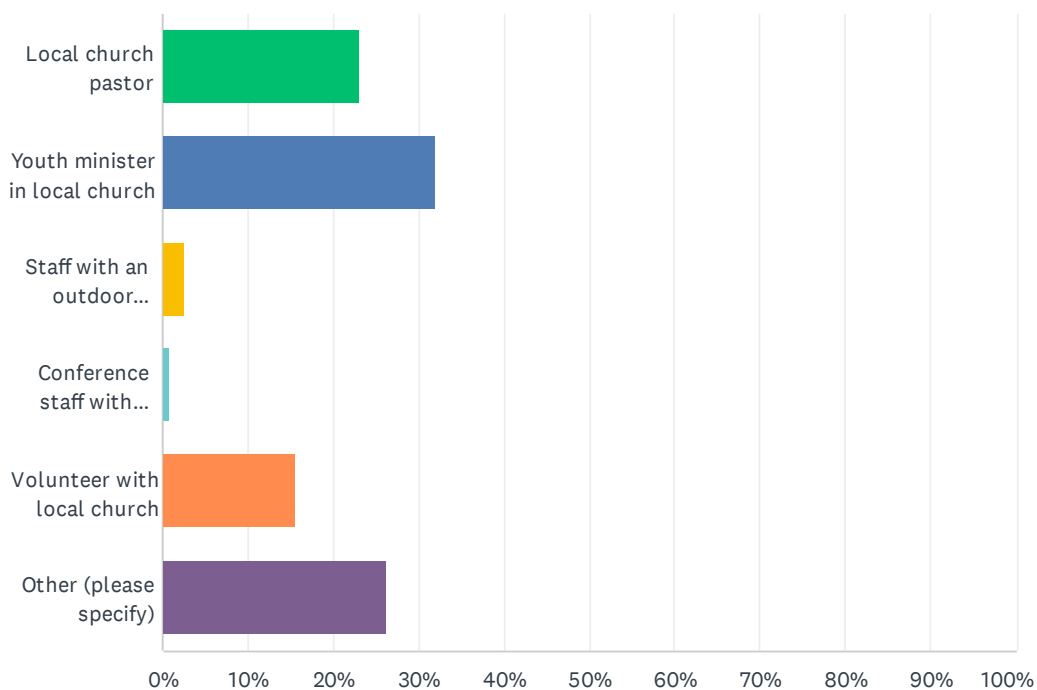


Q1 What is your current role for the church?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Local church pastor	22.95%	28
Youth minister in local church	31.97%	39
Staff with an outdoor ministry site	2.46%	3
Conference staff with youth in your portfolio	0.82%	1
Volunteer with local church	15.57%	19
Other (please specify)	26.23%	32
TOTAL		122

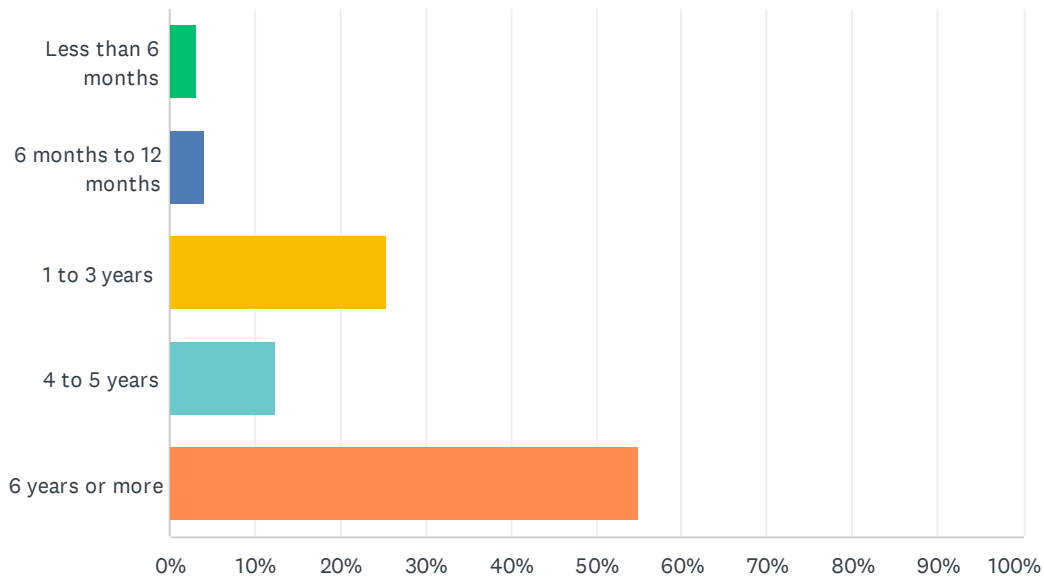
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1	Youth Director, but not a minister	1/28/2022 1:55 PM
2	Resource curator and creator serving faith formation leaders.	1/24/2022 4:04 PM
3	Director of Christian Education	1/24/2022 9:53 AM
4	Coordinator for girls group	1/22/2022 8:36 AM
5	Christian Education Coordinator & Youth Leader	1/20/2022 8:43 PM
6	Worship & Media Coordinator at a small church where I help with youth when I can.	1/18/2022 2:37 PM
7	Interim CE Director	1/14/2022 3:44 PM
8	Youth Leadership	1/13/2022 2:00 PM

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9	Director of Youth & Family Ministry	1/12/2022 2:01 PM
10	Christian education coordinator	1/12/2022 1:41 PM
11	Parent/ no youth group currently	1/10/2022 11:17 PM
12	Christian Education Director	1/10/2022 11:05 AM
13	Youth Director	1/6/2022 4:35 PM
14	Director of Christian Education	1/5/2022 2:50 PM
15	Volunteer (elected) Youth Director	1/2/2022 9:11 AM
16	Parent of youth	12/31/2021 10:07 AM
17	Coordinator of Youth Ministries	12/30/2021 11:33 PM
18	Christian ed committee member ans youth sponsor	12/30/2021 12:27 AM
19	Sunday School Teacher and member of Christian Education Committee	12/29/2021 5:26 PM
20	Director of Christian Education	12/28/2021 6:22 PM
21	Christian Education Coordinator	12/28/2021 2:41 PM
22	Christian education director	12/28/2021 1:58 PM
23	Commissioned Minister of Faith Formation (Children & Youth)	12/21/2021 2:50 PM
24	Youth group director, paid	12/21/2021 7:39 AM
25	Christian Education Director	12/20/2021 4:06 PM
26	Director of Youth Ministries (not ordained)	12/17/2021 2:02 PM
27	Youth Coordinator	12/17/2021 9:09 AM
28	Associate for children's ministry not ordained, families and children to sixth grade focus	12/16/2021 11:15 AM
29	both youth in a local church and conference staff	12/15/2021 6:31 PM
30	Staff-- Director of Faith Formation. I work & develop our program for families, children & youth.	12/15/2021 5:27 PM
31	Intentional Interim	12/15/2021 5:18 PM
32	testing for national staff	12/6/2021 1:47 PM

Q2 How long have you been in this role?

Answered: 122 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 6 months	3.28%	4
6 months to 12 months	4.10%	5
1 to 3 years	25.41%	31
4 to 5 years	12.30%	15
6 years or more	54.92%	67
TOTAL		122

Q3 On average, how many youth (grade 7-12) are present for your iteration of youth group/youth program?

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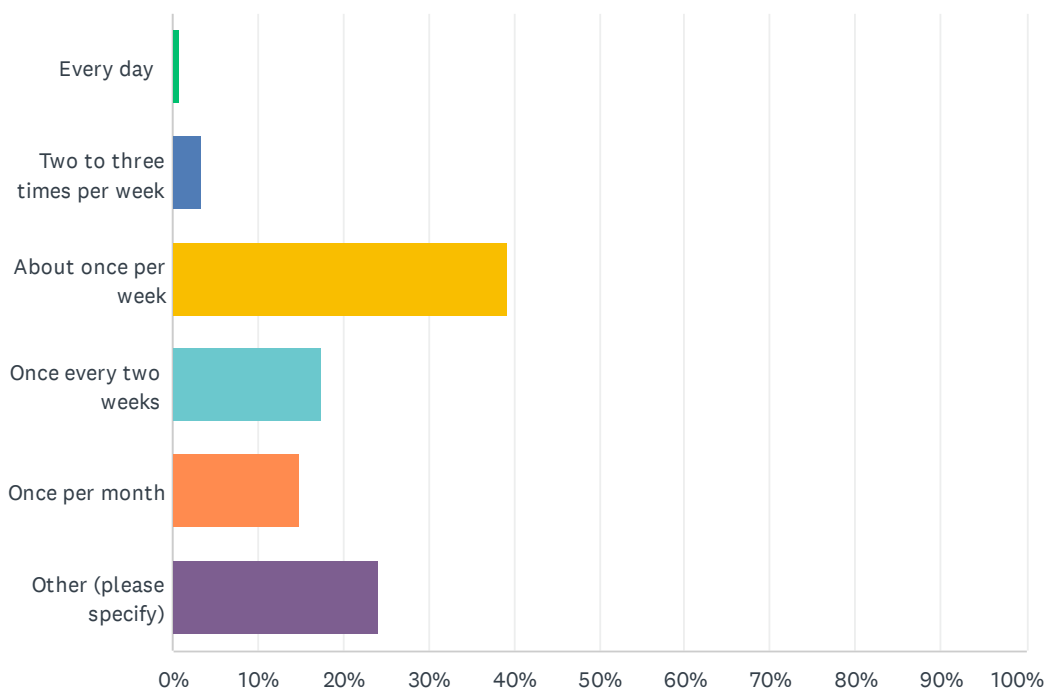
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117	2	12/15/2021 5:18 PM

Q4 How often does your youth group meet?

Answered: 120 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Every day	0.83% 1
Two to three times per week	3.33% 4
About once per week	39.17% 47
Once every two weeks	17.50% 21
Once per month	15.00% 18
Other (please specify)	24.17% 29
TOTAL	120

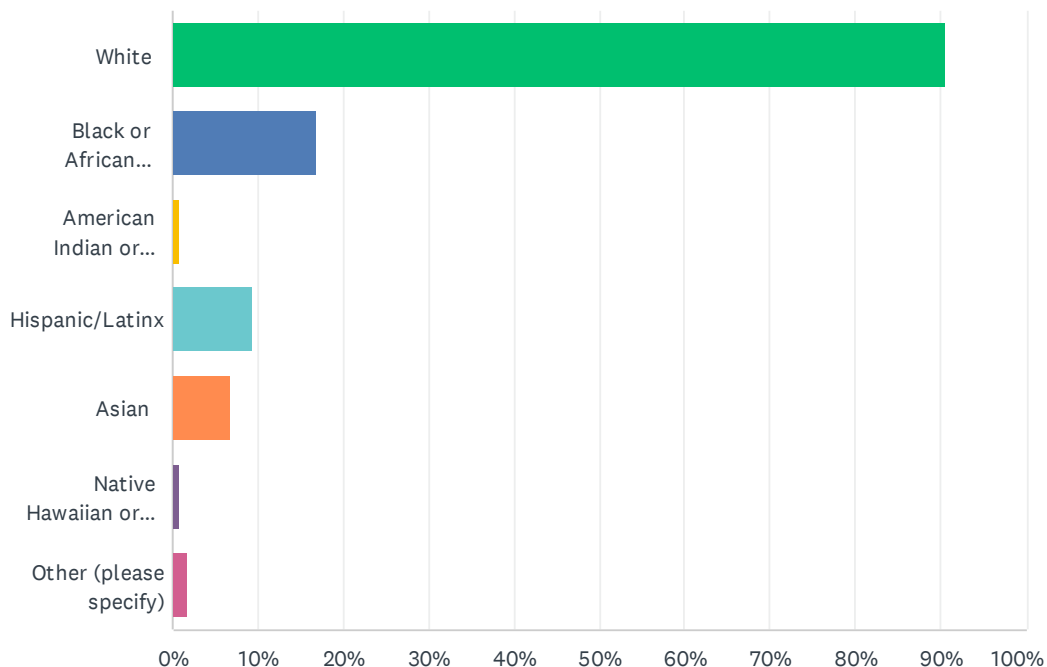
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1	not currently meeting	1/25/2022 6:37 PM
2	not regularly meeting at this time; in formation	1/25/2022 3:12 PM
3	Bi-weekly--as part of a group sponsored and supported by THREE UCC churches in one area	1/25/2022 11:57 AM
4	I do not regularly meet with youth. I support youth ministry and faith formation leaders who do.	1/24/2022 4:04 PM
5	sporadic during covid	1/22/2022 7:38 PM
6	Not meeting at this time, but usually once each month. I also conduct a girls group at my school. We meet weekly.	1/22/2022 8:36 AM
7	Every Sunday	1/19/2022 7:08 PM

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8	for events throughout the year	1/19/2022 2:59 PM
9	as we're able, which may be quarterly or more for a project	1/18/2022 2:37 PM
10	once very few months, unless a specific program is taking place	1/11/2022 12:51 PM
11	Sunday at church	1/10/2022 11:17 PM
12	generally weekly, not since covid	1/10/2022 11:05 AM
13	2X per month	1/9/2022 12:47 PM
14	Seasonally- camps and retreats in spring/fall/summer	1/6/2022 11:42 AM
15	Meetings are 1 time a month but then we have 1 or 2 activities a month as well. There is also a confirmation class that meets every other week and a Trailblazers class that meets every other week as well.	1/5/2022 2:50 PM
16	Middle school youth meet 2x per month, HS youth 2x per week	1/4/2022 9:48 PM
17	Quarterly	1/4/2022 1:02 PM
18	Faith Formation 2-3x/month, youth group event 1-2x/month.	1/4/2022 10:09 AM
19	Through much of the pandemic we met once a week (virtually). Now meeting once a month (in person)	1/3/2022 12:16 PM
20	Three times a month prior to Pandemic	1/2/2022 9:18 PM
21	Once a year they make sub sandwiches	12/31/2021 10:07 AM
22	Once a quarter	12/30/2021 12:27 AM
23	When activities are scheduled	12/28/2021 2:41 PM
24	once a month but hope to in case the meetings. We are being careful still because of COVID.	12/21/2021 7:39 AM
25	Once a week for MS, once a week for HS, once a week for confirmation, Once a week for middle school Sunday school	12/20/2021 3:20 PM
26	JR High - twice per month for fellowship, weekly for church school. Sr. High, weekly for fellowship	12/20/2021 2:38 PM
27	randomly since 2020 and not sure what we will do next	12/16/2021 4:00 PM
28	3 times per month	12/15/2021 6:31 PM
29	Since COVID, not at all.	12/15/2021 5:18 PM

Q5 What is the primary racial/ethnic make up of your youth group? (select all that apply)

Answered: 118 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
White	90.68%	107
Black or African American	16.95%	20
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.85%	1
Hispanic/Latinx	9.32%	11
Asian	6.78%	8
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.85%	1
Other (please specify)	1.69%	2
Total Respondents: 118		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	All are invited	1/8/2022 7:27 PM
2	White, Black and Hispanic	12/21/2021 2:05 PM

Q6 What does faith formation look like in your context?

Answered: 107 Skipped: 15

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Confirmation Class	1/29/2022 3:15 PM
2	A lot of discussions, games with lessons, sometimes videos. I'm very new to this and did not go to church as a youth.	1/28/2022 1:55 PM
3	Faith formation is a part of our youth group activities. While we don't do specific Bible study, we talk a lot about relationship with God and Jesus and how the divine is present in one's life.	1/26/2022 4:37 PM
4	Traditional educational offerings; youth group that has been dormant for last 5 years	1/25/2022 6:37 PM
5	youth ministry in formation; not meeting yet	1/25/2022 3:12 PM
6	In a word, traditional	1/25/2022 11:57 AM
7	Most, if not all, faith formation leaders I serve continue to attempt programming that looks exactly as it did prior to our multifaceted and unfolding global pandemics: Wednesday evening youth groups, Sunday school for children, children's time during worship, after which kids leave (if it is not pre-recorded and viewed at home); etc.	1/24/2022 4:04 PM
8	Bible study; Christian video-based curriculum; Christian music	1/24/2022 2:16 PM
9	traditional Sunday School during worship for pre-k through 6th grade, some kind of offering fro 7-8th grade, high school attends worship. Grades 7-12 meet every Sunday evening for youth group.	1/24/2022 11:55 AM
10	The children are gathered to enjoy a meal together. They are introduced to social situations where they can work through how to respect and treat one another. They grow in a bond as Christians. They have a lesson each week that dives into faith working in their lives. They have a chance to discuss what they are going through in a safe space.	1/24/2022 9:53 AM
11	met outside in the fall, along with younger kids, directed by Christian Ed. used stewardship of creation theme. I will have more input going forward.	1/22/2022 7:38 PM
12	Children's sermons on Sundays, youth meeting Wednesday afternoons, and occasional outings.	1/22/2022 10:53 AM
13	The faith formation when conducted at church conform to our practices, however when at school; adhere to school protocol. We maintain righteous and loving interactions steered by positivity.	1/22/2022 8:36 AM
14	Two year confirmation in middle school. Sunday Classes for youth provided Some spiritual orientation at fellowship events Confirmation retreat and mission trips	1/20/2022 11:56 AM
15	playing dungeons and dragons or some other game	1/20/2022 11:55 AM
16	We discuss social situations occurring in our area/their personal life and how their faith can be used regarding it.	1/19/2022 7:08 PM
17	After many years of "Sunday School" all are invited to a confirmation class at 12-13	1/19/2022 2:59 PM
18	We have a youth Sunday school discussion class that meets twice a month during worship and then a youth group that meets once a month after worship for both fellowship and service.	1/18/2022 3:35 PM
19	gathering to plan for and do service projects	1/18/2022 2:37 PM
20	Learning, growing, and teaching About our faith through activities inside the church and outside in the community; and learning about the challenges that come with it.	1/16/2022 3:17 PM
21	Working, learning and experiencing the work of the church in the greater community.	1/14/2022 3:44 PM
22	Sharing Christ's love...	1/13/2022 2:00 PM

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23	Sunday School lessons	1/12/2022 4:19 PM
24	We do incorporate some Bible readings in our group, but we mainly focus on how our faith relates to the world and what it calls us to do as people of faith.	1/12/2022 10:11 AM
25	We offer lock ins, short term studies, confirmation, quarterly fun events, and intergenerational programming	1/11/2022 12:51 PM
26	We provide activities associated with Christian values	1/10/2022 9:56 PM
27	Being a safe space for children and youth to explore who they are and what they believe with their peers and trusted adults	1/10/2022 2:40 PM
28	Class through Confirmation. Youth Group from Confirmation on.	1/10/2022 11:17 AM
29	We start w/tots and developed curriculum to lead to the goals of confirmation for 7th graders.	1/10/2022 11:05 AM
30	We have a 1-year Confirmation program taking place right now. We have held 1 and 2-year programs in the past and decide to hold a one-year program this year.	1/10/2022 7:55 AM
31	In middle school youth program-- we read the same scripture and discuss/ engage in related activities as their parents in worship. The purpose of this is build context, vocabulary and Bible access and interpretation skills Confirmation reaffirming basics (that more and more kids don't know), exploring other Abrahamic beliefs and topics such as sacraments, seasons of the church, Holy Trinity in each form and more.	1/9/2022 5:22 PM
32	We use the Peer Ministry Curriculum (based off Good Samaritan story) in the fall with our middle school youth to set the culture. In the spring we open it up for what the youth want to do together. We do relationship building activities like hikes, camping trips, etc. when we're able.	1/9/2022 3:20 PM
33	Creating a community of fellowship among our youth and older members of the congregation that is safe and welcoming for our youth while also discussing issues of faith.	1/9/2022 12:47 PM
34	We have all K-12th Sunday school kids for an hour before our worship service. Youth help with the younger kids if they come. Last semester no one over 3rd grade came regularly. Our youth have all done confirmation. We are taking our youth group time in the 2021-2022 school year to focus on rebuilding relationships.	1/9/2022 11:28 AM
35	We tend to stayMore toward works and lacking faith	1/8/2022 7:27 PM
36	Godly Play. Youth Group. Confirmation.	1/7/2022 4:18 PM
37	weekly youth group, other youth gatherings (grade specific gatherings, fun/fellowship activities), confirmation, annual retreat, annual mission trip.	1/7/2022 3:36 PM
38	Confirmation is a 2 year program, Sunday School for all ages, and older youth serve as teachers and helpers for VBS and Awana	1/7/2022 1:52 PM
39	Most of our Youth are part of our Sunday school program and involved in our Summer/Winter VBS. Once a month, we meet for a small group fellowship.	1/6/2022 4:35 PM
40	N/A	1/6/2022 3:47 PM
41	Discussions about topics that interest the youth, mission work, scripture lessons	1/6/2022 3:41 PM
42	Safe space; time to play but also talk about how our faith/beliefs influence our daily lives/decisions	1/6/2022 2:58 PM
43	We are lately offering a lot of mental health support in the form of focus on God's love. There is some discussion of the bible and theology, world issues, service.	1/6/2022 2:55 PM
44	Pre-Covid it was a faith formation hour for all ages (children/adults) with specific programming for preK-5th, middle school youth group, and adult faith formation/forums. Now it is outdoor/faith at home family ministries for children with monthly large group gatherings outside, youth group for middle and high schoolers, and faith formation/forums for adults	1/6/2022 2:14 PM
45	Traditional Sunday School is offered for children 7th grade and younger, taught by our high schoolers. 8th graders participate in OWL and confirmation. Our Youth Groups are activity based and only feature explicit faith formation activities and discussions when we engage in service trips/projects or retreats.	1/6/2022 1:20 PM

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46	Group discussions, vespers, solo reflection...	1/6/2022 11:42 AM
47	Weekly Children's Church during Worship for grades (K-5), and Sunday School following Worship (K-12). Adult Ed class weekly (currently on Sunday.) Fellowship Groups on Zoom once a month for K-5, and 5-12.	1/6/2022 11:42 AM
48	Not sure what you are looking for in this question. We have confirmation class every other week for 7th and 8th graders. We have a Trailblazers class that meets every other week opposite confirmation that talks about the Bible in relation to today's world and difficulties youth may encounter. We also occasionally will do a short Bible study 1 time a week for 4 weeks or so throughout the year. We did one last year on anxiety and youth. We also include prayer in all our meetings/activities.	1/5/2022 2:50 PM
49	we have Middle School group that meets on Weds twice a month. We have a confirmation program (9th and above) that meets every Weds for one year.	1/5/2022 2:27 PM
50	Weekly get togethers	1/5/2022 1:46 PM
51	For youth retreats, the group leaders that come with the group are primarily responsible. For summer camps, we work with camp directors to choose and implement a curriculum that is accessible to our age groups. We also infuse each group interaction with meaning. We connect our ecological setting, our setting and our mission with current challenges to our world.	1/5/2022 12:42 PM
52	Online and in person meetings confirmation church school	1/5/2022 9:14 AM
53	Anything that works	1/4/2022 11:41 PM
54	Know God at an age-appropriate level: stories, songs, and parables as elementary schoolers; safe spaces for 6-8 graders; faith conversations for HSers	1/4/2022 9:48 PM
55	7th and 8th graders can participate in a Sunday School class with younger children, though many don't. Confirmation is for 8th grade and up. As of right now that's the only faith formation effort specifically for 7th-12th graders. I hope to develop more.	1/4/2022 5:12 PM
56	We spend a great deal of time discussing belonging and self-discovery.	1/4/2022 1:02 PM
57	Studying the Bible to nurture, inspire and apply to daily life	1/4/2022 12:36 PM
58	9th-12th grade on 4th Sundays, 6th-12th grade every week except 1st Sundays. Youth begin in worship and go to FF part way through the service.	1/4/2022 10:09 AM
59	A comprehensive program of Spirituality, Education, Community, Mission, Justice, Expression, and Connection.	1/3/2022 12:16 PM
60	non existence since shut down March 2020	1/2/2022 9:18 PM
61	We have virtual youth group meetings (Sundays), which are mostly on a weekly basis with the exception of breaks for holidays or special church events. In the summer 2021, we had a few in-person mission/service activities.	1/2/2022 9:11 AM
62	Director of all Faith Formation programming, leading Sunday morning class, weekly and monthly activities/events, and organizing and implementing mission and service opportunities.	1/1/2022 5:34 PM
63	Weekly Sunday morning Christian Education classes and monthly social or community service activities	1/1/2022 12:00 PM
64	The minister calls the group together for an 18-month process. I assist her when asked to do so.	12/30/2021 11:33 PM
65	Freeform and inadequate.	12/30/2021 12:27 AM
66	doing service	12/29/2021 10:47 PM
67	My 8th grade students are preparing for confirmation. We touch on our UCC core mission statement. We take pride in our "open and affirming" status and reach out to all. We walk the walk and talk the talk while aiming to follow Jesus' example. We find God in our hearts. We constantly look for ways to love our community regardless of their religious beliefs.	12/29/2021 5:26 PM
68	Bring kids together for fun & tie the faith formation in	12/28/2021 10:54 PM
69	Opening and affirming, welcoming to all regardless of where they might be in their spiritual	12/28/2021 6:22 PM

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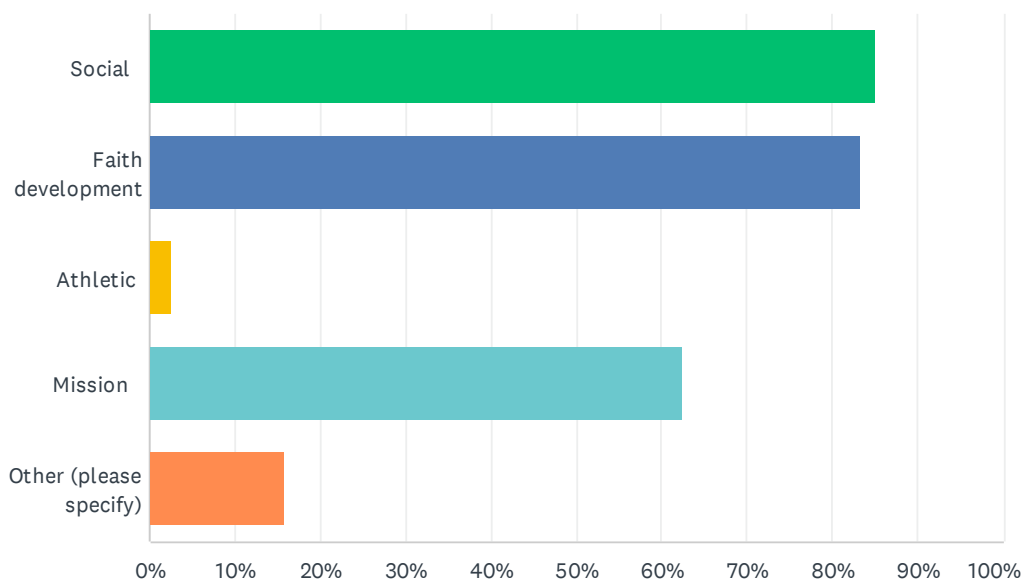
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70	Half the kids are a part of the church and have been a part of the church school program and half the kids have no church involvement outside of youth group.	12/28/2021 5:17 PM
71	Bible Study	12/28/2021 2:54 PM
72	Sunday School age 3 through Grade 8 presently averaging 8 children per week. Youth ages 7 through 12 take part in youth group activity. Averages about 6 children.	12/28/2021 2:41 PM
73	confirmation class during 7-8th grade including 1 year of OWL Placerville Camp opportunities, mission trip opportunities	12/28/2021 1:58 PM
74	Sunday School program for kids 3 years old - 6th grade. Confirmation is one year class for 7th or 8th graders.	12/28/2021 10:57 AM
75	Multi-faceted approach including Faith Exploration program, service opportunities, Seekers groups, participation in worship leadership, creating Youth Worship services	12/22/2021 5:36 PM
76	we're joining the Westbrook and Old Saybrook high school youth this year for a weekly meeting. right now it's about group formation to build trust, but the plan is to use the time to give youth a place to see what loving your neighbor means.	12/22/2021 12:10 PM
77	I don't understand this question. In our Faith Formation classes for Middle School, it is a discussion group based on topics of interest, often tied in with the issues of the day.	12/21/2021 11:52 PM
78	I have youth from all walks of faith including very strong faith based as well as an agnostic and an atheist.	12/21/2021 4:46 PM
79	Youth gather Sunday mornings with younger kids (single classroom for all ages.) they have mainly community service activities at other times during the month.	12/21/2021 2:05 PM
80	Teaching Teen Class for Sunday School.	12/21/2021 1:50 PM
81	We take time to read scripture, discuss it and pray.	12/21/2021 7:39 AM
82	Faith formation begins on Sunday mornings in worship, then for those up through 8th grade move to their peer group and high school youth help or attend full worship. Youth gatherings are Sunday evenings, most weeks. Meeting weekly began this fall. Previously it was 2x's a month.	12/20/2021 4:06 PM
83	We have created a supportive youth group model: team building, faith exploration, fundraising for service projects, service trips created by us yearly, and fun activities.	12/20/2021 3:38 PM
84	The faith formation happens in our confirmation program and Sunday school class on Sunday's. Youth groups are primarily for fun during the week	12/20/2021 3:20 PM
85	OWL every other year for grade 7-8 Confirmation every other year for 10-11 grade	12/20/2021 3:16 PM
86	Sunday School weekly, and pre-pandemic, monthly youth group activities	12/20/2021 3:00 PM
87	Weekly church school for middle school using a curriculum developed in house focused on active games, discussion, and service work. Youth minister actively works to incorporate youth into church boards and worship leadership. One year 9th grade confirmation program, mostly curriculum developed in house. Twice monthly middle school fellowship, which includes 1 weekend retreat at UCC conference center. Weekly high school fellowship which includes 2 weekend retreats at UCC conference center and 1 week mission trip (spring break). Also twice annual college-age fellowship events.	12/20/2021 2:38 PM
88	Sunday worship, post-worship children's programming, confirmation class, jr and sr high youth group and adult faith formation	12/20/2021 2:37 PM
89	Fellowship and outreach programs	12/20/2021 2:31 PM
90	For youth, faith formation doesn't include Sunday school classes but youth group on Sunday nights. It is also car chats, showing up for their extra-curricular activities, and texting on a regular basis.	12/20/2021 12:53 PM
91	1) Connecting with their peers who live in different communities and go to different schools 2) Participate in church events/worship/community activities 3) Experience creative ways to pray and understand God's presence 4) Engage in community service / mission work	12/18/2021 8:03 AM

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92	Children's "Sunday School" that is a cross between childcare and grounding in Christian values/ethics through the use of stories. Confirmation Class (this is the "youth group" I'll be referring to in this survey) meeting just about weekly, October to May. Adult "Sunday School," which is a self-directly book discussion group, generally alternating between Christian/Social Justice focused books and theologically focused books.	12/17/2021 4:59 PM
93	Sunday school and fellowship programming for elementary aged children, confirmation for 6th grade, then Youth Group for 7-12 grades including missing trips and other fellowship opportunities.	12/17/2021 2:02 PM
94	Sunday school through grade 8; confirmation for 7th-10th available currently (I am the interim picking up the class that couldn't happen in year 1 of the pandemic during the settled pastor's last year).	12/17/2021 1:43 PM
95	We have about 12 in church school each week; church school is a system of in-person and online offerings with the goal of children & youth attending worship instead of going off to church school every week. Youth Group is one service project per month and one "gathering" where we have theological thematic conversation around relevant topics - sexuality, poverty, racism, school and friendship, etc.	12/17/2021 12:40 PM
96	Faith formation is part of every church event and activity. There are programs for all ages with a focus on intergenerational Programming.	12/17/2021 9:23 AM
97	Confirmation, Youth Group, and civic engagement/service events focused on social justice (and other outings!)	12/16/2021 8:37 PM
98	We continue to meet over Zoom for an hour a week, with an in-person outdoor gathering once a month. It's been almost 2 years of zooming and we're needing a change. Zoom has been great but gives more of a class feel than a youth group gathering.	12/16/2021 4:01 PM
99	Sunday School, Confirmation, Bible Studies,	12/16/2021 4:00 PM
100	Traditional Sunday School & Confirmation Youth Group meetings/events Mission Trips Worship Participation	12/16/2021 3:18 PM
101	Sunday School, youth groups for middle and high school, Confirmation	12/16/2021 1:30 PM
102	A Wednesday after school gathering at the church. Once a month, a Sunday gathering for Confirmands.	12/16/2021 11:47 AM
103	It looks like a combination of learning(Sunday school), mission/service and fun activities. Mostly in person. German partners	12/16/2021 11:15 AM
104	Each week we spend time in prayer, reading scripture and discussing the theme of the week as part of a bigger series. We offer a devotion followed by small group time. I currently use Grow Curriculum. They have an incredibly expansive offering that includes everything from graphics, message outlines, small group questions, parent resources, volunteer training, etc.	12/15/2021 9:14 PM
105	sunday school, youth group, bible studies, book studies, movie discussions, liturgical seasonal resource for all ages, outdoor prayer walks	12/15/2021 6:31 PM
106	Faith Formation starts at a young age and is fostered by the whole community together. By the time the youth enter the youth program, they should be ready to start taking a more leading role by helping others with Faith Formation.	12/15/2021 5:27 PM
107	Volunteer led. Minimal attendance since COVID started.	12/15/2021 5:18 PM

Q7 What is the purpose of your youth gathering? (select all that apply)

Answered: 120 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Social	85.00% 102
Faith development	83.33% 100
Athletic	2.50% 3
Mission	62.50% 75
Other (please specify)	15.83% 19
Total Respondents: 120	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	youth ministry in formation; not meeting yet	1/25/2022 3:12 PM
2	N/A	1/24/2022 4:04 PM
3	intentional community building	1/24/2022 11:55 AM
4	The purpose of the sessions are to enhance life skills to develop Best Self ways of living and interacting with others.	1/22/2022 8:36 AM
5	community building	1/20/2022 11:55 AM
6	Service	1/16/2022 3:17 PM
7	Worship	1/10/2022 11:17 PM
8	all the above	1/8/2022 7:27 PM
9	social-emotional development	1/6/2022 11:42 AM
10	to remind youth that they are part of the natural world	1/5/2022 12:42 PM

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11	emotional and mental well being	1/4/2022 10:09 AM
12	Community Building	1/3/2022 12:16 PM
13	Fundraising	12/31/2021 10:07 AM
14	Faith development, but we also lean into character and personal growth. :)	12/29/2021 5:26 PM
15	We do a lot in the community as well as with our older population.	12/21/2021 4:46 PM
16	build community (through conversation and game time), safe space to be themselves	12/20/2021 4:06 PM
17	combination on faith development, mission, and social	12/17/2021 9:09 AM
18	Social Justice	12/16/2021 8:37 PM
19	a break from their busy schedules	12/15/2021 9:14 PM

Q8 What is the structure of a typical youth group meeting?

Answered: 116 Skipped: 6

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	class meets on Sunday mornings for 1 hour before church	1/29/2022 3:15 PM
2	Small talk, attendance, offering, some activities and games, discussion, closing prayer	1/28/2022 1:55 PM
3	A game followed by structured discussion, usually with some unstructured time built in. Meetings last an hour and a half.	1/26/2022 4:37 PM
4	Meet at church typically; some activities in the community or outdoor setting.	1/25/2022 6:37 PM
5	NA	1/25/2022 3:12 PM
6	Depends on the meeting -- gathering, devotion, group time or mission project, "sending"	1/25/2022 11:57 AM
7	N/A	1/24/2022 4:04 PM
8	informal; dinner provided; games; lesson; singing; discussion	1/24/2022 2:16 PM
9	1.5 hrs long. Youth arrive and socialize a bit over dinner. We open with check-in (Good, bad, God.) We move on to our program component which slants more towards activity than discussion. Closing circle, everyone names a hope for the week ahead, we say a closing blessing, and end.	1/24/2022 11:55 AM
10	Meal together Free time to socialize game/activity/team building Lesson	1/24/2022 9:53 AM
11	Greetings Games Craft Lesson Treats available	1/22/2022 10:53 AM
12	The sessions are structured around having, "Conversations with Our Daughters," and always with a "Twist" of hands on activities to keep the conversations flowing. For example, we may see while discussing dating.	1/22/2022 8:36 AM
13	Prayer, praise, lesson, discussion, circle time sharing. Planning outreach, activities.	1/20/2022 8:43 PM
14	Varies. Service, food, prayer, friendship sharing	1/20/2022 11:56 AM
15	Gather, chat, play, chat	1/20/2022 11:55 AM
16	We discuss the sermon from the day and how it relates to them personally. We do biblical worksheets or crafts which reinforce what was spoken about.	1/19/2022 7:08 PM
17	check in, brainstorming, putting events on calendar	1/19/2022 2:59 PM
18	Check-In, games, service project, prayer	1/18/2022 3:35 PM
19	we don't have a typical structure	1/18/2022 2:37 PM
20	Lead with prayer, joys and struggles, then we get into the "meat" of it, aka what are we going to be doing? Such as an upcoming mission, meeting with other local churches, discussion of of faith foundation. We close out with prayer for coming week until we meet again and then we do games/social time.	1/16/2022 3:17 PM
21	We meet 90 minutes every Sunday evening from August through the end of May	1/14/2022 10:17 PM
22	Meal, games, discussion/activity	1/14/2022 3:44 PM
23	Social time-Games & Snacks Music ministry Video presentation: Conversation starter Conclusion	1/13/2022 2:00 PM
24	Group discussion	1/13/2022 12:26 PM
25	Planned activity	1/12/2022 4:19 PM
26	In the past couple of years, we open with prayer, talk about our week, talk alot about what is	1/12/2022 2:01 PM

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happening in the world (usually ends up COVID related), talk about family and school. We seem like we do much more discussion based meetings now- we are mostly online still.

27	Dinner, confirmation, recreation	1/12/2022 1:41 PM
28	Its pretty casual. We try and let the youth lead the conversation as to what is happening in their lives and issues they see happening in the world. We always light candles for things we want to lift up the Lord and I find this is a great way to get them talking about things happening in their lives. We also focus on missions and outreach we can do within our community and outside of it as well.	1/12/2022 10:11 AM
29	either a fellowship activity or study	1/11/2022 12:51 PM
30	Na	1/10/2022 11:17 PM
31	Great mixture of males and females. Our group has officers.	1/10/2022 9:56 PM
32	Dinner, check in, discussion or activity or planning fundraisers and mission trips	1/10/2022 2:40 PM
33	group high/low points, fun and games, worship, end with games if there's time.	1/10/2022 11:17 AM
34	opening, prayer, games, lesson, closing	1/10/2022 11:05 AM
35	COVID has had an impact, but we are trying to normalize the experience again. A typical meeting would include a meal, a game, a lesson, and "blessings and bummers" (a sharing of good things and concerns). The meeting ends with prayer.	1/10/2022 7:55 AM
36	Check-in Intro activity Scripture reading / video Fellowship activity related to scripture	1/9/2022 5:22 PM
37	For middle school, we start with gaga ball, then check in, then some kind of conversation, and we end with prayers (joys and concerns).	1/9/2022 3:20 PM
38	Everything has changed with the pandemic. Prior to it, we would play games for about an hour, have a snack, then do a small Bible study.	1/9/2022 12:47 PM
39	We meet shortly after worship ends, have pizza while catching up, and then talk either about a topic or about the upcoming mission event.	1/9/2022 11:28 AM
40	Scripture, Prayer break the ice game, Fyi's (calendar and what's going on on our world) interactive lesson, debrief snack closing remarks prayer request and youth led prayer.	1/8/2022 10:08 PM
41	Food, discussion, financial and planning	1/8/2022 7:27 PM
42	Pizza. Game. Devotion.	1/7/2022 4:18 PM
43	game, check-in time, Bible study/discussion, game, prayer	1/7/2022 3:36 PM
44	Meet with a college student youth director for a lesson, lunch, and activity	1/7/2022 1:52 PM
45	Our Youth group meeting will always involve a game or activity followed by studying a short scripture.	1/6/2022 4:35 PM
46	An bonding event for the youth to participate and interact with one another	1/6/2022 3:47 PM
47	Sharing Lesson Prayer	1/6/2022 3:41 PM
48	We gather, circle up and share "Rose, thorn & buds", play games (sometimes for fun-- sometimes with lesson), have discussion	1/6/2022 2:58 PM
49	Very informal. Often at a home or in visits to Starbucks.	1/6/2022 2:55 PM
50	Centered around food either at church or in/outside a local shop, with social justice planning and activities involved (redoing the church's name tags with pronouns, education on the "why" for the congregation), then mostly social movies/eating/friendship time.	1/6/2022 2:14 PM
51	We gather, engage in an activity together, regroup to look ahead at upcoming events, and close with a reflection activity and prayer.	1/6/2022 1:20 PM
52	We have two events a year that run from Friday night to Sunday around noon. We have one event per age group per year that runs in the summer from Sunday to Saturday. These events include a welcome and introduction to theme on the front end, and a blessing and wrap up on	1/6/2022 11:42 AM

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the tail end. In between days include morning watch, faith formation activities, crafts, games, discussions, and worship.

53	We meet, check in, and then participate in a game or other activity. I spend a few minutes tying the activity to our Christian faith toward the end of the meeting.	1/6/2022 11:42 AM
54	We have a welcome time where each youth goes around and tells something good and something bad going on in their life and get support from fellow students. We then have old business and new business and a prayer at the end. All of this is led by our youth group leaders. I and another rotating adult are there to give suggestions and guidance as needed.	1/5/2022 2:50 PM
55	Meal together, short lesson, games and hanging out	1/5/2022 1:46 PM
56	Camp and Retreats: mix of Bible study/devotion, outdoor play, hiking in woods, exploring the sand dunes and playing on the beach, arts/crafts. We also offer a Service and Learning option, which includes service projects in our community to learn about economic, ecological and racial justic.	1/5/2022 12:42 PM
57	check-in, prayer, game, conversation/study, closing prayer	1/5/2022 12:37 PM
58	Prayer light candle games lesson prayer	1/5/2022 9:14 AM
59	Gathering, doing, reflecting, gratitude	1/4/2022 11:41 PM
60	6-8 grade: social activity such as bowling, corn maze, games, etc. 9-12 grade: Sunday evening = team building activities, Wednesday evening = small group discussion	1/4/2022 9:48 PM
61	We have a confirmation class that meets every other week, and a weekly afterschool program for 5th-8th graders. The latter is not faith-based but focuses on social emotional learning.	1/4/2022 5:12 PM
62	Retreat setting with "family' groups. We have 4-5 sessions over a weekend where a theme is laid out with activities and discussions.	1/4/2022 1:02 PM
63	Opening in prayer, refer to Biblical passage and workbook, discussion and review period, close in prayer	1/4/2022 12:36 PM
64	Time to touch base and connect with each other; Service project or other activity that is focused on faith development, mission, or emotional and mental well being; Games or other fun and carefree activities	1/4/2022 10:09 AM
65	Currently it is ever-changing. As we have only recently moved back to in-person gathering, our focus has been getting-to-know-you activities and games. When able to schedule more events, meetings will also include planning.	1/3/2022 12:16 PM
66	When we had them students were separated by age (4/6, 7/9, 10/12 and 13 and older) We met as a group then broke off into age appropriate groups. This took place on Sunday mornings (same time as regular service). We covered specific topics each month and the small group time allowed volunteers to cover the topic as it related to their age group.	1/2/2022 9:18 PM
67	Since this has been an effort to rebuild the youth group, we have discussed what do the youth want to happen in youth group meetings. The youth are asked to give opening and/or closing prayer for the meetings. Also, we discuss service/mission interests.	1/2/2022 9:11 AM
68	Gathering, unstructured conversation and catching up, prayer, structured lesson or conversation, activity, sending prayer.	1/1/2022 5:34 PM
69	We meet weekly on Sunday mornings for fun and education activities. Monthly we have an outing for community service or fellowship.	1/1/2022 12:00 PM
70	We meet for the following: First Sunday: a breakfast that we cook together Second and fourth Sundays: faith formation Third Sunday: community service	12/30/2021 11:33 PM
71	1 hour curriculum or planning 30 min eat 1 hour run around outside	12/30/2021 12:27 AM
72	service project	12/29/2021 10:47 PM
73	We meet for one hour each week, but we also run once a month Intergenerational Family Fun Nights that are open to all ages.	12/29/2021 5:26 PM
74	15 min - check in / ice breakers 20 min - dinner 30 min - games 30 min - faith formation 15 min - wrap up	12/28/2021 10:54 PM

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75	Fellowship, sharing a meal together and then doing a service project	12/28/2021 6:22 PM
76	Half hour game, half hour discussion, and half hour casual time to hang out (they usually want to play hide and seek).	12/28/2021 5:17 PM
77	Bible Study/Reflectioun Activity Some times a Mission Activity	12/28/2021 2:54 PM
78	Group goes apple picking, take part in CROP Hunger Walk, help with Christmas Fair at church	12/28/2021 2:41 PM
79	check in with each other and have an event that is social or mission based	12/28/2021 1:58 PM
80	15 minutes of warming up and getting to know you type activities, 30 minutes of topical games/activities which collaborate with the lesson or story, ending with 30-45 minutes of an actual lesson/story time.	12/28/2021 10:57 AM
81	Opening prayer, intros and check-ins, business items, spiritual development exercises, scripture reflection, games, closing prayer	12/22/2021 5:36 PM
82	gather, prayer, game, video, discussion, active, prayer	12/22/2021 12:10 PM
83	A Welcome activity, followed by an activity or outing, followed by FOOD, and usually ending with a Sharing Circle.	12/21/2021 11:52 PM
84	We have lunch together, do a "lesson" and then activity of some sort.	12/21/2021 4:46 PM
85	gathering icebreaker with adult dinner partners, blessing and eating in small groups with adult dinner partners, group game, devotion/message with prayer ritual.	12/21/2021 2:50 PM
86	It differs, depending on the activity. They work alongside adults in most outreach activities of the church.	12/21/2021 2:05 PM
87	An hour-long. Drinking coffee. Reading the Bible. Talking about how our faith applies to the world around us.	12/21/2021 1:50 PM
88	free form / topics are based on what they youth what to discuss	12/21/2021 12:52 PM
89	30 minutes, social 30 minutes faith formation 30 structured games inside or outside depending on the weather	12/21/2021 7:39 AM
90	gather, group game, mission project for 6th- 8th while 9th-12th have conversation. then the groups switch places (when we have enough in each group to do so - otherwise groups are together). End our time with passing the peace or lighting a candle for someone (share or pass).	12/20/2021 4:06 PM
91	Meeting once a week during church for faith building, team building and creating connections and support of our teens.	12/20/2021 3:38 PM
92	Dinner, fun activity, short discussion and closing prayer time	12/20/2021 3:20 PM
93	We are back to in-person (1.5 hours) Jr Youth 7-9 graders / Sr Youth 10-12 graders (around 10 attend each meeting) A check-in to see how everyone is since the last meeting A scripture reading / devotion with discussion Current topic discussion - varies each meeting games	12/20/2021 3:16 PM
94	Sunday school with a lesson plan, etc.	12/20/2021 3:00 PM
95	Youth Fellowship programs are typically 1/2 games/activities & 1/2 discussion, with opening check-in and closing prayer circles.	12/20/2021 2:38 PM
96	Ice breaker, check ins, scriptural basis, fun and whacky activity, prayer, clean up	12/20/2021 2:37 PM
97	Food, games, church or community projects	12/20/2021 2:31 PM
98	Gather Activity Close	12/20/2021 12:53 PM
99	opening arrival theme activities/ opening prayer/mini worship by youth, engagement & focus activity / closing prayer & take away overview	12/18/2021 8:03 AM
100	Gathering Ritual Reflection on "Spiritual Practice" homework Discussion on a topic Explanation of next "Spiritual Practice" homework assignment Closing ritual	12/17/2021 4:59 PM
101	One hour, 45 minutes: Share and Care where we listen to what happened with each person during the week. Then administrative details. Lesson and finish with game or project.	12/17/2021 2:02 PM

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102	Primarily conversation and Bible discussion.	12/17/2021 1:43 PM
103	For the "gatherings" we begin with a check in, prayer, and topic introduction. Then we have a conversation and do some form of active response activity - art, games, etc.	12/17/2021 12:40 PM
104	This fall has been a rebuilding time. We gathered outside Sunday evenings around a fire pit. We spent a lot of time building community and talking about how to be Christians together. We start by sharing highs and lows. Then we expire scripture and have an activity. We end with community prayer.	12/17/2021 9:23 AM
105	introduction game, break into middle school and high school groups for lesson& discussion, and then back together for more games if there is time. End with prayer requests and prayer	12/17/2021 9:09 AM
106	one hour--includes food when possible. Games, devotion, discussion, service/action when possible	12/16/2021 8:37 PM
107	They vary. We do share where we've noticed God during the week, we pray together, play some games, and do some sort of light faith lesson. We spent Lent focusing on racism, since most of our youth are pretty sheltered and knew nothing about it. Meeting over Zoom limits what we can do.	12/16/2021 4:01 PM
108	Depends on the goal of the meeting. Could be just for fellowship, might be for mission, try to mix	12/16/2021 4:00 PM
109	We don't have "meetings" per say. We have a monthly event and sometimes it's in meeting style but sometimes it's an activity or mission project etc. We don't meet at a consistent day/time either. We shoot for a variety of times and days to hit a variety of schedules.	12/16/2021 3:18 PM
110	Gathering time with reflection, fun activity for a purpose (team building, mission driven), closing prayer time	12/16/2021 1:30 PM
111	Discussion, activities, service projects	12/16/2021 11:47 AM
112	Typically meet for an hour	12/16/2021 11:15 AM
113	Hangout Welcome Announcements Games Devotion Small Groups Game/Activity Prayer Impossible Shot Dismiss	12/15/2021 9:14 PM
114	gather, activity, games, reflection	12/15/2021 6:31 PM
115	We are hybrid. We meet once a week in person for a fun activity, once a week online for a mental health check-in/ faith conversations/ games and once on Sundays for all generations worship with an option to stay afterward to help with Godly Play (storytelling or as a 2nd helper).	12/15/2021 5:27 PM
116	N/A	12/15/2021 5:18 PM

Q9 What issues/social justice issues are most important to your youth group?

Answered: 112 Skipped: 10

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	anti racism, environmental justice	1/29/2022 3:15 PM
2	Poverty, equal rights	1/28/2022 1:55 PM
3	Housing inequity, LGBTQIA equality, racial inequity	1/26/2022 4:37 PM
4	Poverty, disenfranchised.	1/25/2022 6:37 PM
5	Creation care, racial justice, immigration justice; gun control; teen depression/suicide/bullying	1/25/2022 3:12 PM
6	unsure	1/25/2022 11:57 AM
7	Most have come to a consensus of inclusion for LGBTQIA+ folx; some are working on racism and white supremacy culture in community and church; some are visiting inequities exposed by COVID; many repeatedly tackle environmental issues/creation care.	1/24/2022 4:04 PM
8	protecting sanctity of life; supporting traditional families; maintaining a traditional view of the biblical sexual ethic	1/24/2022 2:16 PM
9	LGBT inclusion (also education around LGBT issues), anti-racism.	1/24/2022 11:55 AM
10	Racial Injustice, LBGTQ issues. Poverty. Bullying.	1/24/2022 9:53 AM
11	Hunger in the community Race relations Homelessness and poverty	1/22/2022 10:53 AM
12	Individual Sustainable Practices that can be implemented daily.	1/22/2022 8:36 AM
13	Not central but environmental issues, race and sexual identity/relationship concerns	1/20/2022 11:56 AM
14	Racial equity in education	1/20/2022 11:55 AM
15	Bullying, BLM, LGBTQ, womens rights	1/19/2022 7:08 PM
16	Food insecurity	1/19/2022 2:59 PM
17	poverty, racial justice, lgbtq, climate	1/18/2022 3:35 PM
18	food insecurity, poverty, LGBTQ+ support	1/18/2022 2:37 PM
19	Racial equity/justice, LGBTQ issues, money/economic inequality in society, future of youth representation in UCC, environmental issues, building a stronger UCC church, social media impact	1/16/2022 3:17 PM
20	Race, social justice, LGBTQ	1/14/2022 10:17 PM
21	homelessness, LGBTQ, racial justice	1/14/2022 3:44 PM
22	N/A	1/13/2022 2:00 PM
23	Equality, kindness, improving the world	1/13/2022 12:26 PM
24	Community relations	1/12/2022 4:19 PM
25	Our group is most passionate about racial inequalities and the LGBTQ+ community.	1/12/2022 2:01 PM
26	Racial issues. Suicide awareness. School violence. Global issues, such as war and climate change.	1/12/2022 10:11 AM
27	mental health, racism, poverty, lgbtq+ issues	1/11/2022 12:51 PM
28	Local community/ church initiative	1/10/2022 11:17 PM

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29	Equality in all areas of life, legal justice, and safer communities.	1/10/2022 9:56 PM
30	Climate change, LGBTQ, homelessness	1/10/2022 2:40 PM
31	lgbtq affirmation	1/10/2022 11:17 AM
32	bullying, homelessness, hunger	1/10/2022 11:05 AM
33	Not really sure, since I have not been involved in recent months. I would probably say LGBTQ issues are important to the kids.	1/10/2022 7:55 AM
34	Poverty and racism	1/9/2022 5:22 PM
35	Racial Justice, climate justice	1/9/2022 3:20 PM
36	LGBTQ+, Homelessness	1/9/2022 12:47 PM
37	System racism global warming World without rape and violence #ThursdaysinBlack campaign	1/8/2022 10:08 PM
38	Pinning groups against each other	1/8/2022 7:27 PM
39	LGBTQ and Black Lives Matter	1/7/2022 4:18 PM
40	LGBTQ+ issues, homelessness, food-related issues,	1/7/2022 3:36 PM
41	Bullying, stress, racism	1/7/2022 1:52 PM
42	We have discussed social injustices in our community (ei. BLM & Stop Asian Hate) since this affects our community but we haven't focused on it.	1/6/2022 4:35 PM
43	Outreach, poverty, climate change, youth mental health	1/6/2022 3:47 PM
44	Inclusion	1/6/2022 3:41 PM
45	LGBTQ+, BLM, bullying, poverty	1/6/2022 2:58 PM
46	Environment! Support for people in their sexual and gender identification. Racial equity.	1/6/2022 2:55 PM
47	Climate, LGBTQIA+ rights, anti-racism	1/6/2022 2:14 PM
48	Our group is most engaged in issues of poverty and homelessness.	1/6/2022 1:20 PM
49	Eco justice and racial justice	1/6/2022 11:42 AM
50	Environmentalism Social issues in school (bullying, etc.) Homelessness/Hunger	1/6/2022 11:42 AM
51	LGBTQIA+, environmental, homeless	1/5/2022 2:50 PM
52	homelessness, LGBTQ	1/5/2022 2:27 PM
53	Racial Justice, Mission	1/5/2022 1:46 PM
54	Ecological, Economic, and Racial issues	1/5/2022 12:42 PM
55	racial justice, climate justice	1/5/2022 12:37 PM
56	Anti-racism, mental health, LGTBQIA	1/4/2022 11:41 PM
57	Refugees, hunger, affordable housing, racism	1/4/2022 9:48 PM
58	LGBTQ affirmation, anti-racism, environmental protection, mental health/addiction	1/4/2022 5:12 PM
59	Inclusivity and connection with the Sacred and each other.	1/4/2022 1:02 PM
60	Making sure everyone is fed and gets an education	1/4/2022 12:36 PM
61	Homelessness, human rights (especially LGBTQ+), Environmental	1/4/2022 10:09 AM
62	Environment / Race / Safety	1/3/2022 12:16 PM
63	For us any social issue that dealt with race relations was of utmost importance. Dealing with the interaction between police and people of color was also important to our group.	1/2/2022 9:18 PM
64	Helping people who are economically disadvantaged.	1/2/2022 9:11 AM
65	environmental justice, lgbtqia+, anti racism	1/1/2022 5:34 PM

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66	1. support for those in need of food and shelter 2. providing a sustained and welcoming presence for newly arrived immigrants 3. care for this with disabilities 4. acceptance of those from the LGBTQ communities.	12/30/2021 11:33 PM
67	Child welfare. Poverty. Food inequities, homelessness.	12/30/2021 12:27 AM
68	climate, poverty, animals	12/29/2021 10:47 PM
69	Open and affirming LGBTQ rights. Feeding the hungry. Mission trips helping areas affected by disaster. Every other year Mission trips (pre-covid) to a South Dakota Indian Reservation.	12/29/2021 5:26 PM
70	School shootings / unrest	12/28/2021 10:54 PM
71	Inclusivity, racial injustice, poverty	12/28/2021 6:22 PM
72	Normally they share concerns about care for the environment and matters of LGBTQ and racial inclusion but of late they are struggling a lot and are thinking about these things less.	12/28/2021 5:17 PM
73	Black Lives Matter	12/28/2021 2:54 PM
74	Hunger	12/28/2021 2:41 PM
75	food insecurity and bullying	12/28/2021 1:58 PM
76	Relevancy of faith and the Church / Social interactions	12/28/2021 10:57 AM
77	Environmental Justice Racial Justice Housing, Hunger	12/22/2021 5:36 PM
78	the group hasn't found a voice yet. we have youth from two churches, 6 high schools, and a variety of backgrounds.	12/22/2021 12:10 PM
79	LGBTQ+ issues; challenges of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, especially in the church and community; environmental challenges, especially in our community; food insecurity.	12/21/2021 11:52 PM
80	Working with the marginalized- i.e. older population, special needs community, and homeless families.	12/21/2021 4:46 PM
81	climate, homelessness, food insecurity	12/21/2021 2:50 PM
82	Racial and social justice, feeding the hungry.	12/21/2021 2:05 PM
83	Environmental justice, COVID safety, racial discrimination.	12/21/2021 1:50 PM
84	not so much in our meetings	12/21/2021 12:52 PM
85	hunger and homelessness, racism and LGBT issues	12/21/2021 7:39 AM
86	helping out those in need in several areas - homeless, food shelf, clothing drive, climate change, recycling/stewardship, black lives matter, etc	12/20/2021 4:06 PM
87	LGBTQ+, human rights, world issues	12/20/2021 3:38 PM
88	Lgbtq, climate change	12/20/2021 3:20 PM
89	food and housing insecurity racial justice LGBTQ+	12/20/2021 3:16 PM
90	climate change, racism	12/20/2021 3:00 PM
91	Racism, Environmental Stewardship	12/20/2021 2:38 PM
92	Gun violence prevention, racial justice, environmental justice, economic justice	12/20/2021 2:37 PM
93	LGBTQ+ understanding	12/20/2021 2:31 PM
94	Food insecurity, racial justice, environmental justice	12/20/2021 12:53 PM
95	racial justice awareness, mental illness awareness, understanding diversity & uniqueness, homelessness awareness, environmental issues	12/18/2021 8:03 AM
96	Hunger and homelessness; climate crisis	12/17/2021 4:59 PM
97	Racism, sexism, LGBTQIA	12/17/2021 2:02 PM
98	Income inequality, lack of equal opportunity based on race and gender, ecojustice.	12/17/2021 1:43 PM

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99	Racial justice, LGBTQ+ justice, housing insecurity (in that order, from a group survey recently)	12/17/2021 12:40 PM
100	Climate change is important to most of the group. There is also interest in immigration and LGBTQ topics.	12/17/2021 9:23 AM
101	how to navigate the new normal during a pandemic, racism, inclusion	12/17/2021 9:09 AM
102	Climate Change and Gun Violence	12/16/2021 8:37 PM
103	Racism is a big one, and I'd like to focus more on environmental issues, since they didn't even know who Greta Thunberg was. Pre-COVID we were more engaged with the Homeless Hospitality Center near us, and I'd like us to be more actively involved in anti-racism work.	12/16/2021 4:01 PM
104	BLM, climate, immigration	12/16/2021 4:00 PM
105	Feeding ministries Farm-related causes	12/16/2021 3:18 PM
106	Being heard by adults in their lives, violence, meaning making/belonging. I work with middle schoolers from a very privileged background who are not independently articulating social justice issues at this point in their development. It's a slow process.	12/16/2021 1:30 PM
107	LGBTQ+, Health, Homelessness, Hunger	12/16/2021 11:47 AM
108	Justice and Peace	12/16/2021 11:15 AM
109	Racism, Global Warming, LGBTQ rights, affordable housing, mental health, homelessness, poverty	12/15/2021 9:14 PM
110	lgbtq equity creation justice anti-racism listening to youth leaders priority of education	12/15/2021 6:31 PM
111	I let the youth group decide what mission they want to work on and what's important to them.	12/15/2021 5:27 PM
112	N/A	12/15/2021 5:18 PM

Q10 In what ways are your youth engaged in missional work within the community?

Answered: 112 Skipped: 10

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The youth group does this, but not so much this class	1/29/2022 3:15 PM
2	The youth often participate in church-led mission activities, but I have not yet taken on our own mission project yet.	1/28/2022 1:55 PM
3	We have had a youth representative on our mission board helping us to plan mission activities; we've had youth involved on mission trips and in service projects. We try to think of mission work as faith in action.	1/26/2022 4:37 PM
4	Out of state mission trips, some community volunteerism	1/25/2022 6:37 PM
5	Occasionally participate in mission projects of the church or community, sometimes help with Christian Ed projects for the younger kids	1/25/2022 3:12 PM
6	Not much in the last two pandemic years!	1/25/2022 11:57 AM
7	Creation care, community clean-up, some participate in protests around creation, race, gender/identity/personal health issues.	1/24/2022 4:04 PM
8	mission trips; support Christmas drives	1/24/2022 2:16 PM
9	We struggle to connect with missional work in our community. Parents want their kids serving in soup kitchens and pantries where teens are, by and large, no longer welcome. It is incredibly difficult to identify and connect with mission partners who want to work with teens.	1/24/2022 11:55 AM
10	They raise money for our Church to build a home for Habitat for Humanity every year. They hold bake sales to raise money for this mission. They were going on mission trips prior to Covid.	1/24/2022 9:53 AM
11	CROP Walk Collecting clothing Supporting meal programs when operational Tree planting Picking up trash	1/22/2022 10:53 AM
12	Gardening collaborations Family Engagement	1/22/2022 8:36 AM
13	Serve in AWANA go on mission trips helping others. Beach clean ups, volunteer at shelters.	1/20/2022 8:43 PM
14	Yardwork, food pantry and food drives, fundraisers for local human care agencies, etc.	1/20/2022 11:56 AM
15	Actively engaged	1/19/2022 2:59 PM
16	We have attended some protest marches, organized food and book drives for poverty relief, and done a service project at a historically black cemetery.	1/18/2022 3:35 PM
17	food drive for our local food bank	1/18/2022 2:37 PM
18	Local food banks, traveling for mission work to impoverished regional areas, Civil rights mission trips, social/emotional mission trips focusing on women's and children's domestic abuse/battered women's shelters along east coast/midwest, helping local seniors and then going to Missouri with Emmaus Homes	1/16/2022 3:17 PM
19	We're engaged on many levels. We feed the homeless, collect donations of clothing and food, help work on homes in the area, and tutor children	1/14/2022 10:17 PM
20	feeding homeless	1/14/2022 3:44 PM
21	N/A	1/13/2022 2:00 PM
22	Various volunteer projects and mission trips every couple of years	1/13/2022 12:26 PM
23	On pause due to Covid	1/12/2022 4:19 PM

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24	At most, they have engaged in feeding the homeless and preparing foods/meals for HIV shut-ins.	1/12/2022 2:01 PM
25	Helping with programs such as Christmas food boxes, stuff the cruiser	1/12/2022 1:41 PM
26	We do local mission work and plan mission trips outside our community. We collect clothes, food, and toiletries for people in the homeless communities.	1/12/2022 10:11 AM
27	mission trips, community projects	1/11/2022 12:51 PM
28	Thrift store	1/10/2022 11:17 PM
29	Not a designated part of the youth ideas at the moment. The group comes up with projects they will do for each year.	1/10/2022 9:56 PM
30	They help with our local interfaith hospitality which hosts families that are homeless, they participate in our churches green church agendas, they do a service learning mission trip each year	1/10/2022 2:40 PM
31	Annual mission trips and local bi-annual mission projects.	1/10/2022 11:17 AM
32	Connected and supporting local food pantry and homeless shelter; connected with several mission programs surrounding clean water, food, housing, etc.	1/10/2022 11:05 AM
33	Unfortunately, they are currently doing VERY little mission work.	1/10/2022 7:55 AM
34	food donation collection, service in local agencies and volunteering through whole church events.	1/9/2022 5:22 PM
35	We have periodic opportunities for youth to serve--sometimes helping younger kids, sometimes service trips, etc.	1/9/2022 3:20 PM
36	We regularly volunteer with our community's Community Service Day, and find other ways to give back on an ad hoc basis.	1/9/2022 12:47 PM
37	The youth have one big project a semester. In the fall they lead a Thanksgiving food drive. In the spring they lead a neighborhood Easter egg hunt.	1/9/2022 11:28 AM
38	Several on going missions and looking for something different to add to the mix. Once we make a relationship we have been successful at staying connected	1/8/2022 7:27 PM
39	food pantry	1/7/2022 4:18 PM
40	serve local food bank (at our church), annual mission trip, maintain connections with various mission organizations from past trips.	1/7/2022 3:36 PM
41	Help gather and load up items for food pantry, Operation Christmas Child, Angel tree; youth send cards to shut-ins and others, help with Outreach events e.g., Live Nativity, Community park events; and monthly all-church mission projects	1/7/2022 1:52 PM
42	We mostly focus on gathering donations or can goods to donate to a cause.	1/6/2022 4:35 PM
43	occasional community service work	1/6/2022 3:47 PM
44	Park clean up Planting trees and flowers Outreach to homebound by making cards Preparing Thanksgiving baskets	1/6/2022 3:41 PM
45	Covid has made this difficult but we help feed homeless in the city, raise funds for local food pantry, yearly mission trip (week long), various outreach (meals at Ronald McDonald, etc)	1/6/2022 2:58 PM
46	They are not very engaged right now. A lot of what we've done has been altered by Covid. We used to go out into the community to do service work (Habitat, Food Bank) and go on more extended service trips, but that has not been happening over the past two years.	1/6/2022 2:55 PM
47	They do short term projects as a youth group on these issues, but many are also involved in an anti-racism group or LGBTQIA advocacy group in town--both of which our church partners with	1/6/2022 2:14 PM
48	Our group organizes and supports drives, delivers food and cards, and goes on service trips (both housing based with MATE in ME and common cathedral in Boston).	1/6/2022 1:20 PM
49	Sadly, we are not	1/6/2022 11:42 AM

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50	The youth do a pumpkin roll fundraiser every year to raise money which they spend buying toys for the town's annual Holiday Drive. They've also done service work sprucing up sites in town.	1/6/2022 11:42 AM
51	They started a Baking Buddies program to pair a student with special needs with a typically developing student or young adult and they bake together. This is done once every other month! They volunteer at local nursing homes playing Bingo, doing nails. They pack boxes at the food pantry for the elderly, they have raised money through bake sales for the homeless, AIDS, the Trevor Project, local women's shelter. They have participated in chalk drawing for NAMI to raise money for mental health. They shop and pack birthday boxes for Parents Place. They have held food drives for the local food pantry. Tied blankets and donated them to the Afghan refugees. Packed snack bags for the United Way. Yard work for local nonprofit organizations. Cooked meals for those living in home for those with AIDS.	1/5/2022 2:50 PM
52	we hosted a week-long workcamp in which we worked on member's homes. We will be taking 25 youth to a YOUTHWORKS mission trip this coming summer.	1/5/2022 2:27 PM
53	Fundraising	1/5/2022 1:46 PM
54	We partner with Harbor Country Mission (a full service organization that offers clothing, household and small appliances at low or no cost to families struggling. They also do small building project (accessible ramps). We also work with local conservation groups (Chikaming Open Lands and Harbor Country Hikers) to learn about, help preserve and make available protected natural resources	1/5/2022 12:42 PM
55	Every month we serve with a homeless ministry. Once a year we do a service trip	1/5/2022 12:37 PM
56	local missions, church world service, raising money, going to other countries for mission week	1/5/2022 9:14 AM
57	Serving and immersion	1/4/2022 11:41 PM
58	HS annual mission trip varies with focus, sometimes tornado relief, other times home improvements work tours	1/4/2022 9:48 PM
59	Consistently, none that I know of.	1/4/2022 5:12 PM
60	We give them the information and discuss how they can participate in the needs of their communities.	1/4/2022 1:02 PM
61	Visiting shut ins to clear snow, do yardwork, etc. Cleaning local parks.	1/4/2022 12:36 PM
62	Support of Y-Haven through hosting their annual production with CPT, annual Homeless Awareness Sleep Out/HASO in January (raising awareness and money), pre-covid monthly visit to Eliza Jennings Assisted Living to lead worship, pre-covid annual summer mission trip, other projects as interests and ideas emerge.	1/4/2022 10:09 AM
63	Food Bank Volunteering Neighborhood clean up Working the local CROP Hunger Walk Fund raising for: refugee support, local homeless program, YWCA Summer Mission Trips	1/3/2022 12:16 PM
64	Because of Covid19 we have been removed from the area of missions with the youth in our community. Not sure that this will be available to us in the near future.	1/2/2022 9:18 PM
65	The youth helped with our Board of Social Action's Community Festival and our Board of Christian Education's School Supplies Drive. The youth had their own shoe drive for Soles 4 Souls.	1/2/2022 9:11 AM
66	Currently rebuilding (as I am new to this congregation.) Currently supporting homeless shelter, and foster/orphanage. Working at environmental work in Spring 2022 (bat boxes for parks/pollinators).	1/1/2022 5:34 PM
67	The youth of our church help to lead our VBC, they help the children of our town at the holidays, they help raise funds for our local food pantry and they help raise funds for a national or international charity each year.	1/1/2022 12:00 PM
68	1. We do a number of projects throughout the entire year. We also hold a two-day teeter totter marathon where we raise money to support a local outreach mission.	12/30/2021 11:33 PM
69	Annual loval 4 day service trip, food fundraiser for local food bank. We need more!	12/30/2021 12:27 AM
70	service projects	12/29/2021 10:47 PM

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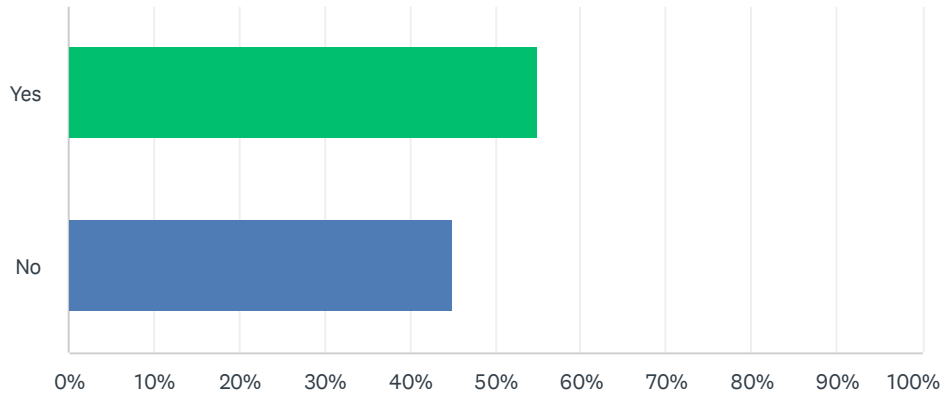
71	Our youth are encouraged to help our church serve a local food pantry 4 times per year. They help run a booth at our annual Pride Picnic.	12/29/2021 5:26 PM
72	Packing backpacks of food for kids at a local school	12/28/2021 10:54 PM
73	Helping with our congregation's Free breakfast program; helping prepare food for our community wide once a month Saturday evening meal program; collecting/sorting diapers for our annual Diaper Drive; collecting funds for the Heifer project annually	12/28/2021 6:22 PM
74	Activities they have chosen include local park clean up, supporting an animal shelter, doing a rake-and-run, and delivering home made ornaments to folks in the neighborhood.	12/28/2021 5:17 PM
75	Pop Up Food Pantry	12/28/2021 2:54 PM
76	CROP Hunger Walk	12/28/2021 2:41 PM
77	food missions and friendship building	12/28/2021 1:58 PM
78	Serve through Sierra Service Project annually, including week long service trips to indigenous communities, Summer Fun Camp - working with youth aged 5-12 who are currently or have recently experienced houselessness, domestic violence and abuse. Fundraisers and advocacy in collaboration with many local non-profits.	12/22/2021 5:36 PM
79	also haven't figured this out yet. we do plan to spend a week in mission work (with either YouthWorks or Group) next summer.	12/22/2021 12:10 PM
80	We try to tie our YG activities to community action in at least 50% of our meetings.	12/21/2021 11:52 PM
81	We go out to those who are no longer able to make it into church several times a year, visit community living centers (nursing/retirement homes) typically centering around a holiday and we participate in our community's Hunger Walk. We work in our second hand store and food pantry.	12/21/2021 4:46 PM
82	soup kitchen cooking and serving, sandwich ministry in the park, social action advocacy, annual service trips	12/21/2021 2:50 PM
83	They help us offer Church without Walls six times a year at the local Food Pantry. They help with our multi-week summer day camp and Back to School Fair.	12/21/2021 2:05 PM
84	Organizing and leading environmental sustainability club at school. Volunteering with the food pantry.	12/21/2021 1:50 PM
85	we look for projects that will better our local community	12/21/2021 12:52 PM
86	The last couple of years we have not being engaged in the community but normally, we try to volunteer once a month in the community to learn about what issue face people in the Northeast Corner.	12/21/2021 7:39 AM
87	baking cookies for Spectrum Youth, making a meal for Dismas House, Green Up Day, walking for COTS or Church World Service, standing in town with signs/social justice, gifts for local children at Christmas, etc.	12/20/2021 4:06 PM
88	We support our churches outreach missions and other projects	12/20/2021 3:38 PM
89	They make sandwiches once a month for a local shelter and and occasionally do donations to a homeless shelter in town	12/20/2021 3:20 PM
90	Baking pies for local food pantry annual trip to W Virginia to work on housing Participate in City Reach in Boston	12/20/2021 3:16 PM
91	We incorporate several one-off local mission projects into our annual youth fellowship and middle school church school curriculums. Youth are encouraged to participate along with families in quarterly church-wide mission immersion days. Our high school youth mission trip is our largest youth event of the year.	12/20/2021 2:38 PM
92	Our mission trip has a year-long eccumenical component with a strong missional aspect	12/20/2021 2:37 PM
93	Out youth love to volunteer with the Worcester Area Missions Society and with the Outdoor Church in Cambri	12/20/2021 2:31 PM
94	They lead the church in serving a monthly community meal, show up for social justice	12/20/2021 12:53 PM

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	marches, help clean up trash in the community	
95	Local city homeless breakfast church / Doorways food source / Crossroads shelter support / Presence in local city marches / Supporting our sister church in Haiti	12/18/2021 8:03 AM
96	none currently	12/17/2021 4:59 PM
97	They have asked our church community to gather food around Thanksgiving, been to local parks to pick up trash, visited on home-bound members to sing. Most of this pre-covid.	12/17/2021 2:02 PM
98	They assist with all the activities of the congregation, including serving community dinners, spearheading collections of items for the food pantry and local clothing drives, and raising money for mission endeavors.	12/17/2021 1:43 PM
99	We have a partnership with an organization that provides bedroom makeovers for foster children, children with medical or other impactful experiences. The youth are invited of all our community work as community service and outreach are foundational to our church identity. They generally show up whenever there's a need.	12/17/2021 12:40 PM
100	Youth are involved with all church projects. Many go to West Virginia each summer to work with the Appalachian South Folk Life Center.	12/17/2021 9:23 AM
101	local mission projects	12/17/2021 9:09 AM
102	we are hoping to re-engage some of the local IAF's organizing work	12/16/2021 8:37 PM
103	During Covid very little. So I've focused more on awareness and also foundational understandings of what it means to follow Jesus. There is an anti-racism project that is starting up in our area and I'm looking forward to our involvement in that.	12/16/2021 4:01 PM
104	Work with local communion ministries, children's home, and refugee ministry.	12/16/2021 4:00 PM
105	Mostly local food pantry/soup kitchen and some senior visitation	12/16/2021 3:18 PM
106	Individual projects in support of our community - packing food for school aged youth, supporting medical equipment ministries through the Church, gathering supplies for our local homeless shelter, etc	12/16/2021 1:30 PM
107	Take part in food drives and organization of items for people in homelessness.	12/16/2021 11:47 AM
108	Mission trips, food collection, soup kitchen, tree planting, community garden, scouts	12/16/2021 11:15 AM
109	We provide our young people with a number of opportunities throughout the year - food bank, soup kitchens, leaf raking, etc. We also offer two summer mission trips - one for our JH students and one for our HS students.	12/15/2021 9:14 PM
110	fundraising for hunger relief organizations UNICEF diaper drives	12/15/2021 6:31 PM
111	It varies depending upon what the youth want to do. We currently made foster blankets. This was a project the youth could take home to complete & deliver back to me.	12/15/2021 5:27 PM
112	N/A	12/15/2021 5:18 PM

Q11 Have you/your youth group ever attended a Regional Youth Event or National Youth Event?

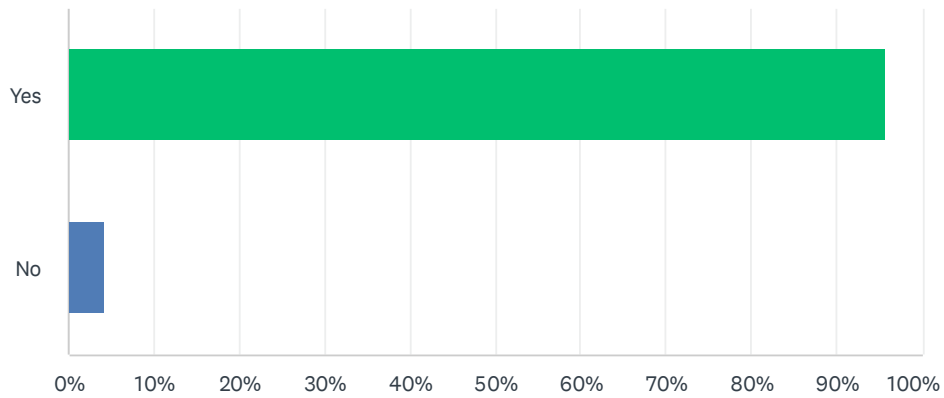
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	55.00%	66
No	45.00%	54
TOTAL		120

Q12 Does your church participate in a confirmation process for youth?

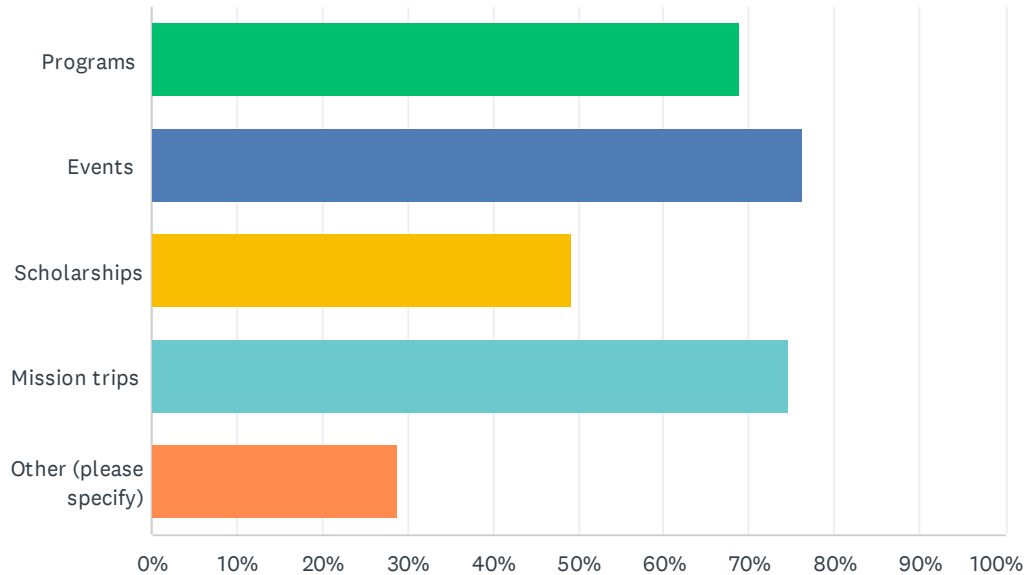
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	95.76%	113
No	4.24%	5
TOTAL		118

Q13 What opportunities would you like to see developed for youth at the local level? (Choose all that apply)

Answered: 122 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Programs	68.85% 84
Events	76.23% 93
Scholarships	49.18% 60
Mission trips	74.59% 91
Other (please specify)	28.69% 35
Total Respondents: 122	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	More participation in worship	1/25/2022 3:12 PM
2	Online STRUCTURED growth groups--teaching mediation, contemplative prayer, etc. -- the MISING pieces we don't do ell with in most churches	1/25/2022 11:57 AM
3	Immersion into the community: story-telling, history-learning, engaging with older and younger generations around shared interests and concerns.	1/24/2022 4:04 PM
4	Confirmation materials	1/24/2022 2:16 PM
5	I would LOVE to see more mid-year, association or conference level camp-style retreats. The kids need more opportunities to connect and grow with one another beyond their confirmation retreat year! The three day weekends in January and February would be prime times to gather.	1/24/2022 11:55 AM
6	Summer Camps/Retreats	1/24/2022 9:53 AM
7	Hands on Outreach to create habits of giving and generosity to a world in need. Anti-racism curricula, environmental issues curricula, egalitarian-themed curricula, Peace and nonviolence	1/22/2022 10:53 AM

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(antiwar) themed curricula, etc.

8	Virtual opportunities to meet others and engage in online learning to explore creative skills and Life lesson information.	1/22/2022 8:36 AM
9	Make them more than partisan social justice activism	1/20/2022 11:56 AM
10	Bringing back northeast Ohio fall youth event for middle through senior youth programs at temple hills through the outdoor ministries programs	1/16/2022 3:17 PM
11	Any opportunity to gather together at this point.	1/9/2022 12:47 PM
12	Some younger leadership from the 25 -35 age group would help with current issues that may arise for high school youth	1/8/2022 7:27 PM
13	Our YOUNG ADULT ministries are suffering more than youth at this time...	1/6/2022 2:58 PM
14	I am conference staff at an outdoor ministry site, so my team develops local opportunities	1/6/2022 11:42 AM
15	Social Justice curricula	1/6/2022 11:42 AM
16	Curriculum for youth that is relevant and engaging	1/5/2022 2:50 PM
17	PROGRESSIVE retreats! (praise music, paintball, bible study, etc)	1/5/2022 12:37 PM
18	Curriculum that helps volunteers step in to something already created such as "Grow" but with progressive theology, pro-LGBT. I love a monthly theme with activities and small group conversations that reflect a message. But it's hard to develop when I work full-time.	1/4/2022 9:48 PM
19	I'm all about ecumenical work & learning, so would be open to working with some non-UCC churches in our area.	1/4/2022 5:12 PM
20	I believe our families are open to trying out anything at this point.	1/4/2022 10:09 AM
21	Curriculum or "challenges"	12/30/2021 12:27 AM
22	All opportunities for engaging with other youth....in events, camps, or mission experiences are powerful and valid paths to deepening their faith. Our youth are on fire when they come back from any "regional" event. They are especially empowered when they meet and work with other kids their age, as our town is small and most of our UCC events are very small, involving only 5 - 10 youth at a time.	12/29/2021 5:26 PM
23	Anything that helps foster a larger sense of community with other UCC church groups	12/28/2021 6:22 PM
24	Outdoor Ministries!	12/22/2021 5:36 PM
25	not sure	12/21/2021 2:50 PM
26	get to know 5 adults before they graduate from high school	12/20/2021 4:06 PM
27	Interchurch or interfaith events	12/20/2021 3:20 PM
28	We have a well developed and well funded programs. My growth areas are outreach beyond our church membership, and expanding offerings for college-aged and post-college young adults. I'm also working to create more youth leadership in our youth programs.	12/20/2021 2:38 PM
29	Discernment of their skills to be utilized in their faith filled journey	12/18/2021 8:03 AM
30	social support	12/17/2021 4:59 PM
31	local mission opportunities and also interfaith opportunities where they can come together with youth of other faiths.	12/16/2021 4:01 PM
32	Something beyond high school	12/16/2021 11:15 AM
33	Fall Retreat, Speaker Series on relevant topics, Mental Health Awareness Retreat, Activism opportunities, Progressive educational resources	12/15/2021 9:14 PM
34	UCC curriculum for all ages	12/15/2021 6:31 PM
35	I am going to answer the above two statements & this statement together. NYE: we have not attended in quite awhile due to lack of information in a time span that allows us to fundraise & plan. Confirmation: we have not had Confirmation in a few years due to lack of interest in	12/15/2021 5:27 PM

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confirming at a young age. Last question: we have tried to start a local collaboration with other churches, but it ended up being stressful & chaotic with some carrying the brunt while others not following through.

Q14 What types of programs would you like to see developed at the local level?

Answered: 70 Skipped: 52

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I'd like to see more ways for kids to interact and show their faith besides just retreats. Sometimes it feels like, because of the way congregational church work, everyone's inventing their own wheel. It would help to have more interaction with other churches and other youth groups.	1/26/2022 4:39 PM
2	Social, spiritual, missional	1/25/2022 3:13 PM
3	I would love to see overnight, camp-style retreats held over long weekends during the school year for youth to connect. Confirmation retreats should be only one of several offerings available each year. These gatherings could be hosted in local churches and don't necessarily require a camp or retreat center facility. These gatherings can also have a positive impact on camping and outdoor ministries as they help youth keep their camp friendships strong throughout the year.	1/24/2022 11:58 AM
4	Local retreats where multiple churches could come together for a retreat.	1/24/2022 9:53 AM
5	Hands on Outreach	1/22/2022 10:53 AM
6	Life skills	1/22/2022 8:36 AM
7	Mission trips and outreach	1/20/2022 8:45 PM
8	Meaningful programs and study materials...Scripturally grounded, broad in scope, not merely social justice	1/20/2022 11:57 AM
9	i don't have any new ideas :(1/19/2022 3:00 PM
10	I'd like to see the Associations and Conferences take some leadership in creating programs for children and youth. Our conference does NOTHING. We could use service projects, leadership development programs and social/interconnection programs.	1/18/2022 3:37 PM
11	Bring back middle though senior high youth programs in Ohio such as fall youth event, outdoor ministry programs, networking with other churches, having a dedicated leadership position for Living water Association for Christian Education, taking tours for UCC affiliated colleges, having a more vibrant presence in social media for youth. Bringing in speakers and workshops, having more family friendly opportunities. Making all lives programming more relevant for today's youth. Make worship service more youth friendly including updated hymnal music	1/16/2022 3:36 PM
12	Volunteer Community Involvement Mission Training Bible Studies	1/13/2022 2:03 PM
13	Unsure	1/12/2022 4:20 PM
14	Community outreach, citywide church activities as 1 body of Christ.	1/12/2022 1:42 PM
15	ways local churches can work together because numbers are so small. Fellowship and study events, mission opportunities, social justice events	1/11/2022 12:52 PM
16	Programs where the young people go out into the community creating joint needed projects like food choices, decision making scenarios, etc.	1/10/2022 9:59 PM
17	Service opportunities	1/10/2022 2:41 PM
18	We're already developing a more inclusive/expansive program through Western Area Youth. My hope is that this continues to develop more.	1/10/2022 11:17 AM
19	Would love to have a racial justice training for youth, and especially would love to do freedom school, focusing on the civil rights movement as a spiritual movement	1/9/2022 3:21 PM
20	weekend retreats with other churches in our region, maybe once or two times a year.	1/9/2022 12:48 PM

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21	Mission trips	1/8/2022 10:08 PM
22	retreats	1/7/2022 3:36 PM
23	Great basic Bible Study that respects their conservative values and pushes their concerns for justice	1/7/2022 1:53 PM
24	music ministry and Sunday school	1/6/2022 4:36 PM
25	Local joint cross-church youth group events	1/6/2022 3:48 PM
26	Curriculum with a focus on mission	1/6/2022 3:41 PM
27	Group mission projects (multi-church), hands on Bible Studies, fun ways to learn about and engage in "national church"...	1/6/2022 3:00 PM
28	Meaningful Christian education that shows how relevant Christianity remains and how it provides spiritual support for justice and hope. We are also interested in service opportunities, arts, ethics.	1/6/2022 2:56 PM
29	Programs that deal with the issues of the day--addressing them as people of faith. So much of the faith formation for teens in our church tends to be geared toward living out Jesus' love and values in the world.	1/6/2022 2:16 PM
30	I would love curriculum support - my middle school Sunday School class and my two youth groups are super interested in service work and I am always trying to help us deepen our understandings of service and justice and how we are beholden to one another. Help developing curriculums or service programs that support that would be so appreciated! My group really turns out when they feel they can make an impact or do something good, so I am eager for ways to use that energy and help push it a little further.	1/6/2022 1:21 PM
31	Opportunities to meet with other youth for service work and fellowship.	1/6/2022 11:42 AM
32	Mission opportunities	1/5/2022 1:46 PM
33	Service and Learning Projects developed through Outdoor Ministry settings, particularly for smaller churches that may not have large enough youth groups to do a trip on their own.	1/5/2022 12:43 PM
34	coalitions of town youth groups coming together regularly for worship	1/5/2022 12:38 PM
35	UCC camp programs, gatherings before camp programs for youth to meet each other, joining together for events or mission trips	1/4/2022 5:13 PM
36	Creation Justice	1/4/2022 1:02 PM
37	1-4 events for confirmation students each year where students from multiple churches can join together for a shared experience. Annual event in the fall, winter, or spring to help unite youth from multiple congregations. If in the fall, it could help churches kick off the school year. Winter could be a winter break event or help kick off the new year and promote the next NYE. Spring could be an end of the school year celebration, summer kick off, and/or NYE promo/prep. Events to support youth and families during transitional times (which could be church transitions and/or school/other transitions: -moving from children's ministry to youth ministry (elem-middle) -moving from middle to high school -preparing for life after high school Events for post high school people to connect. This could be to help lead events for youth or to do other mission type work. These are just some ideas. I don't expect you all to do all of this. Also, I apologize if any of this is offered and I wasn't aware.	1/4/2022 10:23 AM
38	inter-faith programs and events	1/3/2022 12:17 PM
39	-Opportunities to meet other youth virtually. -Help finding UCC friendly African-American Sunday School Curriculum	1/2/2022 9:16 AM
40	Maybe just events that connect them with other UCC Youth. Even if simple-meet for a hike, or day at the park, or joint mission projects.	1/1/2022 5:38 PM
41	I would love to see UCC churches share youth ministry if they are within a 30 minute drive from each other.	1/1/2022 12:01 PM
42	An organized youth group that meets monthly with different activities planned	12/31/2021 10:09 AM
43	It's difficult to think about reaching beyond the local church community until we have the virus	12/30/2021 11:34 PM

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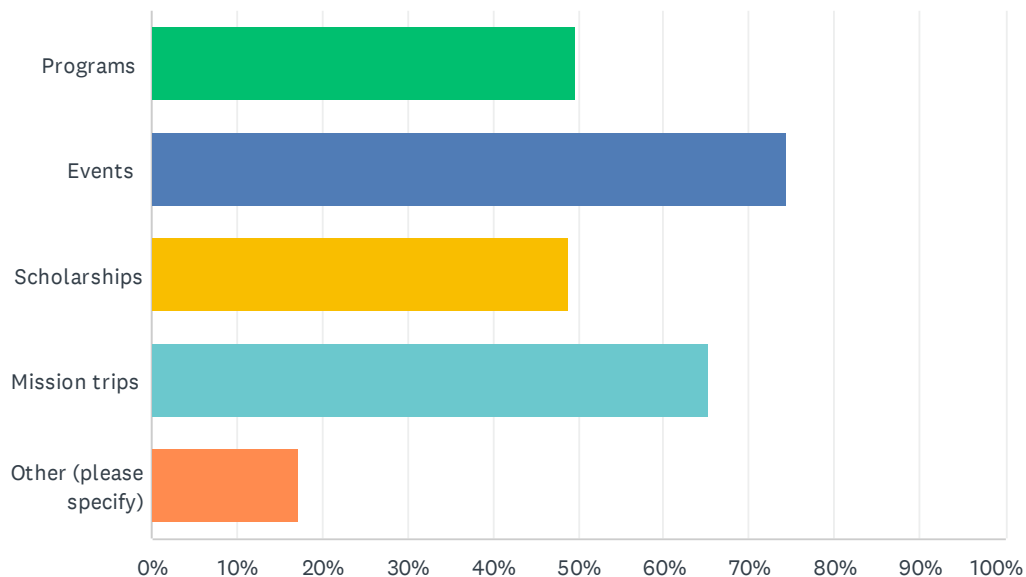
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44	Assistance with finding monthly volunteer opportunities and maybe doing these with another church	12/30/2021 12:28 AM
45	collaborating with other church's youth groups	12/29/2021 10:48 PM
46	Connections to more local mission programs and efforts -- possibly helping our local St. Vincent De Paul or the Salvation Army, such as assisting with drives or running collections. Specific youth groups that meet at a youth club would be dramatic and would include more than just their Sunday School friends. I would love to see more counseling available to our kids....with specific local events that target mental health challenges like ADHD and common overlapping conditions like ODD, Rejection Sensitivity, Depression, etc. DBT sessions are huge helps, but limited in scope and not available to nearly enough kids in our city of 45,000.	12/29/2021 5:33 PM
47	Events where the kids (7th - 12 graders) can get together w/ other youth to have an event within the local association.	12/28/2021 10:56 PM
48	In service programs for church leaders and for aspiring teenage leaders; some sort of a parent support group for parents of young children	12/28/2021 6:24 PM
49	Mission Christian Education	12/28/2021 2:55 PM
50	Something that combines a religious component along with a fun activity	12/28/2021 2:42 PM
51	Outdoor Ministries - local, conference and national settings. This is the time to lean into the outdoors, where youth learn to meet and overcome adversity.	12/22/2021 5:36 PM
52	i don't know yet, but the youth are eager to do things.	12/22/2021 12:11 PM
53	Any activities that combine social action with fun, especially if the kids can help plan.	12/21/2021 11:53 PM
54	First and foremost I would like to grow our group. I feel this would open avenues to the youth in regards to growing their network and community.	12/21/2021 4:47 PM
55	program for parents of youth to help them support their youth attendance long term leadership for youth that stays the same (more than 3 years)	12/20/2021 4:11 PM
56	combining with other youth groups from local churches	12/20/2021 3:17 PM
57	Peer connections & church group connections: expanding their understanding to engage beyond their church walls in their town, then beyond their state, and beyond their Conference.	12/18/2021 8:05 AM
58	I'm not sure what would engage our kids, but I'd like to see programs that nurture and challenge, helping kids grow in general and in their relationships with God and each other in particular.	12/17/2021 5:00 PM
59	Ways for youth to gather for service projects with other churches in the area. Hard to do programming including mission when part-time.	12/17/2021 2:03 PM
60	I would love to have association/area wide youth gatherings at least twice a year.	12/17/2021 1:43 PM
61	Faith-based gatherings around themes that are important to the youth, bringing in knowledgeable individuals to help the youth develop their own initiative to live their faith in that area. Connecting them to other youth in the region so that they find an affinity group to strengthen their life choices	12/17/2021 12:42 PM
62	Connections between local churches so youth can build relationships with UCC youth outside of their local church but still fairly local.	12/17/2021 9:24 AM
63	programs involving multiple UCC churches, this isn't really a program but it would be really helpful if the UCC specifically developed a progressive curriculum for kids and youth	12/17/2021 9:11 AM
64	Youth-led faith-rooted organizing	12/16/2021 8:37 PM
65	Local opportunities to serve with other youth and adults in meaningful ways. Interfaith programs where they can learn about their beliefs. Faith formational programs where they can grow a little through worship, relationships and service. And where my church's youth can come together with other local church youth for a common purpose.	12/16/2021 4:05 PM
66	Something you can do before a larger gather that preps the youth and leaders for those events. Also, information on different ministries in the UCC that expands their knowledge and vision of	12/16/2021 4:01 PM

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	the church and especially the wider church	
67	Churches working together for youth programming. Summer camp/outdoor ministry.	12/16/2021 3:18 PM
68	I thought the regional youth events we fabulous	12/16/2021 11:16 AM
69	I believe I answered this on the last question. Retreats, Speaker series, service opportunities, etc.	12/15/2021 9:15 PM
70	curriculum that is published by UCC and open, affirming, and progressive	12/15/2021 6:32 PM

Q15 What opportunities would you like to see developed for youth at the conference level? Choose all that apply.

Answered: 121 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Programs	49.59%	60
Events	74.38%	90
Scholarships	48.76%	59
Mission trips	65.29%	79
Other (please specify)	17.36%	21
Total Respondents: 121		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	See "Other" response in #13.	1/24/2022 4:04 PM
2	Same as mentioned earlier under local.	1/22/2022 10:54 AM
3	Developing relationships with other youth groups.	1/22/2022 8:38 AM
4	Faith Formation	1/18/2022 3:37 PM
5	All of previous statement to question 14	1/16/2022 3:37 PM
6	Music events	1/7/2022 1:54 PM
7	Again, my team does this development since I am conference staff at an outdoor ministry site	1/6/2022 11:43 AM
8	Curriculum for youth that is relevant and interactive	1/5/2022 2:52 PM
9	Up to explore anything.	1/4/2022 10:23 AM
10	.	1/3/2022 12:17 PM

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11	Unknown	12/31/2021 10:09 AM
12	camp, online our whole lives	12/29/2021 10:48 PM
13	As I said before....all of these are huge and life affecting/faith affecting. If you run it...they will come and they will thrive. Again....include some "time" for counseling/mental health....such a huge chance for kids to meet other kids who are "like them."	12/29/2021 5:35 PM
14	coordinated service opportunities	12/22/2021 5:37 PM
15	I would personally like the youth to see the value in participating at a conference level. This could possibly look like and involve programs specifically related to this age group. Programs that would interest them such as ministering to those they can relate to, i.e. their own age group, those who may come from different social and economic backgrounds.	12/21/2021 4:49 PM
16	not sure	12/21/2021 2:50 PM
17	youth involvement at Annual Meetings (like a mini-Spring Youth Event)	12/21/2021 1:51 PM
18	don't have ideas at the moment	12/20/2021 3:18 PM
19	We rarely participate in conference level youth programming. We use UCC conference centers for our ministry, and I occasionally take advantage of training opportunities, but the planning and communication is often too short notice. Our programs are planned out a year in advance and coordinated to fit within the broader context of our very active church.	12/20/2021 2:39 PM
20	I want the conference to offer materials and programs for youth that local leaders can facilitate in our setting.	12/17/2021 12:44 PM
21	Fall Retreats, Mental Health Awareness Summit	12/15/2021 9:15 PM

Q16 What types of programs would you like to see developed at the conference level?

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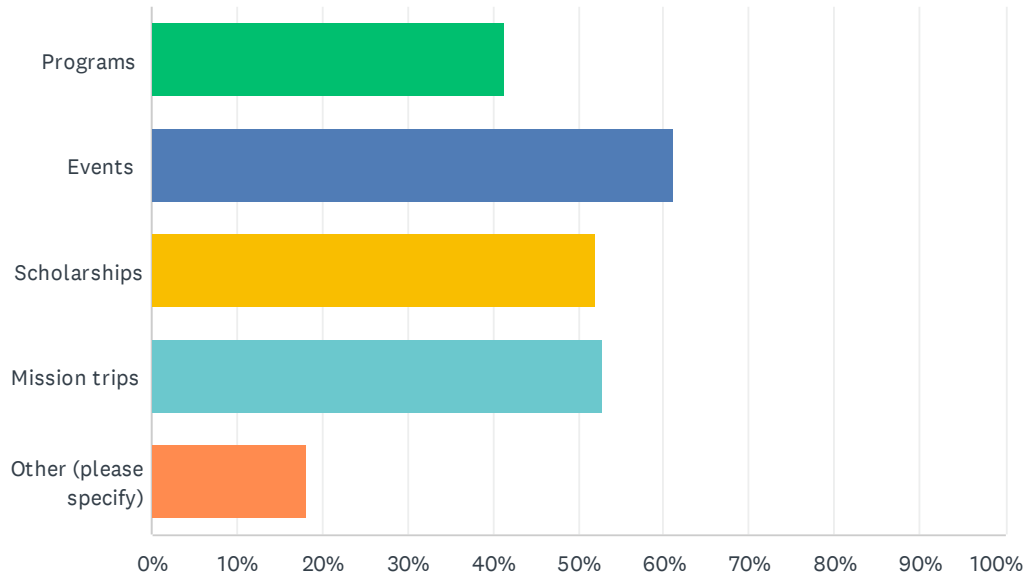
#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I haven't been to a conference yet, so I can't really say.	1/28/2022 1:56 PM
2	Social justice related, spiritual, faith development for young adults	1/25/2022 3:14 PM
3	Hands on Outreach	1/22/2022 10:54 AM
4	Online classes	1/22/2022 8:39 AM
5	Mission trips and outreach	1/20/2022 8:45 PM
6	i have no new ideas	1/19/2022 3:00 PM
7	I'd like to see the Associations and Conferences take some leadership in creating programs for children and youth. Our conference does NOTHING. We could use service projects, leadership development programs and social/interconnection programs.	1/18/2022 3:37 PM
8	Again please refer to question 14's answers	1/16/2022 3:38 PM
9	Mission trips for high school and college age students	1/13/2022 12:27 PM
10	Unknown	1/12/2022 4:20 PM
11	events where kids can get together and be with other progressively minded kids. Social justice focused	1/11/2022 12:53 PM
12	I am really not sure, but I imagine any program where youth could gather and share would be beneficial (strength in numbers).	1/10/2022 7:56 AM
13	I would especially love for our youth to be a part of service learning trips put on by the conference	1/9/2022 3:21 PM
14	Larger scale retreats for youth, giving them the opportunity to meet other youth from further away, and do volunteer work in other locations.	1/9/2022 12:48 PM
15	retreats and service days (not mission trip)	1/7/2022 3:36 PM
16	Retreat that are meaningful	1/7/2022 1:54 PM
17	youth leadership	1/6/2022 4:36 PM
18	Workshops	1/6/2022 3:42 PM
19	Same as I mentioned before.	1/6/2022 3:00 PM
20	Fellowship for youth, support in faith practices like prayer and contemplation, justice and service work that empowers them.	1/6/2022 2:57 PM
21	Already shared	1/6/2022 1:22 PM
22	Anything would be awesome. Camp scholarships or planning/leadership opportunities for youth.	1/4/2022 5:14 PM
23	Creation Justice, spiritual activities, and leadership opportunities.	1/4/2022 1:03 PM
24	Please see ideas from previous response about local level. Some of those could probably be conference level. I still feel fairly new to the UCC (from UMC) and am figuring these things out.	1/4/2022 10:25 AM
25	A conference wide youth gathering that is hybrid (virtual and in-person)	1/2/2022 9:18 AM
26	Like I noted in space for "local level"-simple events like a day at the park, or hike, etc. that would connect other UCC Youth from different congregations.	1/1/2022 5:39 PM

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27	Maybe an Our Whole Lives program that shares the trained leaders. This is an amazing program that puts too much work on our 2-3 trained leaders.	1/1/2022 12:03 PM
28	Again, it's difficult to know until we have the virus under control.	12/30/2021 11:34 PM
29	Scholarship programs set up to allow more youth and educators to be able to attend. Remote/streaming/zoom options are 2nd choice...but still offer something...so better than nothing!	12/29/2021 5:37 PM
30	How to stay afloat despite low numbers of attendance, and how to encourage more attendance and participation Support for church leaders during this endemic	12/28/2021 6:26 PM
31	Unsure	12/28/2021 5:18 PM
32	Mision Opportunities	12/28/2021 2:55 PM
33	Something to bring youth from across the state together to grow in their faith and minister to others	12/28/2021 2:44 PM
34	programs to develop humans that are able to seek ways to advocate for themselves and organize with others	12/28/2021 2:00 PM
35	Retreats for networking and dreaming with other conference youth leaders.	12/28/2021 10:59 AM
36	opportunities to engage with youth from all over the conference in multiple settings - worship, service, mission, spirituality, fun	12/22/2021 5:38 PM
37	Same as local level.	12/21/2021 11:53 PM
38	Programs specifically related to their age group, peers who may not look the same and come from different social and economic backgrounds would be a great start.	12/21/2021 4:50 PM
39	Service trip opportunities	12/20/2021 3:00 PM
40	We must utilize their voices, their perspectives, their skills in a variety of ways. I enjoy discerning their gifts and lifting them up and developing them, spotlighting them, inspiring them, revealing opportunities to do God's work that has impact on their community and the world. One idea is to bring youth together with mentors to enhance their leadership skills and other skills. Perhaps design several areas that youth may gravitate to according to their personalities and skills and have facilitators/mentors give personal testimony and guidance of how they used their specific talent to do God's work and make a difference. Each Mentor could "map out" a possible pathway for the group's youth to follow for discipleship as a young person with that interest. Facilitators/Mentors can "Map Out" local involvement and global involvement that is doable and not such an unreachable goal for youth. Almost like how parents help their child plan out their schooling/ courses/ college in order to pursue a career. I like idea of mapping out a pathway of discipleship for a teen (and for the parent to know!) that goes into young adult life with goals and opportunities that are reasonable and reachable. Almost like a checklist for discipleship! (a guide for youth and parent to follow!)	12/18/2021 8:29 AM
41	Gatherings for youth ministers to share best practices, get resources, network/support, develop curricula, etc.	12/16/2021 8:38 PM
42	Gatherings where our youth can come together with other youth within the conference to have fun, grow in faith understandings, stretch and serve.	12/16/2021 4:06 PM
43	Retreats or events that are ready to go for all conferences to use so those that are volunteering can pick it up and go since they don't have a lot of time to prepare for a retreat or event	12/16/2021 4:03 PM
44	Same - regional and conference for us are pretty similar.	12/16/2021 3:18 PM
45	see last question.	12/15/2021 9:16 PM

Q17 What opportunities would you like to see developed for youth at the national level? Choose all that apply.

Answered: 121 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Programs	41.32% 50
Events	61.16% 74
Scholarships	52.07% 63
Mission trips	52.89% 64
Other (please specify)	18.18% 22
Total Respondents: 121	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	unsure	1/25/2022 11:58 AM
2	See "Other" response for #13.	1/24/2022 4:04 PM
3	UCC specific confirmation curricula, books and curricula for youth about the big life questions and faith from a progressive perspective. A database of Mission Trip partners and youth service orgs that align with progressive christian value and perspectives on service.	1/24/2022 12:00 PM
4	Same as mentioned under local.	1/22/2022 10:55 AM
5	Sustainable Practices	1/22/2022 8:39 AM
6	Faith Formation Resources, Multimedia resources like confirmation trivia, worship song videos, tough topics interviewing different youth from around the country.	1/18/2022 3:39 PM
7	Having UCC affiliated colleges attend national youth events, regional youth events. Creating more opportunities using UCC affiliated colleges to host events and help bridge the gap from high school through college. We don't offer enough college opportunities and programs once	1/16/2022 3:49 PM

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our youth leave to go to college. Too many UCC college youth members feel left out and have no voice or programming once they graduate high school we need to do a better job.

8	Not sure- sorry!	1/10/2022 7:56 AM
9	Revised and updated confirmation curriculum	1/9/2022 5:23 PM
10	Great Bible study, great fellowship, leaders with great integrity	1/7/2022 1:56 PM
11	Social Justice curricula	1/6/2022 11:43 AM
12	Curriculum for youth that is relevant and interactive	1/5/2022 2:52 PM
13	.	1/3/2022 12:18 PM
14	Unknown	12/31/2021 10:10 AM
15	youth gatherings like conferences	12/29/2021 10:48 PM
16	Scholarships would be necessary...but nice, of course!!! :)	12/29/2021 5:39 PM
17	Support system for UCC youth during this endemic	12/28/2021 6:27 PM
18	Unsure	12/28/2021 5:19 PM
19	not sure	12/21/2021 2:50 PM
20	We probably wouldn't participate at the national level due to travel	12/20/2021 3:18 PM
21	Mission trips - not so much for our church particularly, but when I worked in a smaller UCC church, we struggled to achieve the critical mass for a mission trip. It would have been helpful to band together with other local church groups to do this.	12/20/2021 2:40 PM
22	curriculum, educational resources, training/fellowship for youth leaders	12/15/2021 9:16 PM

Q18 What types of programs would you like to see developed at the national level?

Answered: 33 Skipped: 89

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Again, not sure.	1/28/2022 1:56 PM
2	Regional discussion groups for brainstorming	1/25/2022 6:39 PM
3	Hands on regional outreach. Curricula as described under local.	1/22/2022 10:56 AM
4	Sustainable Practices	1/22/2022 8:39 AM
5	no ideas - argh :(1/19/2022 3:00 PM
6	ProgressiveFaith Formation Resources; Multimedia resources like confirmation trivia, worship song videos, tough topics interviewing different youth from around the country; ways to connect youth leaders from around the country	1/18/2022 3:40 PM
7	Having UCC affiliated colleges attend national youth events, regional youth events. Creating more opportunities using UCC affiliated colleges to host events and help bridge the gap from high school through college. We don't offer enough college opportunities and programs once our youth leave to go to college. Too many UCC college youth members feel left out and have no voice or programming once they graduate high school we need to do a better job.	1/16/2022 3:49 PM
8	Unsure	1/12/2022 4:20 PM
9	Exploring the UCC and what that means	1/10/2022 2:41 PM
10	Rural and urban kids meeting and discussing their lifestyles, challenges and enjoyment.	1/8/2022 7:30 PM
11	Provide resources for local churches for great youth Bible Study and mission. I would LOVE to see our church return to creating curriculum that works in the local church, starting with Confirmation. Because there is nothing offered now, congregations are going with Awana and very conservative options for Sunday school. Families want their children to learn the stories of faith, and these conservative options are the only ones being published.	1/7/2022 2:00 PM
12	Workshops	1/6/2022 3:42 PM
13	Same as mentioned before	1/6/2022 3:00 PM
14	It would be great to see leadership programs. One of our youth would make a great pastor, but there is little in their life that helps them envision how that could develop.	1/6/2022 2:58 PM
15	I'd like to see more social justice engagement--things that are similar to OWL but with a justice-oriented view. Something we could take from the national level and use in our own contexts, to take the guess work out of curricula for youth--highlighting UCC values, justice and peacemaking, and a progressive faith element tied to scripture	1/6/2022 2:17 PM
16	Service and Learning trips. Many youth groups end up going on trips planned by much more conservative organizations, because they are more readily available. I would love to see the UCC develop annual Spring and Summer Service and Learning Trips. I think this would be a great partnership with our Outdoor Ministry Settings.	1/5/2022 12:45 PM
17	Leadership opportunities for youth, a la CYYAM. Intentional representation within every level of governance. Also, an emphasis on college/campus ministry.	1/4/2022 5:16 PM
18	Programs for feeding and sheltering people in areas where this is not available	1/4/2022 12:37 PM
19	More hybrid (in person and virtual) events More virtual/hybrid gatherings for those who work with youth	1/2/2022 9:20 AM
20	It would be awesome if there was a way to do something like the Tuesday's for Nurture but geared towards Youth.	1/1/2022 5:40 PM

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21	Social media with challenges and inspirational stories or testimonials that kids can watch.	12/30/2021 12:29 AM
22	Ongoing support group for youth leaders and youth during this endemic Is traditional Sunday School over? Do we need to rethink Sunday School?	12/28/2021 6:28 PM
23	Mission Christian Education Social Justice	12/28/2021 2:56 PM
24	I would love to see our national setting develop an opportunity to serve globally	12/22/2021 5:38 PM
25	Leadership training programs, but not too heavy-handed with "religion."	12/21/2021 11:54 PM
26	I think it would interesting and beneficial for the youth of the UCC to have more interaction together especially regarding specific common interests. This could potentially look at future goals for this age group both within the UCC, socially and nationally.	12/21/2021 4:52 PM
27	Zoom events about youth issues, ie. Mental health	12/20/2021 3:21 PM
28	Virtual experiences are now possible- love connecting young people from all over! Maybe design a variety of virtual workshops that focus on developing/enhancing different youth's interests to do God's work using their leadership skills, their creative arts & musical talents, their writing skills, their verbal/debating skills, their advocacy skills, and more.	12/18/2021 8:35 AM
29	A video sermon series aimed at youth with progressive theology. Similar to Rob Bell's nooma series and better than the sit-down-talk-to-the-camera type things our UCC videos have looked like in the past.	12/17/2021 2:06 PM
30	I would love to see a program where the youth groups could serve locally in their own communities during the day, and then gather in the evenings virtually and learn more about food insecurity, racism, environmental concerns poverty....	12/16/2021 4:09 PM
31	Robust curriculum for Confirmation and Youth Groups.	12/16/2021 11:48 AM
32	see last question	12/15/2021 9:16 PM
33	There isn't a progressive curriculum for youth... the UCC has more than enough writer resources to pull this off... or, perhaps, through other progressive channels (seeking authors through events like Wild Goose Festival).	12/15/2021 5:20 PM

Q19 What do you feel is most needed to help you thrive and grow your youth ministry (personally and/or professionally)?

Answered: 103 Skipped: 19

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Adult training	1/29/2022 3:16 PM
2	Some training/development opportunities for youth ministry	1/28/2022 1:57 PM
3	In a small church, I want to keep kids engaged. Every kid has different needs and sometimes one youth can take a lot of energy, but that does not mean the rest of the group should not also get that same level of attention. I'd like resources for re-engaging parents and for drawing in those youths who believe the church doesn't have a place for them.	1/26/2022 4:45 PM
4	Parents supporting and prioritizing youth faith formation	1/25/2022 6:40 PM
5	More information, resources, staffing/volunteers	1/25/2022 3:14 PM
6	Getting it "OUTSIDE" of the church in every way, while still getting the church to support the youth (who maybe learning things the old guard would NOT support!)	1/25/2022 12:00 PM
7	I would be very interested to work with a creative team on developing story-telling, history-learning, immersive opportunities for all ages.	1/24/2022 4:05 PM
8	resources that support ECOT (evangelical, conservative, orthodox, traditional) believers within the UCC	1/24/2022 2:18 PM
9	I need a community of practice of other youth leaders. I have struggled for 7 years to raise up a group of lay youth leaders to share this ministry with and have failed. As a result the whole program rests on my desk and relies on my creativity alone which holds our program back. Ministry in general and youth ministry in particular thrive on collaboration. I've been going it alone for too long and I'm running out of ideas.	1/24/2022 12:02 PM
10	Help Sponsoring the Youth to attend retreats and mission trips.	1/24/2022 9:58 AM
11	Change of attitudes of youth and parents towards church, and less busy lives doing a plethora of other things. Better attendance and participation. Volunteer participation. After school program at least weekly to teach them common skills they'll need as postgraduates and adults that are not covered in school, while also helping them to enjoy music, dance, art, cooking, hospitality, letter/email/text-writing, civics education, mission/outreach activities, etc.	1/22/2022 11:05 AM
12	I often feel that I need a space separate from church and school to thrive grow the girl's group. A space such as a teen drop-in, with structure based on Best Self Principles.	1/22/2022 8:45 AM
13	Good curriculum end to the pandemic.	1/20/2022 8:47 PM
14	Stronger family life supporting the church's efforts	1/20/2022 11:58 AM
15	We need to find a way to bring families back to church. If we can't get the parents involved how can we expect the youth to be excited about faith?	1/19/2022 7:10 PM
16	Someone to help energize the kids... youth isn't my strength but I do it with the help of others.	1/19/2022 3:01 PM
17	volunteers	1/18/2022 3:40 PM
18	Contacts to connect with in our area for actions or projects we can work on together in our community.	1/18/2022 2:40 PM
19	A better networking system for Christian educators and groups. Programs we can deliver to our kids and families that incorporate 21st-century learning I.E. VBS! A new updated all lives programming and training. Training for all Christian Ed and volunteers for first aid rapid response and CPR opportunities. Earmarking our financial resources for technology for our youth. We need some type of system in place that helps Christian Ed directors find resources	1/16/2022 4:06 PM

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for families that are in social emotional or financial situations that need help and come to us for help that we can in turn give it to them or find for them with ease.

20	Collaboration/ideas Budget Broader Vision and New Outlook for this generation	1/14/2022 3:47 PM
21	An awareness that today's high school graduates are at least 3 years behind prior generations in terms of maturity. Young adults should now include college-age students.	1/13/2022 12:28 PM
22	Support from the congregation. Continuing education.	1/12/2022 4:21 PM
23	More youth. We have an older congregation and not many children and youth. Most of mine have graduated in the last 2 years.	1/12/2022 2:02 PM
24	More volunteers, a good solid program	1/12/2022 1:43 PM
25	Getting more people involved and passionate about their faith.	1/12/2022 10:13 AM
26	progressive resources, partnerships with local churches in order to reach minimum numbers for effective events	1/11/2022 12:54 PM
27	Courage, support, opportunity to connect with wider church, places for youth to see themselves being the church	1/10/2022 11:20 PM
28	Helping the youth to relate to who God is as how God works in their lives.	1/10/2022 10:02 PM
29	Networking opportunities abs scholarships to do so	1/10/2022 2:42 PM
30	More helpers - thankfully our young adults (former youth) enjoy helping.	1/10/2022 11:18 AM
31	additional volunteers and funding	1/10/2022 11:06 AM
32	We need numbers-- it's extremely hard to grow a program of any sort with such a small critical mass.	1/10/2022 7:58 AM
33	Always more time...	1/9/2022 3:22 PM
34	More support, people to whom I can reach out to help with organizing a mission trip or retreat. This can be personal, but also on a professional level. I have no idea how to start something like this.	1/9/2022 12:49 PM
35	Connection to other youth workers	1/9/2022 11:28 AM
36	For them to see and interact with other youth of faith and build relationships	1/8/2022 10:09 PM
37	Discussion needs to tie back to Bible base narrative.	1/8/2022 7:33 PM
38	trips	1/7/2022 4:19 PM
39	more continuing ed opportunities within the denomination as well as connection with other clergy whose ministry focuses on youth.	1/7/2022 3:37 PM
40	We are doing really well, with a group of about 15 youth and their families. Confirmation materials published in this century would be appreciated, but materials need to be grounded in life in the local church. Dribble and babble, or materials written at the college reading level won't sell.	1/7/2022 2:03 PM
41	Personally, I need creative ideas to involve our youth in our church and to encourage them to pursue church leadership. I also need spiritual support for encouragement and drive.	1/6/2022 4:41 PM
42	Dedicated youth program staff; Opportunities to join other youth groups for events; Facilities and trips like N-Sid-Sen	1/6/2022 3:51 PM
43	Curriculum that is modern but focused on Jesus and mission	1/6/2022 3:43 PM
44	Progressive resources!	1/6/2022 3:01 PM
45	It's just such a challenge to find engaged and committed (and reliable) youth ministers.	1/6/2022 2:58 PM
46	Resources of programatic elements that are progressive Christian resources.	1/6/2022 2:18 PM
47	I do feel isolated, especially in covid when all scripts are out the window. And I would love a space to talk with other folks doing the same work about some of the bigger questions - not just what Sunday night's activity is.	1/6/2022 1:23 PM

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48	Good resources that tie social justice issues to faith. Resources about intergenerational work and worship.	1/6/2022 11:45 AM
49	Connections to others doing good work so we can share best practices	1/6/2022 11:44 AM
50	It is frustrating when families have to choose between sports and youth group/church activities. I would love more relevant and interactive curriculum to be provided by the UCC. I use a variety of resources from websites/etc. but would like to have a stronger UCC presence in the curriculum.	1/5/2022 2:55 PM
51	I would like to see gatherings for Youth Leaders. Opportunities for them to be nurtured as well as for networking and skill building.	1/5/2022 12:46 PM
52	Just and adequate compensation; a broader understanding of youth ministry as real ministry;	1/5/2022 12:39 PM
53	Ideas, support, resources	1/4/2022 11:43 PM
54	I'd like to see UCC put together a youth leadership curriculum, offer podcast speakers that we could access, have a national program that youth could progress through, grow, learn, lead.	1/4/2022 9:53 PM
55	Relationships with other people doing similar work. I feel like I am making things up on my own. I feel many in the church do not value children and youth's contributions to the Body of Christ.	1/4/2022 5:17 PM
56	More support from local churches to send their youth to conference and national activities.	1/4/2022 1:06 PM
57	Reaching more Hispanic youth, not excluding them by using labels such as Latinx. Many of the youth and their parents are put off by that term and prefer their native language terms.	1/4/2022 12:40 PM
58	Relevant and easy to use Faith Formation resources. Maybe resources that would be easy to share over social media (especially instagram).	1/4/2022 10:27 AM
59	- Progressive curriculum/resources from the UCC - Support Teams of Youth Leaders 'Communities of Practice'	1/3/2022 12:20 PM
60	Ideas to help me connect to the youth when in person activities are suspended.	1/2/2022 9:19 PM
61	-The national website should have information on youth resources on the youth page. There used to be information on that page and now there is nothing there. -Consideration that all people who work with youth are not clergy and some are volunteers and cannot attend week day training events. There should be weekend training events/retreats for people in that situation.	1/2/2022 9:25 AM
62	Time, and patience. Families and youth are still navigating where we are in this stage of the Covid Pandemic. The congregation I'm currently serving in is also in the Search and Call process so things are rebuilding on multiple fronts.	1/1/2022 5:45 PM
63	It would be great to share adult leadership of youth groups with other local UCC churches. I find it is hard to get fun/motivated adults to help lead our youth programs.	1/1/2022 12:05 PM
64	I would like to have an opportunity on a monthly basis to hear how other small churches like our own are working with their youth.	12/30/2021 11:35 PM
65	More youth!	12/30/2021 12:29 AM
66	community of practice	12/29/2021 10:49 PM
67	We'd need a budget and we'd need covid to be over. :)	12/29/2021 5:41 PM
68	Opportunities for training	12/28/2021 10:57 PM
69	Support and connection with other UCC youth leaders	12/28/2021 6:28 PM
70	Funding	12/28/2021 2:57 PM
71	How do we draw in the older youth to be involved in the church,,	12/28/2021 2:45 PM
72	progressive resources	12/28/2021 2:14 PM
73	Volunteers who are engaging with the youth and are able to build relationships with them beyond just being a chaperone.	12/28/2021 11:11 AM

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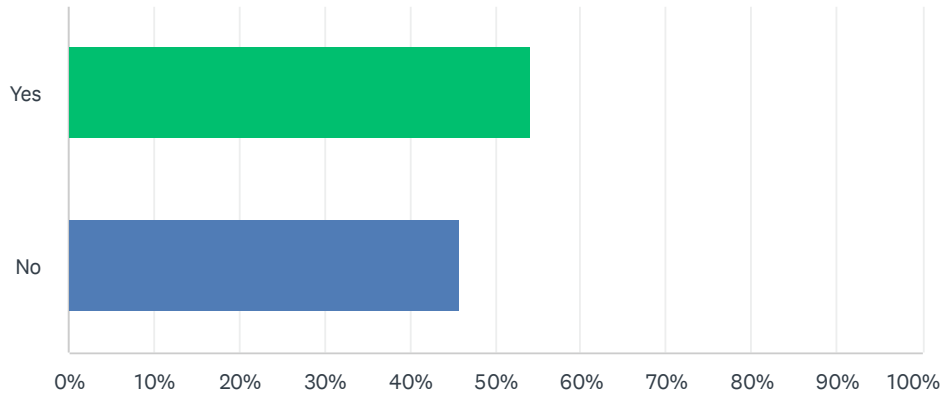
74	Support of laypeople within the congregation	12/22/2021 5:39 PM
75	i don't know. i just want to see the youth find value in community	12/22/2021 12:27 PM
76	The church needs a leadership team who is dynamic and interested. We need proper and adequate funding. We lose our high school students immediately after confirmation; we need to develop a strategy to encourage high school students to continue their participation in the church.	12/21/2021 11:57 PM
77	Beginning with having more students would be great. I would also appreciate workshops and conferences specifically related to youth ministry.	12/21/2021 4:54 PM
78	Ways to reach youth in the community.	12/21/2021 2:07 PM
79	How can you make local churches work together for their youth groups without people being afraid that we're going to "steal their young people"???	12/21/2021 1:52 PM
80	Events at a regional/association level where youth can meet other youth and do projects/mission work	12/21/2021 12:54 PM
81	I am not sure. Maybe if youth leaders could share ideas about what works at their church. I work another job during the week, so maybe short Zoom meetings would-be good. It is hard to drive to meetings a couple hours away and then work the next day.	12/21/2021 7:46 AM
82	parent support, prioritizing youth ministry, continued congregational support, adult youth volunteers	12/20/2021 4:14 PM
83	A supportive community	12/20/2021 3:39 PM
84	volunteer management training	12/20/2021 3:01 PM
85	An end to the pandemic would help. Training opportunities for my (adult) small group leaders might be nice.	12/20/2021 2:43 PM
86	Networks, progressive faith curriculum	12/20/2021 12:54 PM
87	Connections & opportunities beyond my community, Funds	12/18/2021 8:37 AM
88	I'm not sure.	12/17/2021 5:01 PM
89	Scholarship Funds	12/17/2021 2:06 PM
90	Subsidies for local churches to hire or call dedicated youth and family staff members who can build lasting relationships with all children and youth.	12/17/2021 1:44 PM
91	I need programs that I can use so that I don't have to spend my time developing materials. I would prefer to use my ministry time on relationship building and spending time with the youth. I also need connection with people who want to dream big and move the church into whatever this new thing is.	12/17/2021 12:47 PM
92	Covid to calm down.	12/17/2021 9:26 AM
93	as much support as possible during this pandemic as we continue to try to develop our programs with so many restrictions . Program/curriculum ideas.	12/17/2021 9:13 AM
94	Resources, points of connection with other youth ministers	12/16/2021 8:39 PM
95	Guidelines on how to pay, compensate, and support local youth ministers. Also, helping connecting local youth leaders.	12/16/2021 4:19 PM
96	Being an older woman in youth ministry can be difficult, because of the pervasive idea that youth pastors should be young, cool guitar-toting men. So connecting with other women in youth ministry is very helpful in lots of ways. I appreciate practical ideas especially during this ongoing pandemic, and also appreciate 'retreat' types of experiences for youth pastors. When I'm most grounded and centered, it benefits the youth. In my setting, it's been challenging to find younger adults to be part of my leadership team. They are all maxed out with the pandemic and their own young families.	12/16/2021 4:14 PM
97	Maybe I knew pre-covid but I certainly have no idea now	12/16/2021 3:19 PM
98	Strong curriculum out of the UCC. Assistance organizing mission trips for the local church or joint mission trips with other churches.	12/16/2021 11:48 AM

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99	I think we need to remember that it starts at birth and goes through death. We need to build programs that are woven together and not segmented out. If you don't have a strong program their is nothing to keep them coming back. They also need to be supported and included in church life.	12/16/2021 11:20 AM
100	support group with other youth workers, quality progressive educational materials, quality retreat offerings that we (local youth leaders) don't have to lead and plan.	12/15/2021 9:17 PM
101	community with other Youth Leaders is essential	12/15/2021 6:33 PM
102	I'm not sure, because I feel my youth group is pretty strong right now. They like coming, they like being together & they have fun. That may change in time & then I'll adjust to what is needed in that particular time.	12/15/2021 5:30 PM
103	Resources for training healthy Youth Leaders.	12/15/2021 5:21 PM

Q20 Do you feel your graduating high school students are prepared for their young adult years based upon their faith development?

Answered: 118 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	54.24%	64
No	45.76%	54
TOTAL		118

Q21 In what ways do you believe they are prepared?

Answered: 53 Skipped: 69

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	We're sending kids off to college who have a strong moral base, who have a support system to draw from, and who've had good conversations that have allowed them to question their faith in a safe and probing environment. We've offered them honesty and have told them that faith is a journey. We've also made it clear that they have a faith home in our church and they can always come back to us with questions, with concerns, with new ideas, and we will always give them honesty and support.	1/26/2022 4:50 PM
2	I believe faith formation leaders develop wonderful relationships with the youth they serve. These relationships will bolster them throughout their adult years, if they are continued, or, perhaps, as preparation for future relationships.	1/24/2022 4:06 PM
3	A good, deep confirmation process with life-long mentors attached	1/19/2022 3:01 PM
4	They've had a chance to explore Christian background without being told what to believe. They have a community they have had some connection with to fall back on if needed.	1/18/2022 2:42 PM
5	All of our youth that attend our church have gone on to have service careers from education, counseling, speech, financials, and healthcare! They also continue to come back after they've graduated from college, gotten married, and our bringing their children now.	1/16/2022 4:11 PM
6	Because of their experiences in the confirmation class and in Sunday School / Youth Group, they have worked on developing skills such as asking questions, seeking authenticity, practicing acceptance and grace and hopefully remembering that not everything comes in a neat and tidy box.	1/14/2022 3:50 PM
7	They are aware and accepting of other beliefs and ways of life.	1/13/2022 12:28 PM
8	I believe they have a very good foundation of right and wrong. They know that God is with them always, no matter what. If they go away to school or leave for other reasons, we try to find a UCC church in their new area. We have open communication always.	1/12/2022 2:04 PM
9	I believe they have begun to develop what type of people they want to be and what their foundations are, especially around their faith and how they want to make a difference in the world.	1/12/2022 10:15 AM
10	They are openminded, thinking, and willing to explore. They are aware of the need for change in our world.	1/11/2022 12:55 PM
11	Decision making, helping others, studying	1/10/2022 10:02 PM
12	They are able to take on leadership roles as they get older and are able to mentor the younger youth and children. They are able to articulate their positions and give reasoning behind them	1/10/2022 2:43 PM
13	They have a strong understanding of their faith and a strong connection to their church.	1/10/2022 11:18 AM
14	Our church is very connected; those graduating have a church family of support and guidance throughout their life at the church. Our faith goals are defined and we work toward those building blocks throughout their years of Sunday School and youth.	1/10/2022 11:07 AM
15	Culturally aware from Confirmation and Mission Trip programs. Service minded and welcoming.	1/9/2022 5:23 PM
16	Our youth group works on shaping values, learning to make decisions, building relationships, developing compassion and becoming service-minded.	1/7/2022 2:06 PM
17	I believe most of them know where to find resources and support when they need it, and they have the freedom and permission to develop and achieve their goals	1/6/2022 3:52 PM
18	Participation in spiritual Nurture, missions, worship planning	1/6/2022 3:43 PM
19	We are blessed to have strong family involvement so the youth have a strong base with	1/6/2022 3:02 PM

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multiple resources--openness in conversations, etc--intentionality in discussions/study

20	Youth who attend camps for many years develop a sense of self that is less dependent on the materialistic world and more grounded in their faith and relationships with healthy folks to be around (both fellow campers and caring adults). The best case scenario is that they know their worth so they don't have to go looking for it in dead end pursuits.	1/6/2022 11:46 AM
21	they understand that faith is always evolving and changing. We encourage them to live and love the questions.	1/5/2022 2:29 PM
22	I am still connected to many of the young adults who were part of my youth ministry. They have grown into adults who are connected to their communities, compassionate teachers and leaders. And what brings me the most joy, is seeing that they are continuing to ask difficult questions of themselves and those around them.	1/5/2022 12:47 PM
23	They have community. They've shared sacred space and filled it with meaningful conversations.	1/4/2022 9:56 PM
24	They are confident in their beliefs and their God. These beliefs will maintain them through the harder times and they also have each other to rely on.	1/4/2022 12:41 PM
25	Youth who have been active in our church will have gained an understanding that they are loved and accepted by their church and by God wherever they are on their life journeys.	1/4/2022 10:35 AM
26	We work closely with our high school graduates as soon as they become seniors. Our goal is to offer them all the necessary tools they will need to pursue higher education and to move forward in their spiritual development. We create opportunities for them to see their role in the larger church as an adult.	1/2/2022 9:20 PM
27	I believe the Youth in the Congregation I'm currently serving at know what it's like to feel held, loved, and supported by a faith community that welcomes you wherever you are in your own journey, and whatever questions and doubts you have are able to be present and respected. Giving youth the space to ask questions and feel without any guilt or pressure to conform is so freeing and helps youth have firmer footing in their own faith.	1/1/2022 5:52 PM
28	Our college age youth leave with a strong knowledge of social justice ideas to help live with others. They have Our Whole Lives under their belts to make informed choices. They know they have a church family that loves them and can't wait to see them and hear about their experiences.	1/1/2022 12:07 PM
29	they know what it means to be part of a community that loves them, take care of their sexual health, and that it's OK to explore their beliefs, that values and mission make a difference, their lives matter	12/29/2021 10:49 PM
30	They have been counseled in many ways and they know the many ways that character and UCC love and inclusiveness breeds a healthy society.	12/29/2021 5:42 PM
31	Our oldest kids are in 9th grade so this question doesn't quite apply. With the kids I have, it is 50-50. Some are prepared and others are not.	12/28/2021 5:22 PM
32	Most of them attended Sunday School or Bible Study throughout their school years and they went through Confirmation. The group coming up has not had this opportunity due to their ages.	12/28/2021 2:47 PM
33	They know they are loved by a power greater than human comprehension.	12/22/2021 5:39 PM
34	because i want to believe that the youth heard the message that true maturity comes when we act selflessly in the world.	12/22/2021 12:28 PM
35	Thank you for adding this box. I feel some of them are and others tend to do the trend of those entering into their twenty's and walk away for a bit. My goal for those graduating is to give them a solid foundation in the Word and in Christ. This obviously looks different for everyone. They definitely are sent off with an understanding of how to use the Bible, where to find what they need, and that they CAN find an answer within the Book. I am personally always available to them and they do come back and connect.	12/21/2021 4:57 PM
36	They know there is a place to go where they are accepted for who they are, unconditionally. Many adults don't know that churches like ours exist.	12/21/2021 2:08 PM
37	Their faith is strong. We've talked about how to realistically maintain connections to faith	12/21/2021 1:53 PM

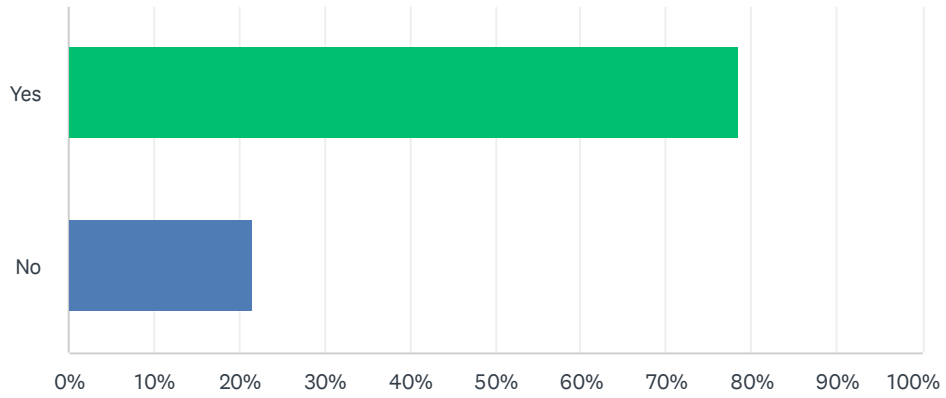
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communities during college. They live their faith into everyday life with the choices they make now and I expect that to continue.

38	they take part in the confirmation process and they participate in local and national mission trips and are asked work with local groups to understand what is happening in the community and world around them	12/21/2021 12:56 PM
39	for those who participate in our confirmation class and youth gatherings, they develop relationship with pastor and other adults that last and we see them return to worship and church during their college year and young adult years (especially seasonal) and when crisis happens in their lives we hear from them, their parents reach back or we know their faith has supported them and continues to through their struggles.	12/20/2021 4:16 PM
40	They are kind thoughtful compassionate team leaders.	12/20/2021 3:39 PM
41	I think the kids who have stayed engaged through High School, graduate with an understanding of God's love, care for creation, the importance of sacred community, and the centrality of serving one's neighbor to our lived faith. More broadly, this is an affluent community and many students have a well rounded network of support, which includes the church.	12/20/2021 2:45 PM
42	Good morals and understanding of what God wants for them	12/20/2021 2:33 PM
43	I said yes because I do feel they have some preparation but certainly more would be awesome! I feel they have 1) a sense of the diversity of God and the power of prayer and people coming together for a cause, 2) the awesomeness of the UCC and our inclusive ways and purpose, 3) their home church is THEIR CHURCH FAMILY and will always support them 4) Their faith journey is always growing and asking questions about faith is always a good thing 5) They are worthy, needed and beautiful and a special child of God.	12/18/2021 8:44 AM
44	They have the foundation of faith, experiences, and friendship from their home church. I feel a rich youth programming gives socialization, team work, critical thinking, and hope.	12/17/2021 2:08 PM
45	Most of my youth talk about faith practices that help them stay grounded. They have strong commitments to Justice and are pursuing careers that connect with their passions and often their faith. They have developed leadership skills on mission trips. They return to church on breaks from school and happily participate in worship leadership.	12/17/2021 9:30 AM
46	They have received a good faith foundation that will help them continue their relationship with God. They all have a congregation mentor and other members of the congregation that will continue to support them	12/17/2021 9:15 AM
47	They have a foundational belief in their belovedness and conviction about changing the world for the better--and they have a community they know supports them	12/16/2021 8:39 PM
48	They know they are loved, made exactly the way to God created them to be, their church is here to support you, and God just wants you to do your best in loving your neighbor and and God. Also, if they chose to go to retreats and work trips they have learned how to cook, clean, yard work, use basic tools and work with others in difficult situations.	12/16/2021 4:21 PM
49	Feel confident in self and safe to be who they are knowing god loves them.	12/16/2021 3:19 PM
50	Experience questioning their faith and exploring what role it takes in their lives.	12/16/2021 11:49 AM
51	I believe our children and youth are taught to question and speak up. They know they have caring adults who support them and will answer their calls. They know they are beloved children of God	12/16/2021 11:21 AM
52	They come back to church & help with whatever is needed. I think that is a big sign that they consider us "home".	12/15/2021 5:31 PM
53	IF they make it through HS graduation involved in the church (without vaporizing after confirmation) they have made relevant, meaningful relationships with adults (most likely) and have learned much from them.	12/15/2021 5:23 PM

Q22 Do you have volunteers that work with you on a regular basis?

Answered: 116 Skipped: 6



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	78.45%	91
No	21.55%	25
TOTAL		116

Q23 What kind of training(s) have volunteers received?

Answered: 82 Skipped: 40

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	in house training through the Christian Ed Director	1/29/2022 3:16 PM
2	Probably not enough, but they've been with us for several years.	1/26/2022 4:51 PM
3	Internal support	1/25/2022 6:40 PM
4	Not much	1/25/2022 12:01 PM
5	informal--they lack commitment to better training	1/24/2022 2:19 PM
6	None	1/24/2022 9:58 AM
7	One volunteer, who is a grandmother. Life training.	1/22/2022 11:06 AM
8	Basic	1/20/2022 8:48 PM
9	Working with staff (Minister of Youth and CE)	1/20/2022 11:58 AM
10	Most are educators	1/19/2022 3:02 PM
11	I've met with them to talk about youth ministry and we have done a safe church training	1/18/2022 3:40 PM
12	Very little from our own church. We rely on their own expertise from their own life experience and their dedication to working with the kids. (They're usually parents of the youth.)	1/18/2022 2:43 PM
13	Safe church, All our lives,	1/16/2022 4:15 PM
14	Mostly on-the-job experience. Would love for it to be more.	1/14/2022 3:50 PM
15	Nothing official	1/12/2022 4:21 PM
16	Safe conduct training.	1/12/2022 10:15 AM
17	Most come with job related training. We make sure they are trained on how to assist youngsters. They are trained in the areas they are involved with the kids.	1/10/2022 10:05 PM
18	Sunday school teachers get an intro to the curriculum and safe church training	1/10/2022 2:43 PM
19	Most of our volunteers are former youth. Their training was simply years of experience.	1/10/2022 11:19 AM
20	Orientation, annual retreats (outside of covid)	1/10/2022 11:08 AM
21	Keeping God's Children Safe presentation and background check	1/9/2022 5:24 PM
22	Some youth ministry training	1/9/2022 3:22 PM
23	Abuse prevention & recognition training	1/9/2022 11:31 AM
24	Very little	1/8/2022 7:33 PM
25	minimal	1/7/2022 4:19 PM
26	safe church	1/7/2022 3:40 PM
27	An upper-class college student is hired to be the direct leader under the supervision of a member who is a professor at the college. They have their child safety clearance and the training that goes with that and are in college for teaching out local church work.	1/7/2022 2:09 PM
28	Youth leaders throughout the years guiding new leaders	1/6/2022 4:42 PM
29	National Youth Workers Convention & I do a yearly training if I have any new volunteers--also learn as we go!	1/6/2022 3:03 PM
30	Little, but they are top notch at what they do. For others, I would refer them to The Damascus	1/6/2022 2:18 PM

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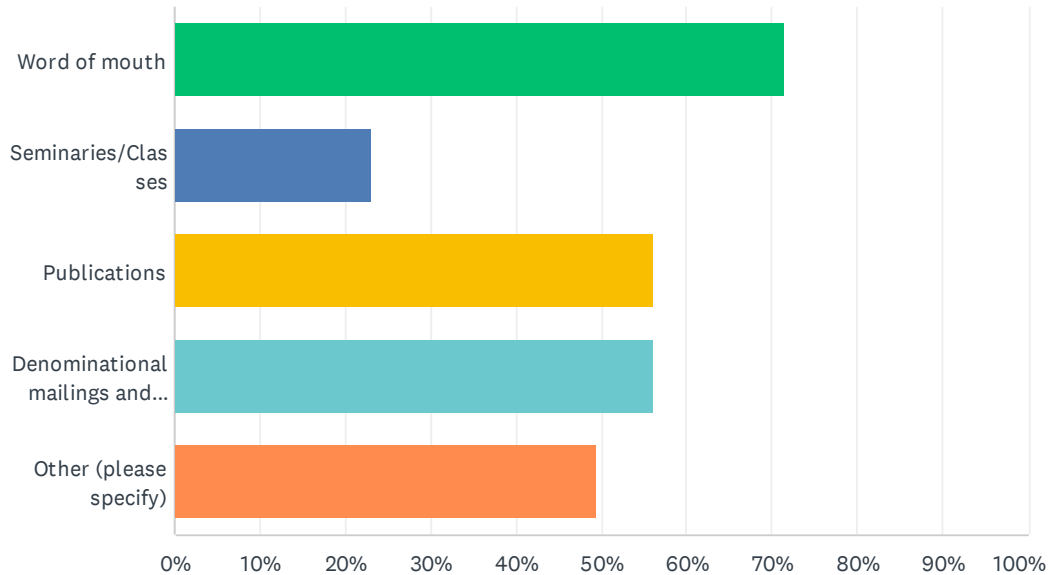
	project for lay leadership training.	
31	They came to a training session and did an online safe church training.	1/6/2022 1:23 PM
32	Boundary training, trauma-informed counseling, restorative justice practices	1/6/2022 11:47 AM
33	Little to none - I haven't asked much of them during COVID.	1/6/2022 11:46 AM
34	Volunteers receive minimal training. Volunteers are told expectations etc. prior to the activity they are helping with.	1/5/2022 2:57 PM
35	a day of training offered by us	1/5/2022 2:29 PM
36	Safe Space, First Aid/CPR, curriculum	1/5/2022 12:48 PM
37	Church safe	1/5/2022 9:15 AM
38	On the job mentoring	1/4/2022 11:43 PM
39	Very little.	1/4/2022 9:56 PM
40	Safe Church	1/4/2022 5:17 PM
41	Most are youth pastors and leaders within the church that bring their youth to events.	1/4/2022 1:07 PM
42	Previous experience and/or learning along side myself or other leaders.	1/4/2022 10:37 AM
43	Sunday School teachers have a yearly training that includes Safe Sanctuary training, Program Structure, Classroom Safety & Protocol.	1/3/2022 12:22 PM
44	None in 2020 or 2021 due to Covid	1/2/2022 9:21 PM
45	Other than safe church policies/procedures, we also have training at the beginning of the school year.	1/1/2022 5:52 PM
46	We do leader training in house. OWL leaders have gone to the required training.	1/1/2022 12:08 PM
47	It depends on the project.	12/30/2021 11:36 PM
48	boundary/healthy ministry practices/safe church	12/29/2021 10:50 PM
49	Not much church training. But, many are teachers and surprisingly adept at running and expanding curriculum and youth group meetings. Maybe we've just been lucky...but we have a nice thing going!	12/29/2021 5:43 PM
50	None	12/28/2021 10:57 PM
51	Little to none	12/28/2021 2:57 PM
52	Both are or have been public school or Sunday School teachers or they have led youth groups before	12/28/2021 2:50 PM
53	we are working through creating safe church policy that will include training for volunteers	12/28/2021 2:15 PM
54	training of volunteers is limited, our safe church policy is covered, otherwise it is essentially training "on the job"	12/22/2021 5:41 PM
55	we are all un-trained lay leaders with a deep love for the church and our teenagers.	12/22/2021 12:29 PM
56	No training.	12/21/2021 11:58 PM
57	Safe Church training is required. We have also attended trainings to safely operate a Summer Feeding Program.	12/21/2021 2:09 PM
58	None.	12/21/2021 1:53 PM
59	we are very informal	12/21/2021 12:56 PM
60	Not too much training. We have done safe church training	12/21/2021 7:47 AM
61	not as much as would probably be helpful they do attend safe conduct training	12/20/2021 4:17 PM
62	We run our own training for volunteers based on our programming needs.	12/20/2021 3:39 PM
63	whatever the pastor is able to offer	12/20/2021 3:01 PM

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64	Annual training on abuse prevention and church safety protocols. Periodic trainings (3-4x per year) on small group skills.	12/20/2021 2:46 PM
65	safe church, SNEUCC faith formation programming	12/20/2021 2:38 PM
66	none	12/20/2021 12:54 PM
67	Safe space / engaging youth participation & expectations	12/18/2021 8:45 AM
68	none	12/17/2021 5:01 PM
69	Boundary Training	12/17/2021 2:08 PM
70	On the job, mostly, as far as direct faith work goes. Many are parents of college-age students so have experienced their own teens and some are middle school or high school educators.	12/17/2021 1:45 PM
71	none - only from me in our preparation time	12/17/2021 12:47 PM
72	Most have been working with the youth for years. We regularly talk about safe church.	12/17/2021 9:31 AM
73	Just an overview of our program and curriculum	12/17/2021 9:15 AM
74	Working on this--but usually an annual training	12/16/2021 8:40 PM
75	Many have had the training that our camp gives which is about supporting the kids, watching for signs for stress in yourself, spotting concerning behavior, knowing how to spot abuse and what to do as a mandated reporter.	12/16/2021 4:23 PM
76	I have one main volunteer who has worked with me these past four years. Mostly on-the-job training and he is naturally excellent at sharing his faith and helping lead the group. This year his work and family life have changed, so that is the biggest hurdle. I have just recruited a new volunteer and will be training her in. Probably not formal training - more training as we go.	12/16/2021 4:16 PM
77	Best practices training from me/church staff and of course the required clearances	12/16/2021 3:20 PM
78	Child Abuse Prevention	12/16/2021 11:49 AM
79	Our teachers have a brief training each year. Lessons are modeled when needed and we have children and youth policies as well as opportunity for first aid, cpr and disaster plans	12/16/2021 11:23 AM
80	We have a monthly meeting with a training piece incorporated. I wish we could do more, but time is our biggest challenge.	12/15/2021 9:17 PM
81	we offer a SAFE church training for safe practices and transparency, and lessons are prepared to help them in classes	12/15/2021 6:34 PM
82	Each volunteer is background checked and trained (if needed) for the specific task they are volunteering for.	12/15/2021 5:32 PM

Q24 How do you find resources and programs for your youth (inside or outside the United Church of Christ)?

Answered: 91 Skipped: 31



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Word of mouth	71.43% 65
Seminars/Classes	23.08% 21
Publications	56.04% 51
Denominational mailings and advertisements	56.04% 51
Other (please specify)	49.45% 45
Total Respondents: 91	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Google, FB groups on progressive youth ministry	1/26/2022 4:52 PM
2	Internet searches	1/25/2022 6:41 PM
3	Internet	1/25/2022 12:03 PM
4	online searches	1/24/2022 2:22 PM
5	Online searches	1/22/2022 11:17 AM
6	Various always looking	1/20/2022 8:48 PM
7	online resources	1/19/2022 6:08 PM
8	google	1/18/2022 3:41 PM
9	I design and implement most of our programs and curriculum	1/14/2022 10:18 PM
10	Facebook Groups	1/12/2022 4:21 PM

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11	Networking and reaching out to colleagues and sharing resources	1/10/2022 2:44 PM
12	We work together as the Western Area Youth and we brainstorm together.	1/10/2022 11:19 AM
13	Google search	1/9/2022 5:24 PM
14	We have traditions of going to Creation, a long weekend music trip and other projects and programs. We also have spontaneous events based on what's planning at the drive-in or movies, pool parties, rafting, picnics and kayaking, carry Bible stories in the cemetery, Christian concert within driving range, etc.	1/7/2022 2:14 PM
15	Our Conference has a youth leaders meeting monthly (MMS)	1/6/2022 3:03 PM
16	We mostly create them from scratch, but we also use Inside Out	1/6/2022 11:50 AM
17	Facebook groups for Youth ministers, Resources my predecessor left behind	1/6/2022 11:47 AM
18	Websites, surfing the internet a lot	1/5/2022 3:07 PM
19	progressive facebook groups	1/5/2022 12:49 PM
20	social media	1/5/2022 12:40 PM
21	Web search Facebook	1/5/2022 9:15 AM
22	Internet	1/4/2022 9:57 PM
23	Facebook groups for youth ministers (ecumenical)	1/4/2022 5:18 PM
24	Google searches, like minded Facebook groups	1/4/2022 10:38 AM
25	Where ever I can find it.	1/3/2022 12:29 PM
26	Facebook Groups	1/1/2022 5:54 PM
27	internet searches	1/1/2022 12:09 PM
28	Close proximity to the Wisconsin UCC camps	12/29/2021 5:46 PM
29	local non-profit organizations	12/22/2021 5:42 PM
30	We brainstorm ideas - organizations to which we'd like to contribute, places we'd like to visit, etc. We try to think of things that are fun for all.	12/22/2021 12:01 AM
31	Community of Practice	12/21/2021 2:52 PM
32	Community outreach organizations	12/21/2021 2:09 PM
33	Emails	12/21/2021 7:48 AM
34	our area youth leadership gatherings	12/20/2021 4:20 PM
35	I make up lots of stuff myself	12/20/2021 2:48 PM
36	Social Media; Conference emails	12/17/2021 5:02 PM
37	Facebook groups	12/17/2021 12:48 PM
38	Youth Ministry Facebook pages, download youth ministry, we also use Grow curriculum which has a lot of extra resources and programs besides just the curriculum	12/17/2021 9:18 AM
39	Facebook youth ministry groups and progressive ministry groups.	12/16/2021 4:18 PM
40	Myself planning them	12/16/2021 3:21 PM
41	Google searches	12/16/2021 11:51 AM
42	Senior pastor	12/16/2021 11:26 AM
43	online FB groups, www.downloadyouthministry.com, stuff you can use FB group, progressive youth ministry FB group, youth specialties national youth worker convention	12/15/2021 9:19 PM
44	Facebook, email subscriptions	12/15/2021 6:38 PM
45	I research specifically for what I need	12/15/2021 5:37 PM

Q25 What additional information/suggestions would you like to share with the planning team and UCC Minister for Youth & Young Adult Minister?

Answered: 63 Skipped: 59

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	How to we engage youth with other youth teams outside our own walls?	1/29/2022 3:17 PM
2	Churches want young people because "they are the future of the church"...when the emphasis should be on equipping young people to find and live from their True Self--their soul--and to follow Jesus into love and service for life	1/25/2022 12:03 PM
3	I wish I could be more of a resource for the UCC congregations in Minnesota - all of which are already contributing members, so for whom my help is free.	1/24/2022 4:08 PM
4	please ensure Faithful and Welcoming Churches have a place at the table from planning, to execution, to participation at all levels. When there are FWC staff members at a national and conference level, I may believe there is a true desire for inclusivity in the UCC.	1/24/2022 2:22 PM
5	How to identify, inspire, and equip lay leaders for youth ministry. I've been trying for 7 years and making no lasting progress.	1/24/2022 12:03 PM
6	It would be awesome to have a local retreat the kids could go to each Summer where they would get together with kids from areas all over that are somewhat near by.	1/24/2022 10:03 AM
7	We have to think outside the box of how to do youth and children's ministry with much smaller groups than in the past when church participation was more active. Small, but mighty, needs to be our goal since trying to build larger groups has small returns. How can we engage with other children and youth activities in the community where they are already at (such as sports, dance, and other extracurricular activities). Collaborate with others to create youth and children community centers that have activities, information, meals, and healthcare for young people that don't have sufficient quantities of these now. Create a culture of try it and see what happens where we keep moving on to other ideas if things don't work. Sustaining enthusiasm and energy of kids, parents, and volunteers and teaching that helping a few is better than helping none.	1/22/2022 11:17 AM
8	My ministry is to be able to reach out to young girls in the community. Those girls that already attended church are more than often begin guided. Finding ways to open the eyes and heart of the unchurched can be a daunting task. Developing relationships to bring them into the arms of the church is a topic I'd like to take part in. Thanks for letting me share.	1/22/2022 8:52 AM
9	see above	1/20/2022 11:58 AM
10	Anything and everything you can do helps!	1/18/2022 3:41 PM
11	Before the pandemic, we regularly had a Sunday school option during worship time for our youth. Youth came more frequently than they do now. We don't have the people to offer that at the moment. That may change as our next group of young kids becomes the youth.	1/18/2022 2:46 PM
12	I hope that in our future in the UCC we are not one of the denominations that is the continually on the decline and doesn't put most of our resources into youth and family development for the UCC because that's how we continue to grow our church and too often times that is forgot at the local regional and national levels and things are cut from education when they should be increased!	1/16/2022 4:19 PM
13	Our youth want to help their community and the world. Accordingly, if the conference and denomination had more volunteer and mission activities for young adults, it would be helpful.	1/13/2022 12:30 PM
14	Partnering with another local church has been really helpful because we both had small numbers. Now we can run programs with a larger number of participants	1/11/2022 12:56 PM
15	Nothing right now	1/10/2022 10:06 PM

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16	I cannot think of anything at this time. I am confident that there are great people working on things for the youth of the UCC.	1/10/2022 7:59 AM
17	Having more opportunities like this, for youth ministers to gather together would be a wonderful thing. Those of us who've stumbled into this are often fumbling our way through and just trying to do our best.	1/9/2022 12:50 PM
18	I'm a part-time associate pastor who juggles youth ministry with many other responsibilities, and it feels super hard to communicate directly with the youth. Do you have strategies/best practices for direct communication?	1/9/2022 11:35 AM
19	I would like to learn and be able to have youth partake in General Synod, fundraising ideas so we can purchase a van for youth group	1/8/2022 10:11 PM
20	It is very difficult to unite youth when the National Church is constantly falsely making victims, oppressors and perpetrators.	1/8/2022 7:40 PM
21	Find really successful youth programs that have been going well for several years and let those leaders mentor new resources and ideas.	1/7/2022 2:14 PM
22	I feel that youth programs are an after-thought rather than a priority at the conference, regional, and national level. Everyone is so overworked at the local UCC level including the youth themselves that it becomes difficult to find the time to plan and attend youth events. Having opportunities to join in already planned events managed by dedicated staff would be very helpful.	1/6/2022 3:56 PM
23	None	1/6/2022 3:43 PM
24	Keep up the good work!	1/6/2022 3:03 PM
25	Parents and youth feel that curricula are dry and don't feel relevant to youth's lives.	1/6/2022 2:59 PM
26	My particular group is SO busy. They share about their constant stress and longing for downtime. I think the spaces our church provides are important because they can be themselves and they don't have to worry about fitting in and measuring up. At the same time, I want my youth to live in a world that values rest and stillness, and I don't want my drive to provide great programs, grow participation, etc to lead me to pushing for even more busyness. I would love conversations about balance and perspective in building a church calendar.	1/6/2022 1:27 PM
27	I think it is important to concentrate your efforts on one important thing that can be done best at the national level, rather than spreading yourselves too thin. One thing that can be done at the national level more efficiently is simply connecting people. For instance, creating programs could overshadow local efforts and be ineffective because the relationships between individual youth and the national church are generally just not there. However, connecting local and regional folks who are creating programs can help amplify their efforts and enable them to take their programs to the next level.	1/6/2022 11:50 AM
28	I love learning and finding new ways to engage our youth. I love when they come up with new ideas and are empowered through what they learn! We attended a Regional Youth Event a few years ago and our youth were so inspired that they decided to create 3 different worship services all on their own for "Love of Neighbor", "Love of Environment", Love of Children". The congregation loved it and the youth did a fabulous job!!! I wish we had more opportunities to get this kind of inspiration. There are so many dynamic musicians, speakers, and pastors out there that are so amazing and inspiring. Is there a way for us to connect them with more youth via the internet, through programming, or something? They are always amazed when they go to these events or camps that there are different ways to worship, even in the UCC:) Thank you for all that you do and for doing this survey:) May the good Lord continue to guide us in our teaching:) Blessings and peace, Mary Ann	1/5/2022 3:07 PM
29	Thank you for bringing attention to this critical need!	1/5/2022 12:49 PM
30	Outdoor ministry and college/campus ministry are, in my experience and opinion, the keys to making disciples. I hope we can invest in these more fully. (& thank you for what you do!)	1/4/2022 5:18 PM
31	One of the biggest hurdles is staying connected to youth through parents and churches. Pastors have a tendency to not promote youth events from the pulpit and beyond.	1/4/2022 1:09 PM
32	Be inclusive of all, not just the select few, we say we are diverse but are not always inclusive of certain races, others are at the forefront and have become the face of UCC. Labels exclude,	1/4/2022 12:43 PM

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reduce label using. There is not a need to rename all things or people, many find this off-putting and pass by us because of that.

33	Thanks for all you do and for being open to new ideas!	1/4/2022 10:38 AM
34	I understand the struggle of offering curriculum/programming for a 'congregation-led' denomination, but, Youth Leaders (especially Younger leaders... and those coming from other denominations) are searching for some universal guidance from the National UCC Church. The UCC has so much to offer to an ever changing world... but I fear the UCC is losing its identity in the wash of modern Youth Ministry.	1/3/2022 12:29 PM
35	Can you please offer support or insight on how to handle the whole not knowing in regards to youth ministry. This season has been most difficult in not knowing what to do or even how to do it. I have lost two years with students which is a lifetime in their eyes and I feel so disconnected. Others may not be experiencing this because they are meeting in person but our church is not and I believe this is best but it doesn't help when I'm asked what are we going to do and I have no answer.	1/2/2022 9:24 PM
36	-Future information/gatherings is not targeted to "youth ministers" so that people who work with you but are not clergy do not think they are excluded. -Consideration that people who volunteer to work with youth in their church have jobs during the week and are not able to take off from work to fully participate in gatherings events for people who work with youth that are held on week days instead of weekends. -Some kind of communication about youth opportunities, happenings, etc. on at least a quarterly basis that could be emailed to contact list as well as posted on the youth page of the UCC website.	1/2/2022 9:33 AM
37	Are we the only small youth group out there?	12/30/2021 12:30 AM
38	Thank you	12/29/2021 10:50 PM
39	Thank you for all efforts to expand offerings and implement new ways of reaching youth. This is a tough time, due to covid. I do fear we are struggling, but mostly due to covid constraints and general glum attitudes towards having to meet up wearing masks. It's isolating, even though we all understand it's critical.	12/29/2021 5:46 PM
40	Any way to get our youth engaged & keep them engaged is appreciated, thank you!	12/28/2021 10:58 PM
41	Any support/ideas for getting more participation from the congregation in Sunday School/Youth Group/Confirmation	12/28/2021 6:30 PM
42	No other suggestions	12/28/2021 2:50 PM
43	Why can't I find any information about the National Youth Event that is supposed to be taking place this summer at Purdue? I have not been pleased with the timeliness of communications. In addition, there is often a lack of clarity, including last minute changes, which add to confusion and make it so youth leaders begin to tune out to what is going on at the national level.	12/22/2021 5:42 PM
44	I am no longer the Ed Director at my church. When I left, the YG fell by the wayside. The only thing that seems to be consistent is inconsistency. Very frustrating.	12/22/2021 12:01 AM
45	I have recently added young adult to our group as it is super small. These recently graduated youth do not seem quite ready to leave as they have made connections with each other. That being said I am in the process of creating a program that speaks to both groups as well as keeps the soon to be twenty somethings connected to both God and our community. Any suggestions regarding different ways to approach this would be appreciated.	12/21/2021 5:12 PM
46	We don't know where we would have been through this pandemic if we didn't have our area youth/ce staff gatherings with leaders from other UCC churches. It is a Community of Practice and the group has existed for years, so when covid came along we continued to meet on Zoom and it was SO helpful. All churches should be able to join one of these to support each other, share ideas and hold community.	12/20/2021 4:20 PM
47	It is hugely important to stay flexible and meet teenagers where they are developmentally and in their lives.	12/20/2021 3:40 PM
48	The company Incredible Days has been a great youth ministry resource during the pandemic.	12/20/2021 2:48 PM
49	Momentum and consistency is key!	12/18/2021 8:48 AM

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50	When planning plenaries, please have the presenters understand that youth need more dynamic presentations, not just a lecture. My youth enjoy the plenaries, but aren't excited about the ones that are simply a lecture. Get the youth involved, not necessarily out of their seats, but giving them something physical or adding technology into the presentation - shoot, have them use their phones for something within your presentation.	12/17/2021 2:11 PM
51	Help us help our congregations realize that youth ministry doesn't look like it did 5 years ago, let alone 20 or 30 years ago or even 50-60 years ago when so many of our members were teens themselves. Their definitions of success set us up for failure in today's reality.	12/17/2021 1:47 PM
52	I have multiple autistic youth, multiple trans youth, and a few undocumented youth. I would love to provide additional training to my volunteers about youth with diverse needs.	12/17/2021 9:35 AM
53	It would be very helpful if the UCC would share more resources, especially progressive curriculum, social media posts that we can use, and events. Also a progressive devotional just for youth would be helpful too.	12/17/2021 9:18 AM
54	Grateful for your work and looking forward to connecting with other ministers to youth in the UCC	12/16/2021 8:40 PM
55	National events that are \$400 and up per youth not including travel is really hard to take all of your youth. Regional Youth Event is less expensive since it is usually held at a college campus and very easy to drive to which keeps travel down. I would like more national or regional Young Adult events to keep that age more involved.	12/16/2021 4:30 PM
56	There seems to be an assumption that everyone is back to in-person gatherings. I'd love to see some more resources for those of us in churches where faith formation programs are not in person.	12/16/2021 4:18 PM
57	Kids are tired of online stuff. I don't have a solution cause it's not quite safe to meet yet but those in-person events are important. Even if we don't have a national event for a while a regional youth event focus could be vital in the near future.	12/16/2021 3:21 PM
58	I would love to be able to use age-appropriate and well designed curriculum from the UCC with youth and young adults.	12/16/2021 11:51 AM
59	I really think the national level needs to think long and hard about why our 18 to 24 year olds are dropped without support but continued to be ask from the national setting to donate money. Has anyone reached out to the group that met with Tracy Porter at Synod in 2019? Just a thought	12/16/2021 11:26 AM
60	Thank you for your interest in hearing what we need and what hope for as local youth leaders.	12/15/2021 9:19 PM
61	Thank you for all that you do, and thank you for pushing the conversation to meet youth where they are -- while I know that Youth Leaders need to vision, there is often a major disconnect between adult vision and youth vision. in order for Youth Ministry to survive, we MUST get input from youth regarding what will meet their needs before making any decisions about how to move forward, especially youth from historically underrepresented groups.	12/15/2021 6:38 PM
62	Suggestions: try not to overthink and complicate things. What youth need most is someone to hold space for them, to meet them where they are at without judgements & provide a space where they feel they belong. This changes as they grow and adjustments are always needed. It's a growing relationship. Also- if you are going to hold events-- clear & timely communication is needed. The information should come to me. I should not have to actively look for it.	12/15/2021 5:37 PM
63	N/A	12/15/2021 5:23 PM