

# Youth and Young Adults Ministry Advisory Group Synod of BC

## Winter 2012 Update

Dear friends in ministry,

We wanted to take a few moments to highlight some upcoming youth and young adult ministry opportunities that are coming up among us. We also wanted to recommend a few books and online blogs to provide continued support and encouragement in your church's ministry to youth and young adults. If there are lay leaders in your congregation that would find this information helpful, please be sure to pass it on to them.

### **Upcoming Youth Ministry Events:**

Feb 17-19, 2012 – Rush Youth Conference in Kelowna ([www.rushyouthconference.com](http://www.rushyouthconference.com))

May 11, 2012 – Third Day & Matt Maher Christian Concert at Langley Events Centre

May 18-20, 2012 – History Makers Youth Conference in Abbotsford ([www.historymaker.ca](http://www.historymaker.ca))

### **Upcoming Young Adult Ministry Events:**

March 09-10, 2012 – Young Adults Apologetics Conference at Peace Portal Alliance Church, Surrey (<http://www.apologeticscanada.com/conference-2012/>)

March 23, 2012 – Passion Young Adults Concert featuring Chris Tomlin and David Crowder Band at Rogers Arena, Vancouver (<http://268generation.com/wt2012/vancouver/>)

### **Upcoming Youth/Young Adult Leader Training Events:**

March 10, 2012 - \$5 Youth leader training event featuring Mark Oestreicher (youth ministry author and speaker) at Burnett Baptist Church, Maple Ridge (<http://5dollartraining.barefoottraining.com/>)

April 20-22, 2012 – TENTATIVE – Youth Leader Training Retreat for Presbyterian congregations to be held at Camp Douglas. More details soon.

**Youth/Young Adult Ministry Blogs that might be of interest** (We don't necessarily agree with everything on them but there is definitely some insightful and helpful stuff on there):

Young Adults Ministry Blog: <http://www.youngadultsagblog.com/>

Young Adults Ministry Resources: <http://youngadults.ag.org/resources.cfm>

Rethinking Youth Ministry: <http://www.rethinkingyouthministry.com/>

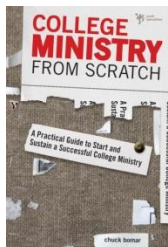
Mark Oestreicher Blog: <http://whyismarko.com/>

More than Dodgeball: <http://www.morethandodgeball.com/>

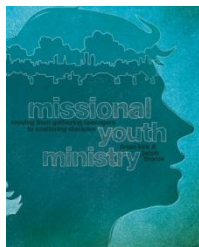
Lots of other great youth ministry blogs:

<http://www.youthspecialties.com/blog/top-20-youth-ministry-blogs-of-2011/>

Youth/Young Adult Ministry Books worth checking out:



*Bomar, Chuck - College Ministry from Scratch* – A practical guide to start and sustain a successful college ministry.



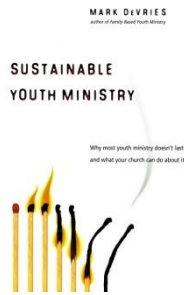
*Kirk, Brian – Missional Youth Ministry* – Moving from gathering teenagers to scattering disciples.

“Missional Youth Ministry is an invitation to imagine a new youth ministry model for young people – a dynamic, faith-driven ministry that involves the entire church and makes mission the very heart of their faith journey.”



*Sawler, David – Before They Say Goodbye*

“...a proactive book to help parents, leaders, and pastors prepare their youth to deal with the many challenges of faith which are causing the trend of young people leaving the church. Canadian written book with Canadian content”



*DeVries, Mark – Sustainable Youth Ministry*

“One of the big problems in youth ministry is the constant turnover of youth ministers. Mark DeVries addresses the problem with a systematic answer: churches need to take corporate responsibility for establishing a vision and structure for effective ministry, rather than leaving it all up to the youth minister. Especially helpful for senior pastors and church leaders.”

We hope that this information will be helpful to you and your congregations. Please feel free to contact any of the YAYAG team if you have any questions or feedback about youth & young adult ministry within the synod and beyond as we seek to serve Jesus together. We look forward to launching a fresh new Synod Youth & Young Adults Ministry website in the not-so-distant future and will be sure to let you know when that comes online. Until then, please feel free to visit our Synod YAYAG Facebook Page at <http://www.yayag.ca/>

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