



Youth Ministry Websites

The list below is not a complete listing of all possible websites dealing with youth ministry. It represents some of the sites that youth ministers were finding helpful in November 2002. Doubtless, many have been added since that time. These will give you a start, if you are not familiar with the Internet.

www.cpsdv.org: This website for the Center for the Prevention of Sexual and Domestic Violence has research, data, and suggestions for action on topics related to Safe Sanctuaries.

www.cpyu.org: This website for the Center for Parent/Youth Understanding is an excellent website for cultural understanding.

www.egadideas.com: This website is a source for games, activities, and ideas; however, you need to provide a specific context and setting in which to use it.

www.gbod.org/youth: This website of the General Board of Discipleship of The United Methodist Church gives information on youth ministries, upcoming national events, important articles, resources, e-mail addresses for information on specific ministries, and links to other related websites.

www.grouppublishing.com: This website of Group Publishing has articles about youth ministry, resources, programs, ideas, and links to other websites.

www.ileadyouth.com: This website of The United Methodist Publishing House (Cokesbury) provides important current articles on youth ministry and allows you to see master plans, to browse resources and order online, to ask questions about specific issues, and to connect with staff members who develop youth resources.

www.kartoo.com: This search engine has fascinating links and is a fun website worth exploring.

www.ministryandmedia.com: This is a good website for finding discussion starters on current news, movies, and other media. It does not provide complete programs but gives summaries of events and movies and provides questions for starting discussions.

www.search-institute.org: Search Institute has done a great deal of research into education with youth, high-risk behavior, and developmental assets for youth ministry. This website has information about the forty critical factors for young people's growth and development, the latest research, surveys in which you can participate, publications, and information about training.

www.simpleliving.org: This website, which began as an alternative to consumerism at Christmas, provides alternative suggestions for simple living and helps explore justice issues.

www.youthandreligion.org: This website for the National Study of Youth and Religion, which is a research project at the University of North Carolina, provides news, research results, publications, resources, and links to ten major youth-related websites.

www.youthspecialties.com: This website for Youth Specialties has articles and news about youth ministry, resources, links to other websites, and national events and training sessions.

In addition, **umyouth@umcgroupemail.org** is an important e-mail address. This will connect you with a chat room of United Methodist youth workers, where you can ask questions, check assumptions, ask for help, share information about resources, mission trips, and a host of other topics. In fact, you help decide what the topics will be.