



# Youth Ministry

# Web Resources

Resources for youth ministry are readily available from a variety of publishers. There is no shortage of resource to help you as a youth leader to offer quality programming for young people in your local context. As a youth leader, know that you carry the responsibility of not only selecting the curriculum that fits your group best, BUT ALSO to adapt any resource to insure that it lines up theologically with our UMC understanding of faith. Not all of the resources these organizations offer will line up exactly with our UMC theology, but most of them can easily be adapted to do so when you spend some time preparing to lead your group. Should you have any questions or need assistance, we are here to help. Simply shoot us an email at [info@scmyp.org](mailto:info@scmyp.org) and we will be in touch.

### **Center for Parent/Youth Understanding** - [www.cpyu.org](http://www.cpyu.org)

The Center For Parent/Youth Understanding was started by Walt Mueller years ago with the goal of “helping parents, youth workers, educators, pastors and others understand and reach today's youth culture”. CPYU offers resources, a blog and seminars designed to help leaders and parents better understand youth culture to be more effective in ministry and in parenting. CPYU is a great site to help youth leaders help parents navigate the teen years of parenting.

### **Download Youth Ministry** - [www.downloadyouthministry.com](http://www.downloadyouthministry.com)

Download Youth Ministry is a youth ministry resource page that contains resources that are created and submitted by youth workers from around the country and are sold on the DYM website at an affordable price. DYM offers a regular e-newsletter full of great articles and often contains free resources.

### **Leader Treks** - [www.leadertreks.com](http://www.leadertreks.com)

Leader Treks is best known for resourcing youth ministries to develop student leaders. In the last few years they have added mission trips and youth ministry programming resources to their website as well including discipleship curriculum. LeaderTreks offers a regular e-newsletter full of great articles and often contains free resources as well.

**Right Now Media** - [www.rightnowmedia.org](http://www.rightnowmedia.org)

Right Now Media is a subscription-based resource that has a vast library of youth ministry programming that is video based to be used both in youth ministry AND church wide. There are plenty of great options to use in youth ministry.

**Simply Youth Ministry** - [www.simplyyouthministry.com](http://www.simplyyouthministry.com)

Simply Youth Ministry is the home of Group Publishing's youth ministry resource division. Group offers plenty of options for curriculum, message series, devotionals, games and more for youth leaders to use to offer effective programming.

**The Source For Youth Ministry** - [www.thesource4ym.com](http://www.thesource4ym.com)

The Source For Youth Ministry was started by Jonathan McKee, a well-known speaker for youth events and training events around the US. The Source has a vast library of free resources and ideas for youth ministry from games to theme nights. In addition there is a blog with free training and articles and much more.

**The Youth Cartel** - [www.theyouthcartel.com](http://www.theyouthcartel.com)

The Youth Cartel is led by Mark Oestreicher, a well-known youth ministry guru, that offers coaching for youth workers through their cohort model, plenty of resources in their store, and a blog with excellent articles.

**YM 360** - [www.ym360.com](http://www.ym360.com)

YM360 states their objective is to "create high-quality resources and life-changing events which equip you to spend time leading your students in meaningful relationships with Jesus." Through publishing curriculum and youth leadership resources, events, and games YM360 has become a leader in the resourcing of youth ministries.

**Young People's Ministries UMC/Youthworker Collective** - [www.umcyoungpeople.org](http://www.umcyoungpeople.org)

Young People's Ministries of the United Methodist Church is a division of Discipleship Ministries that resources youth workers and youth ministries from distinctly United Methodist perspective. YPM and the Youthworker Collective have recently merged at umcyoungpeople.org. Resources, articles, grants, podcasts, and events can all be found on the YPM website.

**Youth Ministry Partners – [youthministrypartners.com](http://youthministrypartners.com)**

Youth Ministry Partners is the online home for Cokesbury's youth ministry resources. Cokesbury is the official publishing house of the UMC. YMP offers confirmation curriculum, small group curriculum, Sunday School curriculum and much more.

**Youth Specialties - [www.youthspecialties.com](http://www.youthspecialties.com)**

Youth Specialties offers plenty of youth ministry resources of all types with the website offering a resource store, blog, job bank, and youth ministry training event information. Youth Specialties hosts the National Youth Workers Convention yearly offering intense training for youth workers. Youth Specialties offers a regular e-newsletter full of great articles and often contains free resources.

IF YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES THAT SHOULD BE ADDED TO THIS LIST, PLEASE EMAIL US THE INFORMATION TO [INFO@SCMYP.ORG](mailto:INFO@SCMYP.ORG)