

# CONFERENCE MINISTRIES WITH YOUNG PEOPLE RESOURCE GUIDE 2010

Providing resources to help you  
grow transformational ministries  
with young people

Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church

Inside find exciting opportunities that support your ministry...

- Transformational retreats and mission events that allow you to leave the planning to us.
- Conference wide forums that provide youth ministry networking and support for ministries with young people.
- Training for youth, young adults, and adult volunteers to strengthen your ministry and outreach.



Time for youth workers and student leaders to renew through networking & training

# PATHWAYS

## YOUTH MINISTRY LEADER SEMINAR

**March 6, 2010  
Washington D.C.**

**A one-day training for youth ministry adult leaders  
and student leaders (grades 9 – 12)**

Adult lead trainer will be Ron Foster, ordained UMC pastor and co-author of "The Godbearing Life: The Art of Soultending for Youth Ministry!"

**ONE DAY** of thoughtful presentations, engaging and experienced youth leaders from all over the country, fresh thinkers, relevant ideas, and the sustenance of interaction with others who bear the same passion for Jesus Christ, for youth and for the intersection between the two!

**TWO TRACKS:** One for adult leaders, offered by the Princeton Theological Seminary Institute for Youth Ministry and one for youth (grades 9 - 12), offered by the PC(USA)'s office of Ministries with Youth and Office of Christian Vocation.



For detailed information on all events or to register go to [www.vaumc.org/youth](http://www.vaumc.org/youth)

Serving as Christ's hands and feet for others

## SUMMER PROJECT YOUTH

**June 12 – 18, June 19 – 25, June 26 – July 2,  
July 3 – 9, July 10 – 16, July 17 – 23,  
July 24 – 30, July 31 – August 6**

**Cost: \$275 per participant plus a \$150 non-refundable  
deposit per work team.**

**One week sessions from Saturday to Friday  
At Fieldstone UMC in Christiansburg, VA**

Cost: \$275 per participant plus a \$150 non-refundable  
deposit per work team (work teams equal NO MORE than  
10 people with a minimum of two adults per team). Please  
see detailed information on the web site for complete work  
team ratio and vehicle information.

Share the love of God through a week in mission to those  
less fortunate in the New River Valley region of Virginia.  
Enjoy a mission experience that provides tools and offers  
evening programming, worship, daily devotions, and  
delicious meals!



Experience mission throughout the entire Virginia Conference

# VOICES OF YOUTH: AWAKENING THE CHURCH TO MISSION

**July 1-23, 2010**

Voices of Youth is a 3 – 4 week mission experience that takes place every summer for high school youth. This year we will be celebrating 25 Years of Mission Work by taking part in projects throughout the entire Virginia Conference! This year's VOY will be an inspiring opportunity to experience mission in each of the 18 districts! We will be learning about and participating in mission, and then sharing our stories through music and worship. VOY is open to all high school students and the cost will be \$1200.

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Inviting all youth of Virginia to come "Together at the Table"

## SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

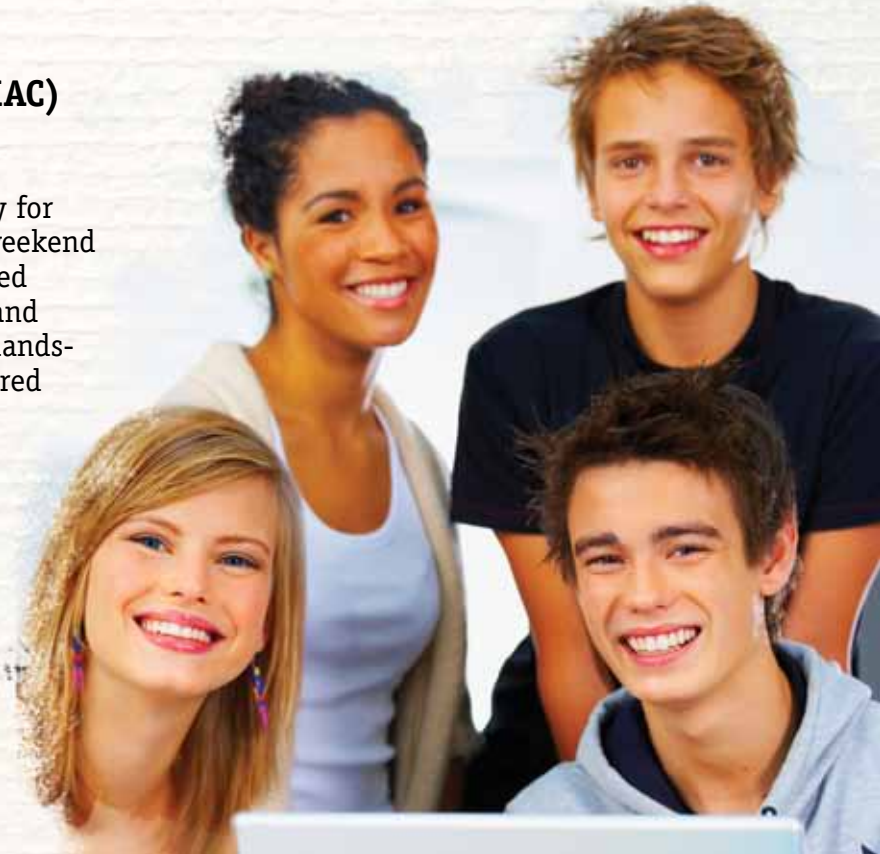
**July 22-25, 2010**

**July 25-29, 2010**

**Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center (VUMAC)  
in Blackstone**

The School of Christian Mission offers an exciting opportunity for young people to come alive to mission by participating in a weekend or a week long "school." Young people learn about what United Methodists are doing around the world to alleviate suffering and to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. They participate in hands-on mission projects, ranging from gleaning to work in a battered women's shelter.

The youth portion of the School will focus on the Sudan and will be led by Betina Butler. Youth are encouraged to contact Pat Owens at [patowens2@cox.net](mailto:patowens2@cox.net) for information regarding available scholarships. Further cost information will be available on the website. If you want to learn more about the School of Christian Mission and youth programming at the School, please visit the SOCM Link on the Youth Page of the Conference website.



A week to open your eyes to social justice and global peace issues

# UNITED NATIONS SEMINAR

**July 27 – 31, 2010**

**New York City**

Cost: \$825 per participant\*

*(\*Price change because meals are included this year.)*

11th and 12th grade Youth AND College students register as individuals. They will learn how the UMC is lobbying with the UN for social justice and global peace issues and how to faithfully respond to such issues. This program is sponsored by the General Board of Global Ministries.

While in New York for this educational experience, the group will tour the United Nations Building, the Empire State Building, and the Statue of Liberty. Participants will also engage in local mission opportunities in New York City and worship at Times Square Church, a truly ethnically and racially diverse congregation.

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For student leaders and youth workers

# YAC

## YOUTH ADVOCATES FOR CHRIST

*For local church teams of student leaders and youth workers, whether large or small*

### August 6 – 8, 2010

**Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center  
(VUMAC) in Blackstone**

Cost: \$125 per participant  
*(includes program, lodging w/ linens, meals,  
and resources)*

A weekend to train youth to be strong leaders in your local church and/or district youth ministries and to help you develop a vision and goals for the coming year, including outreach to your community. This weekend is guaranteed to help strengthen and transform your youth ministry. A great time to be refreshed through opportunities of spiritual growth and worship while receiving a commission to serve in the district and local community.

# & VUMDYLA

## VIRGINIA UNITED METHODIST DISTRICT YOUTH LEADERSHIP ASSEMBLY

*A leadership training and planning event for District Youth Councils*



Become the hands and feet of Christ!

# MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION WEEKENDS

**August 27-29, 2010**

**October 15-17, 2010**

**With the Jeremiah Project**

**At Westview on the James in Goochland, VA**

Cost: \$100

*(Includes meals: Saturday breakfast through Sunday breakfast)*

The Middle School Mission Weekends are a great opportunity to introduce your middle school students (6-8th graders) to mission and help them understand what it means to be the hands and feet of Christ.

Limit is 125 participants each weekend. Please be sure to refer to the back page of this booklet for detailed information about adult to youth ratios.

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Open your heart and mind to experience Christ in a new way

## FALL RETREATS

**Middle School**  
**November 12-14, 2010**  
**at Eagle Eyrie in Lynchburg, VA**

**High School**  
**December 3-5, 2010**  
**at Eagle Eyrie in Lynchburg, VA**

Cost: \$115 per participant *(includes program, resources, lodging with linens, and meals)*

Youth will be challenged to grow as disciples of Christ through powerful worship, Bible study, and small groups while building new friendships with youth from all over Virginia.

The retreats will include a Youth Service Fund (YSF) "walk for change" that will help youth to gain mission awareness of how to make a difference in the world!



## YOUTH SERVICE FUND (YSF) GRANTS

Is your church considering a new mission or ministry by, with, and/or for young people? If so, you might be eligible for a Youth Service Fund (YSF) grant to help support your project.

The grants available through YSF are designed to enable creative, life-transforming ministry, and mission with young people. Funded projects will address the causes of critical issues related to young people in their local context, with emphasis on how their work can have an impact on the priorities of The United Methodist Church in a broader context.

Please visit: [www.vaumc.org/youth](http://www.vaumc.org/youth) and click on "Youth Service Fund" for more information. The application deadline is March 1, 2010.



# REGISTRATION & CHAPERONE POLICIES

Unless otherwise stated on the information flyer for a specific event, the payment/refund policy and chaperone policy posted on our website applies to all Virginia Conference Youth Events of the Virginia Conference (information flyers can be found on the website [www.vaumc.org/youth](http://www.vaumc.org/youth), or you can contact Becky Tate in the youth ministries office if you are unable to download this information from the website: 1-800-768-6040, ext. 139 or 804-521-1139). This is ONLY an overview of these policies. Please visit the website to review the entire policies.

## Guidelines on Registration, Payment, Refund, and Cancellation

**REGISTRATION:** ALL registrations for Summer Project Youth, YAC, VUMDYLA, Middle School Mission Weekends, and the Fall Retreats must be a GROUP registration. This means that ONE main contact person registers the rest of the youth participants and adult chaperones together as one group. Your group is not officially registered until payment has been received! Individual registrations are accepted for all other events/missions.

**How to Register:** All registrations are online with payment by check or credit card.

**When to Register:** Registrations are accepted for events up to one week prior or until the limit of maximum number of participants is reached. If you register for an event within the two week window preceding the event, FULL payment is expected at the time of registration.

**Payment:** FULL payment for your group is due two weeks prior to the event.

### Refunds/Cancellations:

**Deposits:** If an event has a deposit that is stated as non-refundable on the event flyer, then participants who cancel will automatically forfeit that deposit.

**Refunds/Substitutions:** Full refunds will be granted to groups for any cancellations that are made prior to two weeks preceding the event, minus a processing fee of \$10 per person. If cancellations are made within the two weeks preceding an event, no refund will be granted.

## Guidelines on Local Church Adult Chaperones with Youth

- 1) No adult chaperone has been convicted of any illegal conduct involving a minor. It is recommended that each church obtain a national criminal background check on all adult chaperones.
- 2) All adult chaperones have been a member or active constituent of The United Methodist Church for at least six months prior to serving as a chaperone.
- 3) Adults are a minimum of 21 years of age when chaperoning high school students and a minimum of 18 years of age when chaperoning middle school students or younger.
- 4) Under no circumstances should anyone under the age of 21 be allowed to drive children/youth/at-risk adults. Furthermore, churches should be aware of and abide by their own individual church insurance policies (whereas some policies require a minimum driving age of 25 and a maximum driving age of 70).
- 5) When transporting participants to off-site activities, no automobile will contain only one adult (driver) and one child/youth/at-risk adult. Automobiles will contain either one driver and two or more participants or two adults and any number of children (within the seat belt limitations of the vehicle, whereas seatbelts are ALWAYS required).
- 6) A minimum of two adults per group are present as chaperones throughout any event. A minimum of one adult male and one adult female are required for groups of mixed gender. Ratios beyond the 2 adult minimum are 1 adult to 8 youth.

**JOIN THE YOUTH OR YOUNG ADULT NET** To stay in the loop about youth and young adults around Virginia, be sure to join the Youth and/or Young Adult Net Email Group. Visit [www.vaumc.org](http://www.vaumc.org) and click on the "Resources" drop down bar and select "Email Groups."

**For more information on any of these events  
or to register go to [www.vaumc.org/youth](http://www.vaumc.org/youth).**

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