

*Youth and Young Adult Ministry Events, Opportunities & Resources**

In the United Church of Christ and Beyond

2010 UCC Regional Youth Events (RYEs)

For youth with adult youth leaders/chaperones. Also posted at <http://www.ucc.org/youth/regional-youth-events>

Southern Region RYE

June 10-13, 2010

Dillard University, New Orleans LA

www.cohstreaming.com/srye

Great Lakes Region RYE

June 17-20, 2010

Defiance College, Defiance OH

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New England Region RYE

June 24-27, 2010

Boston University, Boston MA

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Western Region RYE

July 6-10, 2010

Montana State University-Billings, MT

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West Central Region RYE

July 14 – 18, 2010

Park University, Parkville MO

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Mid-Atlantic Region RYE

July 21-25 2010

Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove PA

www.pccucc.org

(NCC) Youth Workers Summit *for adult youth ministry leaders.* A continuing education event in Orlando Florida, Dec. 1-4, 2010. It is coordinated/sponsored by the United Church of Christ and ecumenical partners in the National Council of Churches. The Summit offers dialogue with youth ministry professionals, worship, skill development workshops, resources and a leadership development seminar lead by The Disney Institute. www.youthworkerssummit.org

Justice Leaders Engaging and Developing (LED) *for older youth and adults.* A UCC training program offered by Justice & Witness Ministries (JWM) designed to equip people with the skills needed to develop, strengthen and sustain justice advocacy ministries in our congregations. Scheduled events or to request training: www.ucc.org/justice/training/

United Church of Christ Companion Communities *for UCC young adults ages 21 – 30.* Companion Communities are short-term (one year or summer) mission/service opportunities. Housing, food stipend, and health insurance are provided. www.ucc.org/volunteer/companion-communities-2.html

Global Ministries: A global mission partnership of the UCC and Disciples of Christ. Offers mission resources *for youth and adults*, including group trips and volunteer, study/travel and mission intern opportunities. <http://globalministries.org>

Our Whole Lives (OWL) *for youth and adults.* A series of sexuality education programs for grades K-1, grades 4-6, grades 7-9, grades 10-12, Young Adults and Adults. Resources are written by professional sexuality educators and provide accurate information for parents, teachers and pastors to be used in affirming and supportive settings. To learn more about OWL and/or training: www.ucc.org/justice/sexuality-education/training-schedule.html

2030 Clergy Network's *Shepherding the Shepherd* Event *for UCC clergy in their 20s and 30s.* From June 1 – 3, 2010 the 2030 Clergy Network of the United Church of Christ will gather at Chicago Theological Seminary for a special event. Grounded in the theme *Shepherding the Shepherd*, we will meet for a time of renewal, connection, professional resourcing, and vital worship. To register, click on "Upcoming Events" link at <http://growtheucc.org>.

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) *For older youth and adults.* A two-day workshop designed to teach older youth and adults the skills to competently intervene with youth at risk of suicide. Info: Timothy Brown, Y/YA Coordinator for the Coalition for LGBT Concerns, at yya@ucccoalition.org or see <http://yspp.org/training/asist.htm>.

**Not an exhaustive list! Check with your local church, Association, Conference, and Outdoor Ministry settings for any local or regional opportunities. Also refer to www.ucc.org for more resources and ongoing updates relevant to young people.*

Council for Youth & Young Adult Ministries (CYIAM) *for youth and young adults*. Advocates, communicates, coordinates, and networks on behalf of youth and young adults within the United Church of Christ. Representatives are elected at General Synod; nominations requested (6-9 months before elections) from UCC Conferences and Historically Underrepresented Groups. www.ucc.org/youth/cyiam/youth-and-young-adult-council.html

Sexuality Education Advocacy Training (SEAT) Through workshops on community organizing, advocacy and anti-racism/oppression, SEAT is an annual event that teaches *youth, young adults and adult allies* to advocate effectively as people of faith for comprehensive sex education. www.ucc.org/justice/sexuality-education

Princeton Institute For Youth Ministry Events www3.ptsem.edu/offices/coned/iym/

- Pathways: One day events *for adult leaders and youth* (grades 9-12); a day of training, fellowship.
- Princeton Forums on Youth Ministry: Theological education and resources *for adult youth ministry leaders*.
- Youth Ministry Certificate Retreat is designed *for adult leaders* who want to extend their ministry and credentials.

Lancaster Theological Seminary's Leadership Now Program *for youth and adults*. Includes programs for junior and senior high youth that vary in duration, age group, size and theme. www.lancasterseminary.edu

Emory University's Youth Theological Initiative has a Summer Academy *for a limited number of rising high school seniors*. Gathers participants for a three-week experience in Christian theological education. yti.emory.edu

Share 2010 *for college students and campus pastors*. The national college student ministry gathering of the Christian Church (Disciples) and the UCC. It will be held June 28-July 2, 2010 in Fort Worth and offers fellowship, service, learning, and worship. Coordinated by Student Ecumenical Partnership (STEP). www.stepnetwork.org/

The Fund for Theological Education (FTE) *for youth and young adults*.

- Lilly Endowment supports 34 seminary programs for high school youth, giving them opportunities to engage in theological study and explore their vocations. www.thefund.org/programs/coordination_seminaries.phtml
- The FTE Undergraduate Fellowship program supports young leaders from diverse racial and ethnic communities and Christian faith traditions who are exploring ministry as vocation. The program can provide both financial help and a network of support during college. www.thefund.org/programs/undergrads_fellowships.phtml
- FTE also offers financial aid and a support for seminarians. www.thefund.org/programs/seminary.phtml

Other Helpful Resources and Links:

www.ucc.org/youth, and www.ucc.org/young-adults UCC resource pages for youth and young adults.
www.ucc.org/youth/leadership/ A new UCC resource page for youth and young adult ministry leaders.
www.oma-ucc.org UCC Outdoor Ministries list; they offer program and staffing opportunities for young people.
www.ucc.org/higher-education/school Lists UCC colleges, universities, seminaries and scholarship info.
www.uccoalition.org A UCC-related organization providing support, sanctuary and advocacy for LGBT people.
www.ucc.org/education/practices *Faith Practices*, a new UCC wiki-based (online) curriculum for all ages.
www.ucc.org/ministers/safe UCC safe church policy samples and resources.
www.ucc.org/volunteer Short and long term volunteer opportunities and resources for individuals and groups.
www.ucc.org/music-arts/sing-prayer-and-praise New UCC praise songbook with inclusive language and theology.
www.ucc.org/vitality UCC congregational vitality-related videos, event listings, retreat resources and more.
www.uccfiles.com/ppt/toughtimes2.ppt PowerPoint resource with helpful demographic information about young people.
www.ucc.org/justice/multiracial-multicultural/being-a-mm-church.html UCC Multicultural-Multiracial Church resources.
www.askthequestion.org An extensive UCC resource for people discerning vocations in ministry.
www.faithconnectsus.org Connects ecumenically engaged young adults and posts ecumenical events, internships.
www.wscfglobal.org World Student Christian Federation, a formational ecumenical movement of Christian students.
www.ifyc.org A resource for building mutual respect and pluralism among young people of diverse faith traditions.
www.youthandreligion.org Research on the shape, influence of religion and spirituality in the lives of American youth.
www.facebook.com Groups relating to young people, including: 2030 Clergy Network; UCC Youth and Young Adults; UCC Youth Ministry Leaders; United Church of Christ Young Adults; UCC Coalition for LGBT Concerns – Y & YA.

This information will also be posted and updated as necessary on the youth and young adult-related UCC webpages. If you have questions or information that may be added to this resource, please contact Kelly Burd, UCC Interim Minister for Youth and Young Adult Ministries. Toll free number: 866-822-8224 extension 3871 or email burdk@ucc.org.