

Small Group Discussion Questions

1. Is there still a place for multi-church youth events in our Presbytery? Why/Why Not?
 - a. Think there is
 - b. One big family- go to each other
 - c. Connectional church- called to Discipleship
 - d. Smaller churches- partnering for youth groups
 - e. Provides connection
 - f. So youth can network
 - g. Key to involvement (not just worship)
 - h. Essential for small churches (important for youth to see other youth like them)

2. Specifically, what kinds of events should we consider? What are the best Months? Best Day of the week? Time of the Day? (Some of the more popular multi-church events have been- Worship; Rock Climbing; Hands-on, 1 Day Mission Work; Roller Skating; Awesome Youth Workshops; Hunger Banquet; Duffield Clean-up Overnight)
 - a. Worship (youth led) especially when returning from mission trip, etc
 - b. Presbytery Wide youth mission (more than 1 day, over several days)
 - c. Time-frame- school vacations, weekends good (weekend with different things going on), youth overnight (lock-in)
 - d. Large amount of work for Awesome Youth Workshops
 - e. Worship with rock groups
 - f. Mission- active
 - g. Environmental
 - h. Hunger banquet
 - i. Overnights
 - j. Time-frame Fall/Winter No December
 - k. Saturday/Sunday
 - l. Late afternoon

3. With budget cuts looming, how do we pay for these events?
 - a. Paid for by Presbytery- some scholarship, fundraising
 - b. Do more budget minded events such as just getting together
 - c. Fundraisers- car wash
 - d. PYC Per-Capita (collection- pledge to PYC)
 - e. Pay as you go (charge participants)

4. How many events in a programming year might you support? Why? How would you choose?
 - a. 5-6 events
 - b. Longer term e.g. Toy Drive)
 - c. "Governing Council" pick from events. Planning done a year ahead of time for space and planning issues
 - d. 6-8 times- maybe every 6 weeks or so
 - e. If youth and leaders are available, event is available.
 - f. Need plenty of lead time

5. How many events in a programming year might your Church/Group host? Which one(s)?
 - a. Approximate 1 per year (2
 - b. Don't rule out Summer events- lock-ins, skating party, Darien Lake

6. Should a "formal" Youth and Adult Council be re-established, or is there a "better way" (and what might this be)?
 - a. Planning Council- Youth and Adults- Semiannual
 - b. Need some governance- so yes

7. How do we find the "volunteers"? Would you be willing to serve for a year?
 - a. Through Presbytery Nominations Committee (find via Pastors, CE)
 - b. "Buddy System"- 2 could serve together
 - c. Active recruiting process
 - d. Put out the word- word of mouth

8. How can we best "connect" our Churches, Youth and Youth Leaders?
 - a. Technology- texting, website, newsletters, email
 - b. Be a part of the "e-newsletter"
 - c. Brochures
 - d. Networking
 - e. Doing things
 - f. Youth News on the Presbytery Website
 - g. "Come with me"

9. Other Important Stuff to share with the larger group that came up in your discussion-
 - a. We want to do things that youth can and will come to, participate in and be a strong voice
 - b. Youth leadership should be encouraged. Adult guidance important though (for follow-through, transportation, etc.)