

*May our sons in their youth be like plants full grown,  
our daughters like corner pillars, cut for the building of a palace.  
Psalm 144:12*

# Plants Full Grown

a newsletter for Central Plains Mennonite Conference youth leaders

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## **Need a Bible Study or SS material?**

I've got options for you!

### **YMroadtrip.org**

Want a Bible study you can choose and download from the 'Net in seconds? Want a Bible study that actually digs into the Bible? How about a Bible study by Mennonite youth for Mennonite youth? And shouldn't it be FREE? You can have it all! Surf on over to [www.ymroadtrip.org/](http://www.ymroadtrip.org/) and choose from 116 different lessons! Wow!!

### **Dig a little deeper with MEA lesson plans**

Here's something really cool. Most of our youth don't even have the option of going to a Mennonite high school and taking classes like Practical Christian Living, Images of God, Sermon on the Mount, or Anabaptist Heritage. BUT, you can teach these classes to them yourself! The lesson plans and course outlines are all on the Mennonite Education Agency web site: <http://www.mennoniteeducation.org/MEAPortal/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=440>.

### **One more idea: Read and discuss a book by Shane Claiborne.**

Whether you are going to Youth Escape or not, consider reading and discussing one of Shane's books, *The Irresistible Revolution* or *Jesus for President*, with the youth this summer. I haven't found discussion guides for these, so if you write your own, consider sharing them with the rest of us!

**And finally, Mennonite Publishing Network** has redesigned its catalog and sent one to your congregation specifically addressed to YOU the youth leader! Hopefully you have received this catalog already. If not, ask for it. [Here's what the catalog looks like](#). It's smaller and more attractive now!

## **Going on a service trip? Order Merge now!**



*Merge* gives you lesson plans, Bible studies and activity ideas before, during and after your service trip. **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.



## Change of Plans...Introducing The Ransom Project

...as the worship band for Youth Escape! The Ransom Project is a favorite among youth in their area, and we're thrilled to have them be part of Youth Escape. This is a change from the original plan of having music led by pastor and worship leader Cristian Aleman. Cristian and his family will be moving away at the end of June, so he asked **The Ransom Project** to come to Youth Escape in his place. Check out The Ransom Project's [blog](#) and [Facebook page](#). Join me in wishing God's blessing on Cristian and Marisa as they move on to ministry in Florida. Band leader Rodney Gehman will replace Cristian on the [Youth Escape Planning Committee](#).

## It's time to register for

### [Youth Escape 2010](#) Friday through Sunday, July 30-August 1

...at [Twin Lakes Christian Center](#), Manson, Iowa, with special speaker Shane Claiborne. Quick facts: Registration is \$100 per person if postmarked by June 1 and \$110 per person after that. Come as a group of youth and sponsors. Find registration forms and more info at [www.centralplainsmc.org](http://www.centralplainsmc.org); click on Youth Escape 2010 under Youth Ministry.

## Hope to see lots of youth at

### [Central Plains Annual Meeting](#) Thursday through Sunday, June 24-27

Is your congregation sending a youth delegate to Central Plains Annual Meeting? Many youth who do this return year after year. It's a great experience for those with an interest in leadership or ministry. They have a great time connecting with each other and learning about their conference and the broader church. Call me with specific questions. A Youth Delegate Fact Sheet is posted on the [Annual Meeting](#) page of [www.centralplainsmc.org](http://www.centralplainsmc.org).

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