-3					
	4-5					
	JH/HS					
	Youth Group					
September		September 2	September 9	September 16	September 23	September 30
	Special Events	Labor Day Weekend				
	Worship Reading					
	Prek-3					
	4-5					
	JH/HS					
	Youth Group					

## Lesson Planning Template:

<https://christinevhides.com/2018/05/19/free-2018-2019-planning-calendar/>

### Communication Schedules

Day	Content	Streams
Monday	Sunday Follow Up Story Upcoming Events	Blog Post shared on social media, Email, Bulletin
Tuesday	Prayer of the Week	Instagram, Facebook
Wednesday	All church devotional	Email, Social Media
Thursday	Youth Group Reminders	Scheduled Texts

### Exceptional Communication: Tools

- Remind
- Canva
- Boomerang for Gmail
- MailChimp
- Church Management Software
- Communications Template



## Essential Tasks

### Weekly:

- Communications
- Lesson plans to leaders
- Tidy youth lounge
- Pray the list

### Monthly:

- Lesson Planning:
- Ministry Team Meetings
- Touch bases with students

### Quarterly:

- Seasonal Materials (Advent, Lent, Summer)
- College Student Invites and Outreach
- Attend Student Activities

### Yearly:

- Registration Forms
- Calendar
- Retreat and Mission Trip Contracts
- Scholarship Links
- Leader Training



## Vision and Values

Youth look for the church to show them something. Someone, capable of turning their lives inside out and the world upside down. Most of the time we have offered them pizza. We are painfully aware that we have sold them short. —

Kenda Creasy Dean, Ron Foster, *The Godbearing Life*



Get Connected!

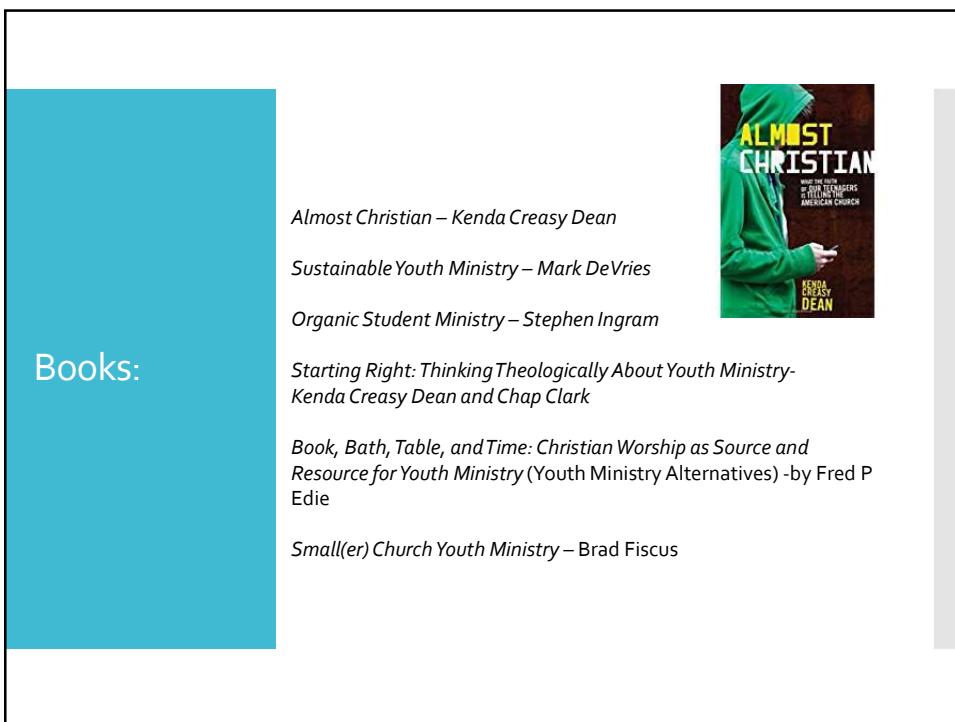
**Facebook Groups:**

- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Sunday School
- Progressive Youth Ministry
- CEF Northern IL
- NIC-North Youth Ministry

**Denominational Network Groups**

- CEF (United Methodist)
- APCE (Presbyterian)
- Forma (Episcopal)

In person



**Books:**

*Almost Christian* – Kenda Creasy Dean

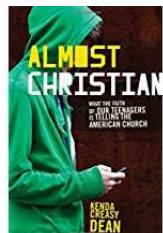
*Sustainable Youth Ministry* – Mark DeVries

*Organic Student Ministry* – Stephen Ingram

*Starting Right: Thinking Theologically About Youth Ministry* – Kenda Creasy Dean and Chap Clark

*Book, Bath, Table, and Time: Christian Worship as Source and Resource for Youth Ministry (Youth Ministry Alternatives)* -by Fred P Edie

*Small(er) Church Youth Ministry* – Brad Fiscus



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