

This year's annual meeting of the Association of Youth Ministry Educators will feature three scholars who will, from their areas of expertise, examine the leadership development of youth ministry students. This will culminate Monday morning with a fascinating interactive "next steps" dialogue with the plenary speakers.

Kenda Creasy Dean, Ph.D.

Princeton University, Tennent School of Christian Education

Youth Ministry Grows Up: Youth Ministry Education that Cultivates Spiritually Mature Leaders.

Primary Question: What does a spiritually mature youth ministry leader look like?



Ronald J. Sider, Ph.D.

Eastern University, Palmer Theological Seminary

Challenging Youth Ministry Students to Become Holistic Leaders

Theme: Youth ministry education that cultivates socially engaged leaders. Primary Question: What does a socially engaged youth ministry leader look like?



Douglas A. Hicks, Ph.D.

University of Richmond, Jepson School of Leadership Studies

Setting Our Eyes on the Right Prize: Transformational Leadership for the 21st Century

Question: How can youth ministry education develop transformational leaders for the 21st century?



Mark H. Senter III, Ph.D. (Facilitator)

Trinity Evangelical Divinity School; Chair, AYME

Youth Ministry Education as Leadership Development: Next Steps. Kenda Creasy Dean and Douglas Hicks will participate in the plenary panel discussion.

Theme: Practical application of leadership themes in youth ministry education. Question: How can spiritually mature, socially engaged transformational leaders thrive in youth ministry?



AYME's History and Mission

The Association of Youth Ministry Educators is North America's only professional organization for those who teach youth ministry at the undergraduate or graduate level. Our members represent a variety of institutions including universities, liberal arts colleges, seminaries, and Bible colleges. As well, they hail from multiple faith traditions.

Our first gathering in 1994 saw 20 of us meeting to compare notes. Last year in San Jose, Calif., more than 90 participants gathered from more than 50 different institutions.

We are serious about scholarship and at the same time, serious about encouragement, support, and even fun!

We gather to foster . . .

- critical thinking and scholarship
- creative teaching
- contextual engagement
- cooperative networking
- collegial mentoring

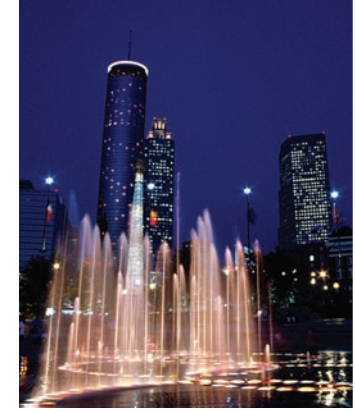
Our annual forum includes plenary sessions, research-related breakout sessions, professional development workshops, and affinity group meetings. Not only those who are early in their teaching careers, but also those with multiple years of experience will find something to challenge, instruct, and encourage.

Call for Papers

Contact Dr. Amy Jacober for more information:
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Association of Youth Ministry Educators

15th Annual Forum



Atlanta, Georgia

October 18-20, 2008



CALLED AND COMMISSIONED

Youth Ministry Education as Leadership Development



Association of Youth Ministry Educators

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This year's forum will be held in Atlanta, Ga., from October 18-20. Our plenary speakers, Dr. Kenda Creasy Dean, Dr. Ronald J. Sider, and Dr. Douglas A. Hicks will lead us in a critical examination of our role in the development of youth ministry leaders who will cultivate spiritual maturity and social engagement. The closing interactive panel on Monday morning will then send us back home with ideas for practical application and implementation.

Our Sunday "fun event" will be a journey into the past. First, a visit to the new World of Coke Museum, which includes a 4-D movie experience and the chance to taste more than 70 different Coke products from around the world. Then we will have the opportunity to wander through Centennial Olympic Park before motoring over to join the "Fonz" at the world's largest drive-in. This will be one of many highlights of our weekend as we get to spend significant time with fellow youth ministry leaders and educators from all over North America.

You won't want to miss a single minute of the forum—and we've scheduled an early ending on Monday so you will have plenty of time to catch your flight home. We hope to see you in Atlanta this October!

Schedule

Saturday, October 18

- noon-2 p.m. Arrival and Registration
- 1:30 p.m. New Members Reception
- 2:30 p.m. Plenary Session #1
Youth Ministry Grows Up: Youth Ministry Education that Cultivates Spiritually Mature Leaders • Speaker: Kenda Creasy Dean
- 4:45 p.m. Breakout Session #1
- 6 p.m. Dinner at Hotel
- 7:30 p.m. Breakout Session #2
- 7:30 p.m. Doctoral Students Colloquium
This colloquium, facilitated by Kenda Creasy Dean, invites Ph.D./Ed.D. students and advisors to an extended conversation on incarnational pedagogy for future teachers/scholars in the emerging field of youth/young adults ministry education. D.Min. students are welcome to attend. PARTICIPANTS MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE OF THE CONFERENCE TO OBTAIN AND PREPARE MATERIALS FOR THIS CONVERSATION. Registration is free. To register, please contact kenda.dean@ptsem.edu by September 18, 2008.

Sunday, October 19

- 8 a.m. Worship
- 8:45 a.m. Break
- 9 a.m. Plenary Session #2
Challenging Youth Ministry Students to Become Holistic Leaders • Speaker: Ronald J. Sider
- 11:15 a.m. Breakout Session #3
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch at Hotel
- 1:15 p.m. Business Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Leave for Downtown:
World of Coke Museum and Dinner on the Town
- 7:30 p.m. Plenary Session #3
Setting Our Eyes on the Right Prize: Transformational Leadership for the 21st Century
Speaker: Douglas A. Hicks

Monday, October 20

- 8:30 a.m. Plenary Session #4
Youth Ministry Education as Leadership Development: Next Steps
Panel Discussion • Facilitator: Mark Senter III.
- 10 a.m. Conference Ends

Making It Happen

- 1. Register online** (www.aymeducators.org) or send in the registration section with fee (checks payable to AYME) to:
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1 South Blvd.
Nyack, NY 10960
(Registration deadline is October 6.)

- 2. Make your Atlanta Marriott Northwest reservation**

by calling 770.952.7900 and ask for the "NAPCE/AYME room block" to receive the rate of \$89 for single or double occupancy. The reservation code is "noanoaa." The cut-off date is September 15.

Or register online at: <http://marriott.com/atlno?groupCode=noanoaa&app=resvlink>.
Hotel website: www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/atlno-atlanta-marriott-northwest/



- Need a Roomate?**

Email Jana Sundene (Jsundene@tiu.edu). She will reply with the name of another person. When you call the hotel, also give the name of this other person. It is assumed you are staying at the hotel both Saturday and Sunday nights.

- 3. Airport Transportation** to the Atlanta Marriott Northwest: the A&M Shuttle is recommended. 770.955.4565, www.AandMLimo.com (Airport to hotel is about 20 miles. A&M Shuttles run hourly on the hour until 11 p.m. and are \$20 each way.)

- Spouse Coming Too?**

No cost for registration. Meal costs and payment procedures can be found at www.aymeducators.org.

- Refund Policy**

Due to meal contracts at the hotel, we cannot offer refunds after October 6.

AYME FORUM REGISTRATION

Register online (www.aymeducators.org) or complete and mail the form below with your payment.

Name: (include Dr., Mr., Ms., etc.) _____

Institution: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Email: _____

Additional registrants from this organization:

Registration deadline is October 6, 2008.

Registration fee includes \$90

AYME membership for 2009.

_____ Registrations @ \$250 = _____

- If you have not yet officially joined AYME and wish to for 2008, you may enclose an additional \$90. _____
- If you can't attend Atlanta, but wish to be a paid 2009 member, enclose \$90. _____
- Contribution to Conference Assistance Fund _____

TOTAL: _____

Make Checks Payable to "AYME"

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If you need assistance toward the registration cost, limited funds are now available.
See www.aymeducators.org.