

APCE Annual Event 2018

PYWA-Sponsored Workshops



Thursday Afternoon		Friday Afternoon	
Workshop A	Workshop B	Workshop C	Workshop D
Safe Spaces (All Levels)	Purpling (All Levels)	Shape of YM (Advanced)	Talk about Race (All Levels)
Beginners Guide (Basic)	Deep Bench (Intermediate)	Seven Minutes (All Levels)	Con-Ed (Advanced)
Pop Culture (All Levels)			Taking YM Wider (Intermediate)

402. A Beginners Guide to Ministry with Youth (Nathan Wheeler)

Join other passionate, crazy people like yourself who have decided to be youth leaders, pastors, ministers, directors in this workshop focused on those who are new to youth ministry. We will laugh, cry, and share in the wonder and mystery that is youth ministry. In an action-packed 90 minutes, we will explore everything from culture building, office planning, and resource development, to parent engagement and child safety in a light-hearted (sometimes serious), but extremely informative workshop. *Basic*

Nathan Wheeler serves as the coordinator of youth and young adult ministries for the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

406. Creating Safe Places for Ministry with Youth (Karen Miller)

Young people often encounter people and places in their lives where they feel like they cannot be themselves. Being a part of a youth group and church family should not be one of these places. In this class, we will discuss the importance of safe spaces, create strategies for helping youth open up and draw closer to God, and have a safe space of our own to share our successes and failures. *All Levels*.

Karen Miller serves as the director of children's and youth ministry at United Presbyterian Church in Peoria, IL. She has a passion for inclusion and advocacy.

417. The Depth of Pop Culture in Youth Ministry (Katie Hartwell)

Young people are constantly watching TV, movies, gaming, or listening to music. How often do they see God in the media they consume? God is ever-present and that includes when we seek entertainment. Learn how to authentically integrate popular culture into your ministry to foster a deeper awareness of how God speaks in everyday life. Together we will explore theological themes in movies, music, TV, and video games. *All Levels*

Katie Hartwell is the designated associate pastor for children and youth at River Glen Presbyterian Church in Naperville, IL. She enjoys movies, music, and ridiculousness.



423. Creating a Deep Bench of Volunteer Youth Workers (Kaitie Kautz)

As adult volunteers get busier and busier, finding volunteer youth workers in our congregations gets harder and harder. Come learn how to create a wide network of volunteers who understand the importance of creating healthy relationships with young people in the church. We'll tackle lots of challenges together including recruiting, training, supervising, and retaining volunteers in youth ministry programs of all sizes! *Intermediate*

Kaitie Kautz is the director of youth ministries and director of equipping ministries at First United Presbyterian Church in Belleville, IL. She has a passion for youth ministry, mission, and dance.

432. Moving Beyond “Purpling”—Practicing Intentional Hospitality with LGBTQ Youth (Shelley Donaldson)

For years, youth workers have used the phrase “no purpling” to prevent young women (pink) from mingling too much with young men (blue). This phrase might have served us well once, but it's time to move beyond. It's our responsibility to make sure that young LGBTQ people are able to fully be themselves as children of God. Moving Beyond Purpling is a chance to rethink everything that we use from language and games to everyday logistics when planning overnights and bathroom usage. Come and learn how to practice God's intentional, radical hospitality to all youth, especially those the church has often left on the margins. *All Levels*

Shelley Donaldson serves as the senior high youth coordinator at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, IL. She's a contributing author for the soon-to-be-published book, *Four Views on Pastoring LGBT Youth*.

519. Hospitality and Youth: The First Seven Minutes (Chip Pope)

Seven minutes. That's about the amount of time you have to welcome tweens and teens before they make a decision about whether they will be welcomed into the community. We will use our collective experiences and wisdom to discover how we can create a culture of hospitality and inclusion for our tweens and teens in those first crucial minutes of being together. *All Levels*

Chip Pope serves as the associate pastor for youth and their families at White Memorial Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, NC. He enjoys being outdoors and visiting local coffee shops.

527. The Shape of Youth Ministry: Ideas, Issues and Frameworks Worth Tracking for Ministry with Young People. (Gina Yeager-Buckley)

What are the formative schools of thought, national and global issues, and societal issues impacting the ministry and relationship we have, the church has, with youth? Through conversation and interaction, participants in this workshop will explore what is shaping our time as youth workers, educators, pastors, and volunteers. Schedules, marketing research, theological shifts, politics, retail, race, sexual identity, technology, fiction and art—it all matters in what we do! It all matters in the formation of young people. *Advanced*

Gina Yeager-Buckley serves as the mission associate for Christian formation for Youth, for the Presbyterian Mission Agency of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Living and working in Louisville, Kentucky, Gina also serves a youth ministry Sunday School teacher and volunteer at her local congregation.



533. Con-Ed for Youth Workers: What's the Point? (Alex Dorsam)

Continuing education opportunities are critical components of becoming stronger faith leaders, but what happens when we gather for faith-based con-ed experiences? Research and findings from a 2017 study from Clemson University that included the annual Arts, Recreation, and Worship Conference at Montreat Conference Center will help facilitate our conversations. Let's talk about how you are learning and growing within your ministry and how we can be more effective and intentional in developing ourselves as youth workers. *Advanced*

Alex Dorsam is a Presbyterian youth worker and a graduate research and teaching assistant at Clemson University.

539. How Can We Talk About Race, If (almost) All of our Youth Are White? Joining the Conversation about Race and Faith (Lindsey Anderson & Anna Kendig)

Resisting racism is Gospel work rooted in the example of our brown-skinned, economically-oppressed, politically-active Savior, Jesus. Your twitter-loving, snap-watching youth are already experiencing the dynamics of race and talking about it. (In every community. We promise.) Come explore how to engage youth in courageous and relevant conversations, how to live God's call to justice, and how to create mission trips and ministry experiences that help instead of hurt. Plus resources, tips, and places to start! *All Levels*

Lindsey Anderson serves as the pastor of The Detroit Cooperative Church and Anna Kendig serves as the staff chaplain at University of Minnesota Medical Center.

544. Taking Youth Ministry Wider (Tully Fletcher)

Many youth leaders do well at diving deep into a scripture or topic with young people, but often the experience ends when youth group or Sunday school ends. This workshop will explore how to engage more of the congregation in the faith development of youth, how to get parents more involved, and how to follow up on summer trips (and other intensive experiences) through the rest of the year.

Intermediate

Tully Fletcher serves as the associate pastor for youth and young adults at Orangewood Presbyterian Church in Phoenix, AZ.