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Greetings Youth Sponsors,

For many of you, it's the summer to do service and short-term missions trips. Here is a "short stack" of ideas, resources, helps for you to digest now, during or after your event, all available through the WDC Conference Resource Library. Be assured that even though the early birds get the worm, I can always find you more stuff if your first picks have been grabbed by others. Also - search "Service" on our website: www.mennowdc.org to find more.

* **Merge: a Guidebook for Youth Service Trips** by Krista Dutt. Faith and Life Resources, 2009. Includes seven session based on the biblical journeys of Moses and his team. Will help with preparation for service trip, on-site reflection, follow-up and includes reproducible journal pages. **Remember**, Central Plains youth leaders can buy **Merge** for just \$11.19—30% off the regular price. When you order it from the [MPN web site](#), enter the code "CPmerge" in the "discount code" box in your shopping cart. OR, mention this code when ordering by phone: 1-800-245-7894, ext. 220.

* **Road rules : hundreds of ideas, games, and devotions for less-annoying youth group travel** by Steven L. Case. Youth Specialties, c2003.

Includes hints and tips, horror stories, road games, behavioral guidelines, prayers for the journey and more.

* **Deep justice in a broken world : helping your kids serve others & right the wrongs around them** by Chap Clark and Kara Powell. Youth Specialties, 2008. Well-known social justice leaders and youth workers offer ideas of how youth are making a difference in urban, suburban and small-town settings. Each chapter includes discussion questions and ideas to rethink and shape youth ministry.

* **Mission trips that matter : embodied faith for the sake of the world** by Don C. Richter. Upper Room, 2008. Describes how to experience a mission trip as a pilgrimage that transcends our personal experiences and connects us with the church's mission. Includes ideas for spiritual practices, mission trip stories, key biblical passages and action and reflection suggestions.

* **Ministering cross-culturally : an incarnational model for personal relationships** by Sherwood G. Lingenfelter, Marvin K. Mayers. Baker Book House, c1986.

* **Would you rather... ? : 465 provocative questions to get teenagers talking** by Doug Fields. Youth Specialties, c1995.

* **The Ideas Factory: 100 adaptable discussion starters to get teens talking.** Monarch Books, 2007. Everything can be photocopied! Features a story, a topic, a bible concept, and discussion questions.

* **Tough topics : 600 questions that will take your students beneath the surface** by Jim Aitkins. Zondervan, c2003. Ideal for road trips, Sunday school, camps and retreats, these discussion starters will engage youth in conversation and contemplation.

* See me for the article from May 18, 2010 "**Misguided Missions: 10 worst practices**" by Mark Wm. Radecke for some helpful wisdom about cross-cultural relationships.

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