

YOUTH WORKER MOVEMENT

The South Carolina YouthWorker Movement is a membership organization of adults who work in youth ministry. It provides a statewide conference network that connects people for the purpose of supporting their ministries in youth work and improving congregational youth ministry in the United Methodist Church.

In line with the new Division on Ministries with Young People, the group serves as the Adult Network Group of adults who work with youth and young adults. We are affectionately known as the AdNet (Adult Network), working with the YNet (Youth Net), and YAMNet (Young Adult Network).

At our by-monthly resource meetings, program topics for the year have included several areas of interest.

- (1) "How Can YouthWorkers Set Personal and Professional Boundaries?" This program was led by Dr. Alison Evans, Licensed Professional Counselor, member of St. Luke UMC in Hartsville, South Carolina.
- (2) "South Carolina Camps and Retreats Ministry." This program was led by Rev. Jody Oates, South Carolina's new Camps and Retreats Director.
- (3) "CyberSafety in Ministry." This program was led by Rev. Shelly Holder and Suzy Speas and gave practical information to youth workers regarding the safe sanctuary aspect of the internet in ministry.

As well, many South Carolina United Methodist Youth Workers from around the Annual Conference have put in numerous volunteer hours for the variety of programs our conference does with the Division on Ministries with Young People. These programs include Youth Annual Conference, 6 Spiritual Life Retreats (both at Myrtle Beach and Lake Junaluska), Mission Possible, Washington Seminar, Conference Youth Choir, Young Adult events, among others.

As we continue the work of youth ministry in the South Carolina Annual Conference, know that United Methodist youth in our Annual Conference are being transformed and trained through the events of this Annual Conference.

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