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INUMC Young Adult Ministries

## Ministry with Young Adults Resource List

One of the most pressing questions for many in the church today: How do we engage in ministry with young adults? Below is a list of resources, but ministry with young adults is about much more than the right program or curriculum. Before sifting through the many resources below, here are 4 steps to begin your church's planning and conversation.

1. Pray.
2. Go where young adults are in your community and get to know them.
3. Ask young adults to share with you their passions and hopes.
4. Invite young adults to follow those passions, and find ways for your local church to connect to those passions and hopes in your community or in the world.

### **Books:**

*Souls in Transition: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of Emerging Adults* – Christian Smith and Patricia Snell

*Almost Christian: What the Faith of Our Teenagers is Telling the American Church* – Kenda Creasy Dean

*UnChristian: What a New Generation Really Thinks of Christianity and Why It Matters* – David Kinnaman and Gabe Lyon

*You Lost Me: Why Young Christians are Leaving the Church...and Rethinking Faith* – David Kinnaman

*Tribal Church: Ministering to the Missing Generation* – Carol Howard Merritt

*Reaching People Under 40 While Keeping People Over 60: Being Church for All Generations* – Edward H. Hammett with James R. Pierce

*After the Baby Boomers: How Twenty and Thirty Somethings are Shaping the Future of American Religion* – Robert Wuthnow

*The Next Christians: The Good News About the End of Christian America* – Gabe Lyons

*Googling God: The Religious Landscape of People in their 20's and 30's* – Mike Hayes

*College Ministry 101* – Chuck Bomar

*The Slow Fade: Why You Matter in the Story of 20 Somethings* – Reggie Joiner, Chuck Bomar, Abbie Smith

*Big Questions, Worthy Dreams: Mentoring Young Adults in Their Search for Meaning, Purpose, and Faith* – Sharon Daloz Parks

## **Books (Continued):**

*Millennials Rising: The Next Great Generation* – Neil Howe and William Strauss

*Generations: The History of America's Future* – Neil Howe and William Strauss

*When Generations Collide: How to Solve the Generational Puzzle at Work* – Lynne Lancaster, David Stillman

*Generation Rising: A Future With Hope for The United Methodist Church* – Andrew Thompson, ed.

*Generation iY: Our Last Chance to Save Their Future* – Tim Elmore

*Recreating the Church: Leadership for the Postmodern Age* – Richard Hamm

## **Curriculum/Books to Study:**

*Who Am I? Helping Students Embrace Their Spiritual Identity (College-age)* – Chuck Bomar

*Soul Craving: An Invitation to the Feast That Satisfies* – Joel Warne

*20/30 Bible Studies for Young Adults* – multiple authors, available from Cokesbury

*Lord Save Us From Your Followers: Why Is the Gospel of Love Dividing America* – Dan Merchant

*Looking for God: An Unexpected Journey Through Tattoos, Tofu, and Pronouns* – Nancy Ortberg

*Listening at Golgotha: Jesus' Last Words from the Cross* – Peter Storey

*Christianity and World Religions: Wrestling with Questions People Ask* – Adam Hamilton

*Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity* – Adam Hamilton

*365 Meditations for Young Adults* – Sally Sharpe

*Saving Jesus* – Living the Questions

Campus Alpha – [www.alphausa.com](http://www.alphausa.com)

*Convergence* (DVD Series) – Donald Miller

*Blue Like Jazz* – Donald Miller

*Nooma* – Rob Bell

*Velvet Elvis* – Rob Bell

*H20* DVD – Kyle Idleman

*Not a Fan: Becoming a Completely Committed Follower of Jesus* – Kyle Idleman

*Made to Crave: Satisfying Your Deepest Desires with God Not Food* – Lysa TerKeurst

## **Curriculum/Books to Study (Continued):**

*Crazy Love* – Francis Chan

*Chazown* – Craig Groeschel

*Grace* – Lou Giglio

*Coffeehouse Theology: Contemporary Issues Discussion Guide* – Ed Czewski

*Uprising* – Erwin McManus

*Becoming the Answer to Our Prayers: Prayer for Ordinary Radicals* – Shane Claiborne and Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove

*Change the World: Recovering the Message and Mission of Jesus* – Mike Slaughter

## **Web links:**

UMC Young Adult Website: <http://globalyoungpeople.org/ministries/youngadult/>

Spark12 Grants for Young Adult Ministry: <http://www.spark12.org/>

Assemblies of God Young Adult Resources: <http://youngadults.ag.org/>

MethodX, the Upper Room Young Adult Connection:  
<http://upperroom.org/methodx/thelife/>

The Fund for Theological Education:  
<http://www.fteleaders.org/pages/callingcongregations>

Ministry Matters (resource of the UM Publishing House):  
<http://www.ministrymatters.com/>