

Central Plains Mennonite Conference Youth Ministry Resource Library

Resources for Faith Formation

Here is a small selection of curricula and other resources located in the Ministry Staff Offices in Kalona, Iowa. Please note that Central Plains congregations also have free access to a huge selection of curricula, books, sheet music and videos through the Western District Resource Library, which you may access at www.mennowdc.org/Library or by emailing crlib@mennowdc.org.

The resources listed here belong to Central Plains and can be checked out by Central Plains members for just the cost of return postage. To check out materials, contact Shana Peachey Boshart at 319-936-5905 or shanaboshart@centralplainsmc.org. Return them to CPMC Resource Library, P.O. Box 352, Kalona, IA 52247.

*Resources with an asterisk are recommended for purchase by Central Plains Mennonite Conference congregations. ☞ Resources for conscientious objection are marked with a dove.

C – CURRICULA

things you can pick up and teach from

Books

1-Minute Bible for Students John R. Kohlenberger III and Doug Fields
Angels, Demons, Miracles and Prayer by Group
Adventures with the Anabaptists by Jeanne Grieser & Carol Duerksen
(you will also need *Through Fire and Water* by Loewen & Nolt. See Section A.)
†*Being God's People: Embracing Christian Faith from a Mennonite Perspective* by Ervin Stutzman (use with *Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective*; See section A.)
Belonging by Lyman Coleman
Big Questions by Richard A. Kauffman; student and teacher guides
☞ *But Why Don't We Go to War?* by Susan Mark Landis
Changing the World by Deena Borchers (Group)
Controversial Topics for Youth Groups by Edward McNulty
Creative Meetings, Bible Lessons & Worship Ideas (Ideas Library) by Youth Specialties
☞ **Decide for Peace: A Guide for Personal Bible Study and Reflection on Conscientious Objection* by Eddy Hall; high school
Discussion & Lesson Starters 1 (Ideas Library) by Youth Specialties
Discussion & Lesson Starters 2 (Ideas Library) by Youth Specialties
Do It! Active Learning in Youth Ministry by Thom and Joani Schultz
The Electronic Lifeline: A Media Exploration for Youth by L. Peterson
Every Young Man's Battle Workbook by Stephen Arterburn
Every Young Woman's Battle Workbook by Shannon Ethridge
†*Faith for the Journey* by Ann Weber Becker
(use with *Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective*; See section A.)
Faith Metaphors: 50 Interactive Object Lessons for Youth Ministry by Group

Find Your Fit by Kevin Johnson and Jane Kise
Girls: 10 Gutsy, God-Centered Sessions on Issues that Matter to Girls by Kirgiss, Musick, et. al.
†**God's Story, Our Story: Exploring Christian Faith and Life* by Michele Hershberger
Gays: 10 Fearless, Faith-Focused Sessions on Issues that Matter to Guys by Kirgiss, et. al.
Helping Teens Unmask Sexual Con Games by Ronald W. Herron, Boys Town Press
High Energy Meetings for Young Teenagers by Group
☞ **Joining the Army That Sheds No Blood* by Susan Clemmer Steiner
Let's Talk: Communication Skills and Conflict Transformation by Barry C. Bartel
Live the Life: Student Evangelism Training Guidebook by YouthSpecialties
†**Making Disciples: Preparing People for Baptism, Christian Living and Church Membership* by April Yamasaki
(you will also need *God's Story, Our Story* by Michele Hershberger.)
Mission Trip Prep Leaders Guide by Kevin Johnson
Money Talks by Todd Temple
Passport: A Mission Education Event for Youth by Carol Duerksen
Pathways to Praying With Teens by Mary Ann Hakowski
☞ *Peace: Just Live It!* by Christine Neufeld; high school
Prayer Group's Active Bible Curriculum
Sacred Search: Encountering God During Lent by Angela Reed
Sacred Search: Encountering God During Advent by Carol Duerksen
Sex Has A Price Tag by Pam Stenzel
The Student Leadership Training Manual for Youth Workers by McLuen & Wysong
Student-Led Devotions for Youth Ministry by Group Books
Student-Led Devotions for Youth Ministry Vol. 2 by Group Books
Talksbeets (High School) by David Lynn
Talksbeets (Junior High/Middle School) by David Lynn
Talksbeets (More High School) by David Lynn
Teaching the Truth about Sex by David Lynn and Mike Yaconelli
Tent of Meeting: A 25-Day Adventure with God by Julie Ellison White
Training Youth for Dynamic Leadership by Group
Up Close by Lyman Coleman
Videos That Teach by Doug Fields and Eddie James (for use with videos you rent)
Way to Live: Christian Practices for Teens ed. by Dorothy C. Bass & Don C. Richter
The Word on Finding and Using Your Spiritual Gifts by Jim Burns and Doug Fields
Your Relationships by Group
Youth and Money by Jolene Roehlkepartain
The Youth Worker's Big Book of Case Studies by Steve Case
The Youth Worker's Encyclopedia of Bible Teaching Ideas: New Testament by Group Books
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†these items are designed for use in a membership instruction class

Video & DVD

Beyond the News: Homelessness by Mennonite Media
Beyond the News: Money by Mennonite Media
Beyond the News: Racism by Mennonite Media

☞ **Change of Command* by Mennonite Central Committee Five segments; leader's guide covers the whole video in three sessions. (Also available in Nebraska by calling Sharon Kennel at 402-627-4375 and in South Dakota by calling Edie Tschetter at 605-925-4859.)

Don't Sit on Your Stuff A video with Ted & Lee by Mennonite Media

Edge TV (five segments of varying lengths to use as discussion starters; leader's guide with each tape) One tape may cover several topics. Main topics:

- #1 Body Image
- #2 Sexual Choices
- #3 Addictive Behaviors
- #6 Racism
- #8 Stressing Out
- #9 Grief and Loss
- #10 Suicide
- #11 Great Comebacks
- #12 Violence
- #13 Disabilities
- #14 Making Babies
- #15 Fear

#31 Reconciliation

#32 Community

#33 Materialism

Edge TV Drama Top Ten

#34 Sexuality: Making Sense of Sex

#35 God: Catching the "Good Infection"

#36 Purpose: Finding Meaning in Life

C-series I: Needs: Listening to This Generation

C-series II: Servant Leadership: A Love of a Different Kind

Good Sex: A whole-person approach to teenage sexuality and God by Youth Specialties

Life on the Edge (full-length videos of approximately 1 hour; one leader's guide for the whole set) by James Dobson

#1 Finding God's Will for Your Life

#2 The Myth of Safe Sex

#3 Love Must Be Tough

#4 The Keys to a Lifelong Love

#5 Emotions: Can You Trust Them?

#6 When God Doesn't Make Sense

Masquerade by Focus on the Family (dealing with drug, and alcohol use)

Next Time I Fall in Love by Chap Clark Four-part curriculum; leader's guide.

☞ *Peace DVD* by Mennonite Media Six sessions with Study Guide.

Setting Youth Free to Make Right Choices (Right from Wrong) by Josh McDowell

Five sessions for junior high and high school students with leader's guide.

Stuck in a Rut visual curriculum (5 segments on DVD) by Highway Video

The Teenage Question and Answer Series by Josh McDowell Includes leader's guide.

☞ *Thermostat: How can we turn toward peace in a time of fear?* by MCC

Total TV "Fast Forward" videos by Priority One Publishing
(full-length videos; one leader's guide per five videos)

#1 Why Do Bad Things Happen?

#3 The Rejection Connection

#4 Guatemala is Not a Dip (on missions)

#5 Liar, Liar, Pants on Fire (on cheating)

#11 Stressed for Success

#12 Get A Life! (making decisions that reflect God's will)

#14 What's Mine is Mine! (money and power)

#15 Do Dogs Go to Heaven? (Who is God? Is the Bible true? etc.)

What? Me? Missions? Youth Mission Education by MBM, MCC, et. al.

Whole People, Whole Earth, Vol. 2 (Shalom Lifestyles) by Jerry Holsopple

Seven sessions on peace, service, and the environment; leader's guide.

I – IDEAS

for worship, drama, prayer, activities, retreats, games...

Books

Administration, Publicity and Fundraising (Ideas Library) by Youth Specialties

Another Way of Putting It by Jim Butterworth and Tim Jones

Basic Trek: Enter into a World of Enough: The Original 28-Day Journey by David Schrock Shenk

The Book of Uncommon Prayer by Steven L. Case

A Bunch of Fun Dramas by Wanda Pearce

Camps, Retreats, Missions & Service (Ideas Library) by Youth Specialties

Choices: Non-violence Question Cards from Mennonite Church

Creative Worship Ideas: 70 Meaningful Ways to Involve Teenagers in Worship ed. Lois Keffer

Crowd Breakers & Mixers (Ideas Library) by Youth Specialties

Drama For Worship—Holiday Scenes by Keith Ferguson

Drama Skits & Sketches (Ideas Library) by Youth Specialties

Drama, Skits & Sketches 2 (Ideas Library) by Youth Specialties

For Young Women Only by Shaunti Feldhahn & Lisa Rice

Fun with Drama by Naomi Mitchum

Games (Ideas Library) by Youth Specialties

Games 2 (Ideas Library) by Youth Specialties

Go Deeper Retreats: 12 Life Changing Weekends for Youth Ministry by Group

Great Fundraising Ideas for Youth Groups by David Lynn

Great Retreats for Youth Groups by Chris Cannon

Group Builder Games and Activities for Youth Ministry by Group

Guided Meditations for Teens by Sydney Ann Merritt

High-Impact Worship Dramas by Group

Holiday Ideas (Ideas Library) by Youth Specialties

Homemade Youth Retreats by Robert Doolittle

How to Use Your Head to Guard Your Heart: a guide to making responsible music choices
by Walt Mueller

How'd I Get to Be in Charge of the Program? by Martha Bolton

Jumpstarters: 100 Games to Spark Discussions by Group

Leading Your Students in Worship by Jim Marian

A Message in a Minute by William Wolfe

Resources for Youth Retreats: Vine and Branches #1 by Mary Ann Hakowski

Sermon on the Stage by Martha Bolton

Short Skits About Bible People by Marti Plemons
Skits That Teach Teens by Colleen Ison
Soul Shaper: exploring spirituality and contemplative practices in youth ministry by Tony Jones
Special Events (Ideas Library) by Youth Specialties
Spontaneous Melodramas: 24 Impromptu Skits That Bring Bible Stories to Life by Doug Fields, Laurie Polich and Duffy Robbins
Sunday Morning Live: A Collection of 6 Drama Sketches, Vols. 1,2, 3 and 6 edited by Steve Pederson
Time with Jesus: Twenty Guided Meditations for Youth by Thomas F. Catucci
Waiters: A Youth Musical About Waiting on the Lord by Kathie Hill and Travis Cottrell
Welcome to the Mustard Seed Café by Dean Kephart
The Word in Worship by Paul M. Miller
Youth Leadership (An Asset Builder's Guide to) from Search Institute

Video

The Creation Chronicles by Ted & Lee 90 minutes; 14 sketches with discussion starters
Know Hunger: 30-hour Famine preview video from World Vision
The Radicals on VHS. A 100-minute drama telling the story of early Anabaptist Michael Sattler, by Sisters and Brothers Productions
The Radicals on DVD. Includes chapter introductions by historian John Sharp; an interview with Myron Augsburger, author of *Pilgrim Aflame*, a 30-minute documentary on the Anabaptists; and other special features.

A – FOR ADULT YOUTH LEADERS advice for youth leaders & background materials for teaching

Books

**41 Ways to Build a Better Youth Group* by Michael Bogard
 **Building Together: Developing Your Blueprint for Congregational Youth Ministry* by Carol Duerksen
 ☞ **Choosing Against War* by John D. Roth
The Comprehensive Guide to Youth Ministry Counseling by Group
 **Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective*
Contagious Faith by Dave Rahn & Terry Linhart
Creative Teaching Methods by Marlene D. LeFever
Developing Student Leaders by Ray Johnston
 **Family Based Youth Ministry* by Mark DeVries
Getting Together: A Guide to Good Groups by Em Griffin
The God-Bearing Life by Ron Foster and Kenda Creasy Dean
 **God's Story, Our Story: Exploring Christian Faith and Life* by Michele Hershberger
Help! I'm a Volunteer Youth Worker! by Doug Fields
How to Speak to Youth and Keep Them Awake at the Same Time by Ken Davis
Intensive Caring: Practical Ways to Mentor Youth by Group
Kids Taking Charge by Thom and Joani Schultz
Learn to Discern by Robert G. DeMoss, Jr. (Youth and advertising in secular culture)
Making Friends with the Bible by Elouise Renich Fraser
On Fire for Christ stories from the Martyr's Mirror by Dave & Neta Jackson
 **One on One: Making the Most of Your Mentoring Relationship* by Steve Ropp
 ☞ *The Path of Most Resistance* by Melissa Miller and Phil Shenk

Postmodern Youth Ministry by Tony Jones
 **Purpose Driven Youth Ministry* by Doug Fields
Side by Side: Mentoring Guide for Congregational Youth Ministry by Lavon J. Welty
Small Group Ministry with Youth by David R. Veerman
Tag Team Youth Ministry by Ron Habermas and D. Olshine
Tag, You're It: 50 Easy Ways to Connect with Young People by Kathleen Kimball-Baker
Teaching the Bible Creatively by Bill McNabb
Teen Trends: A Nation in Motion by Reginald Bibby and Don Posterski
A Third Way by Paul M. Lederach
Through Fire and Water by Harry Loewen & Steven Nolt
Toward Understanding the Bible by Perry B. Yoder
Understanding Mentoring Relationships by Saito & Blyth/Search Institute
 ☞ **Why I am a Conscientious Objector* by John M. Drescher
Why Nobody Learns Much of Anything in Church Anymore and How to Fix It by Thom and Joani Schulz
 **Your First Two Years in Youth Ministry: A Practical Guide to Starting Right* by Doug Fields
Youth and Faith by Abe Bergen
Youth Ministry in Small Churches: Creative How-tos, Plus 28 Involving Activities by Rick Chromey
The Youth Worker's Handbook to Family Ministry by Chap Clark

Portable Audio

Purpose Driven Youth Ministry Workshop by Doug Fields tape set
Cloud of Witnesses, an audio journal (as in 'magazine') on youth, church and culture from Princeton Theological Seminary's Institute for Youth Ministry. compact discs
 Vol. 4 Vocation
 Vol. 5 Play
 Vol. 6 Story
 Vol. 7 Mission
 Vol. 8 Belonging to God

Video

The Heart of Youth Ministry: A Morning with Mike Yaconelli by Youth Specialties

P – PARENTS resources for parents and adult youth leaders

Books

Age of Opportunity by Paul David Tripp
The Five Love Languages of Teenagers by Gary Chapman
 **How to Really Love Your Teen* by Ross Campbell
Like Dew Your Youth by Eugene Peterson
 **Understanding Today's Youth Culture* by Walt Mueller
Video & DVD
Beyond the News: Parenting Adolescents by Mennonite Media
More Than Noise: Helping Kids Navigate the Confusing Maze of Today's Popular Music by Walt Mueller. Six segments with discussion questions included.
Understanding Your Teenager by Group Six sessions for parents with leader's guide.

Curricula from Previous Years available in the library

Middle School/Junior High

Fast Lane Bible Studies

Awesome God
Challenging Racism
Celebrating Advent
Get Real: God and Media
God's Gift of Sex
Living the Beatitudes
✂ Living Without Violence
Online With the Holy Spirit
✂ Peace Heroes
Praying the Lord's Prayer
Say What? The Power of the Tongue
Some Body! (taking care of our bodies)
Unmasking the End Times
What Gives? Using Gods Money
Winning: Competition and Faith

High School

Generation Why Bible Studies

Apocalypse When? Daniel and Revelation
Bad News, Good News: The Prophets Speak the Truth to Power
The Bold and the Dutiful. The Book of James
Close Encounters: New Testament Personalities
Clueless and Called: Discipleship and the Gospel of Mark
Dating: The Art of Respect
Deal With It: The Bible on Death and Dying
Do Miracles Happen? Signs and Wonders in the Gospel of John
Do the Right Thing: Ethics Shaped By Faith
✂ Does God Fight? Violence in the Bible
Faith That Works: Serving Gods Vision

Fight Right! A Christian Approach to Conflict
Go For Broke: Using the Gifts God Gave You
The Gospel Revolution: Luke
Hangin' Loose, Holdin' Tight: Paul's Epistles
Holy Hogwash: What the Bible Never Said
How Do You Know? Wisdom in the Bible
How to Be a True Friend
How to Read the Bible: Building Skills for Bible Study
Keeping the Garden: A Faith Response to God's Creation
Living Beyond Our Means: The Extravagance of Biblical Stewardship
Maxed Out! How Old Testament Personalities Handled the Stress
Moneytalk: Living Generously
Morphed: New Life in Romans
Pain and Praise: The Book of Psalms
The Place Just Right: Biblical Teachings on Simplicity
The Radical Reign: Parables of Jesus
Relatively Loving: Family Dynamics in the Bible
Rocky Road: The Beatitudes and the Sermon on the Mount
The Serpent's Apple: Temptation in the Bible
Singing in the Reign: Joy and Celebration in the Bible
A Speck in the Universe: The Bible on Self-Esteem and Peer Pressure
Take Two Tablets: The Ten Commandments
Where is Heaven: Gospel of Matthew
Who is God?
Who is Jesus?
Who's In? Who's Out? A Look at Jonah and Ruth
Being There: The Bible Through Simulation
(also from Generation Why)
Book 1: Beginnings What Happened in the Garden?/The Wise Men/The House Church

The Link Youth Bible Studies

And It Was Heard: Standing Firm/Hearing the Call
Better to Give; A Study on Stewardship/Hope for the Future
Confusion Becomes Confidence:

Acts of the Apostles/Acts of the Anabaptists
Gospel of Action: Journeys with Jesus/Jesus' Parables
I Confess! Response to Wrong/Confession of Faith
Lessons for Living: Parables/Sermon on the Mount
Living Faith: A Practical Religion/God is With Us
✂ Peacemakers: Living in a Troubled World/Peacemaker Profiles
Picture This: New Testament Personalities/Anabaptist Portraits
This God Delivers! Isaiah, Jonah, Ruth
Wisdom for Living: Racism/Wise or Foolish Living

Young Adult

Good Ground Bible Studies

An Odd Body: Church, Witness and Culture in 1 and 2 Corinthians
Come Again ? Exploring the Hard Sayings of Jesus
Curse God and Die? Struggling with Faith in the Book of Job
For Better, For Worse: God's Relentless Love in Amos and Hosea
For the Love of Earth: Studies in Genesis 1-3
Hanging on to Hope: Studies in Revelation
In the Flesh: The Identity of Jesus in John's Gospel
Voice From the Fringe: Studies in Isaiah
other Mennonite young adult studies:
Journey with Justice by Paula Diller Lehman
Living Unplugged: Young Adults, Faith, and the Uncommon Life
by Pam Peters-Pries

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