

# Trends, Resources & Topics in Youth Ministry

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# Framework for Youth Ministry

- Biblical
- Theological
- Contextual



# Framework for Youth Ministry: Biblical

- Genesis 1: Made in God's Image
- Psalm 139: Fearfully and Wonderfully Made
- Proverbs 9:10: Fear of the Lord is the Beginning of Wisdom
- Isaiah 43:19: See, I am Doing New Things!
- Luke 10: Mission of the 70
- Romans 8:26: Spirit Intercedes with Sighs too Deep for Words
- 1 Timothy 4:12: Let no one Despise your Youth

# Framework for Youth Ministry: Theological

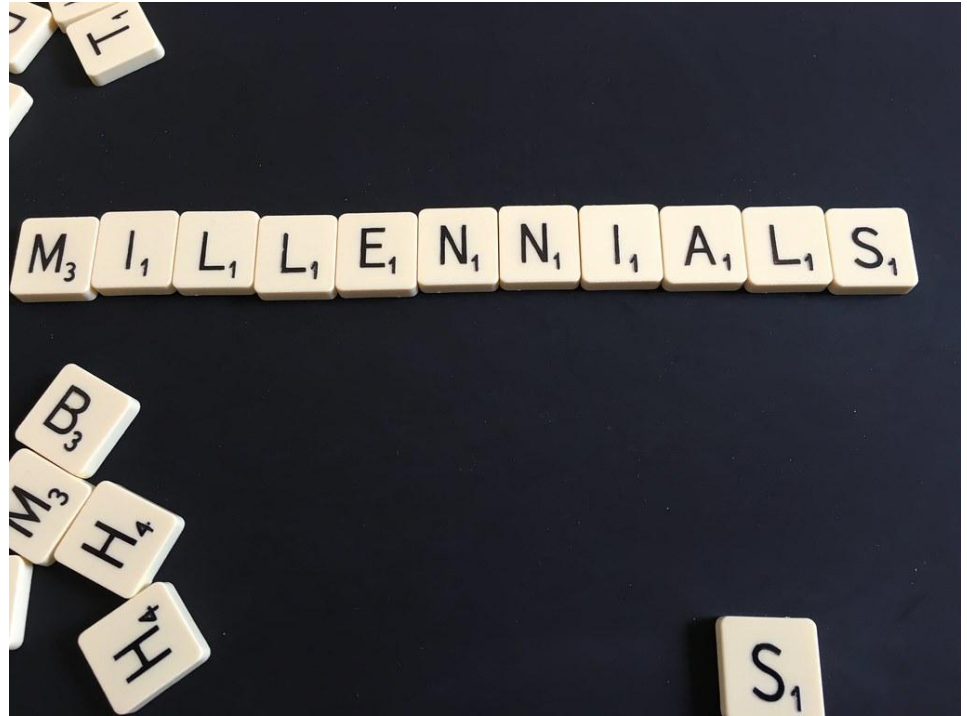
- Luther's Small Catechism
- Asking good questions, like "So what does this mean?"
- The Priesthood of All Believers
- Baptism and Affirmation
- Holy Communion reflected in holy communions
- Vocation & Calling

# Framework for Youth Ministry: Contextual

- What's going on?
- Why is it happening?
- What *should* be happening?
- How are you going to respond?
- National Survey of Youth & Religion

# Context: Millennials

1. Value transparency, innovation, & collaboration; find distinctiveness in digital proficiency; work must be MEANINGFUL
2. Meaningful work must allow for:
  - a. Sharing of gifts, distinctiveness
  - b. Positive impact in lives of others
  - c. Desired quality of life
3. Established structures and institutions must be challenged and examined
  - a. Show proof of value & transparency
  - b. Welcome & engage questions and learning
  - c. Desire relationship & authentic connection with leaders



# Context: Generation Z

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- 1.

# Perspectives for Youth Ministry

- Authenticity through humility, compassion, & curiosity
- Affirmation of complexity
- Non-anxious presence
- “What does this mean?” attitude



# Trends in Youth Ministry

- National Survey of Youth and Religion
- The Confirmation Project
- Sticky Faith & Growing Young
- Mentorship
- Sexuality & Gender Justice
- Increased Worship Leadership

# Resources for Youth Ministry: Words & Sounds

- Mark Devries: “Sustainable Youth Ministry”
- Andrew Root: “Faith Formation in a Secular Age”
- Kenda Creasy Dean: “Practicing Passions”
- Fuller Youth Institute: “Sticky Faith” & “Growing Young”
- Katie Douglass & Co.: “The Confirmation Project”
- ELCA Youth Ministry Network: “Martin’s List” & “3rd Tuesday” Webinar
- Luther Seminary: God Pause
- Rob Bell: “The Rob Cast” Podcast
- “Alter Guild” Podcast

# Resources for Youth Ministry: Partners

- The Confirmation Project
- ELCA Youth Ministry Network & Martin's List
- California Lutheran University
- Pacific Lutheran University
- PLU Connect
- ALYVE: Associate Lutheran Youth in Various Endeavors

# Resources for Youth Ministry: To-Do's

- Western States Youth Gathering, Cal Lutheran 2020
- ELCA National Youth Gathering, Minneapolis 2021
- SLAM Trips - Mending Wings of the Yakama People
- City, Serve, Missions ([csm.org](http://csm.org))
- Lutheran Retreats, Camps, & Conference (SoCal)
- Lutherwood Camps (WA & OR)
- Lutherhaven & Idaho Servant Adventures (Coeur d'Alene)

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# WHO ARE THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS?

Calling & Supporting Lay  
Leadership in Congregational Life



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