

## **Youth Ministry Theory**

13th Gen: Abort, Retry, Ignore, Fail? - A book geared towards older teens and young adults. Questions about their life are raised, answered and challenged. This book is meant to generate meaningful discussion.

Abortion: An Issue for Conscience - A report from the Anglican Church of Canada dealing with the topic of abortion (please note: published in 1974, some of the legal notes may be out of date).

Being Anglican - A report that captures the essence of the Anglican Communion through the sermons, hearings, and resolutions from the 10th meeting of the Anglican Conservative council in 1996.

Building an Effective Youth Ministry - This book concentrates on the theory and theological bases for the establishment of an effective youth ministry.

Called to full Communion - A draft declaration and study resources from the working group of the Evangelical Lutheran church in Canada and the Anglican Church of Canada.

Canada's Youth: Ready for Today - This book is a sociological study, done by the Canadian government. Available in both English and French, this book contains a number of quantitative discoveries about youth.

Catching the Rainbow - This book, based on a total concept theory, is jam packed full of games and activities for any youth ministry group.

Celebrating Youth Ministry - (Maturity Ministry Vision) A "how to" book describing how to work with youth on ministry, how to generate discussions around scripture, and offers detailed understandings of what might happen.

Disorganised Religion: The Evangelisation of Youth and Young Adults - This book contains 25 essays, which explore what is needed to help youth and young adults encounter God.

Effective Youth Ministry - Geared towards a congregational approach to Youth Ministry, this book demonstrates how congregational leaders can do a variety of things for the youth in their church.

Facing Your Future - A guide for those youth group members who are moving on in life and heading to University/ Collage.

Falling off Cloud Nine and Other High Places - Ninety-one short devotionals geared toward teenagers and their most pressing questions.

Friendship: A Window on Ministry to Youth - Based on sociological testing, hard fact, and psychological testing, this book explains the best approaches to use when working on ministry with youth.

Growing a Jr. High Ministry - This book has many practical tools for working with those challenging jr. high teens.

Helping Teenagers in Crisis – Rich Van Pelt and Jim Hancock

A Youth Worker's guide to recognize, assess and address issues, barriers and challenges that are faced daily by young people

Leadership for Youth Ministry - This book brings together the principal theories of youth ministry with practical approaches and concrete, useful strategies for the recruitment, training, and support of youth ministry leaders.

Let's Put Young People in their Place - 10 case studies of Youth groups from across the country.

Like Unto A Mustard Seed - A book geared towards helping leaders create a great community. Philosophical roots based on the symbolism of the mustard seed.

Meet the Family - A pamphlet from the Anglican Church of Canada describing Anglican diversity in Canada.

Practicing Discernment with Youth – David F. White

A manual that teaches congregations and clergy how to relate to their own young people so that they learn how to discern the needs of their own parish and to utilize what they have learned in broader Youth Ministry models to their specific needs.

Preparing a Mansion for God - An advent devotional for students.

Sacred Earth, Sacred Community: Jubilee, Ecology and Aboriginal Peoples - A book full of verses, readings and prayers designed by the Theology Committee of the Canadian Ecumenical Jubilee Initiative dealing with the topic of the renewal of the earth.

Sexuality and Dating - A book designed to help the Youth Worker tackle such issues, with their youth group, from a Christian perspective.

Teaming Up: Shared Leadership in Youth Ministry - A practical guide to a team of leaders preparing to take on Youth Ministry in their church. This book is complete with a variety of activities and discussion topics.

Teen Trends: A Nation in Motion - A powerful book on Canadian culture and youth, which depicts 10 directions youth are taking in the world today.

The 5 Love Languages of Teenagers – Gary Chapman

A companion to the series of Love Language books, this one deals with finding the unique acceptable language that your own teen will respond to

The Emerging Generation - The authors of this book surveyed 30, 000 teens to find out what they think about the world. The book is the final report of their findings about today's teenagers.

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

Teaches congregations and clergy how to reach out and welcome the younger generations by including ways that inspire them.

What it's all About - Prayers for youth of all ages dealing with issues that are topical to their daily lives.

When Kumbaya is not Enough - A practical guide with stories, prayers and suggestions for activities for theological youth ministry.

Youth Ministries: Thinking Big with Small Groups - A "how to" book dealing with the dilemma of leading a youth group with only four to six members. This book is a "tool kit" complete with activities and games for such a small group.