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 Louisville more than 100 gathered from over 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. Both those who are early in their teaching careers and those with multiple years of experience will find something to challenge, instruct, and encourage.

Call for Papers

See the details under Conference: Call for Papers at ayemeducators.org. Send proposals to mark.cannister@gordon.edu and ccrawford@apu.edu. Please send your submission to both no later than June 30, 2010.
We are living in an increasingly pluralistic and complex context. At the same time, the youth workers’ challenge is to articulate the Christian faith to youth rooted in that context. These three components, the context, the Gospel and adolescents, come together in the practice of Youth Ministry. It is vital for youth ministers and youth ministry educators to develop the ability to think theologically in a way that brings these three components together. This theological articulation must lead to praxis of Youth Ministry. It is vital for youth and adolescents.

This year’s forum will be held in Louisville, KY from October 23-25. Plenary speakers Dr. James Hampton, Dr. Paul Shier and Dr. Cheryl Crawford will help us to consider the convergence of practical theology and youth ministry. The two disciplines in dialogue may give us an understanding of our work in reaching the youth. On Monday, Dr. Steve Kang will close the circle by considering doing theology in context.

As last year, the forum will be held at the historic The Brown Hotel. As Southern Living Magazine has noted, The Brown “...has been setting the standard for elegance for more than 80 years. Celebrities and royalty have slept at The Brown, it has been in the movies, and songs have been written about it. This kind of place isn’t easily forgotten – or reproduced. You’ll feel welcome the minute you step foot in the opulent lobby. Once in your guest room, you’ll find lots of space (a surprising feature for a historic hotel).” We hope that you will join us at The Brown this year; you won’t want to miss it!

Schedule

Saturday, October 23
8 a.m. Worship
8:45 a.m. Continental Breakfast
9:30:10:15 a.m. Breakout Session #3
10:45 a.m.:12:15 p.m. Plenary Session #2
12:15-12:30 p.m. Business Meeting
12:30-5:15 p.m. Lunch on your own, enjoy Louisville.
5:15-6:30 p.m. Pizza Supper at Hotel
6:30-8 p.m. Plenary Session #3
8:30-9:45 p.m. Affinity Groups and Poster Sessions

Sunday, October 24
8 a.m. Worship
8:45 a.m. Continental Breakfast
9:30:10:15 a.m. Breakout Session #3
10:45 a.m.:12:15 p.m. Plenary Session #2
12:15-12:30 p.m. Business Meeting
12:30-5:15 p.m. Lunch on your own, enjoy Louisville.
5:15-6:30 p.m. Pizza Supper at Hotel
6:30-8 p.m. Plenary Session #3
8:30-9:45 p.m. Affinity Groups and Poster Sessions

Monday, October 25
8:30-9:15 a.m. Breakout Session #4
9:30-11 a.m. Plenary Session #4
“Practical Theology and Youth Ministry”
Speaker: Cheryl Crawford
Responder: Mark Caster
11 a.m. Conference ends

Making It Happen

1. Register online (www.aymeducators.org) or send in the registration panel with fee (checks payable to AYME) to:
   Len Kageler, AYME Administrator
   Nyack College, 1 South Blvd.,
   Nyack, NY 10960
   (Registration deadline is October 8.)

2. Make your Brown Hotel reservation by calling 888.888.525 or 502.583.1234 and ask for Reservations. Ask for the “NAPCE/AYME room block” to receive the rate of $125 ($143 with tax) for single or double occupancy per night. The cut-off date is September 15. The price includes internet access and hotel shuttle. Or online at: http://reservations.hotelier.com/crg/reservation.cfm?groupID=430824&hotelID=13721. The hotel website is http://www.brownhotel.com

   Need a Roommate? Email Barrett McRae (barrett.w.mcray@wheaton.edu). He 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: Louisville International Airport is just six miles away and hotel guests enjoy complimentary van shuttle service to and from the airport 24 hours a day. When you are ready to be picked up call the hotel (502.583.1234). Stand at the door outside of baggage claim. Their shuttle is black with “The Brown” in gold letters. For those coming to The Brown Hotel by car, parking is available in an attached enclosed garage. Overnight self-parking is $8/night.

   Spouse Coming Too? There is 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 8.

AYME FORUM REGISTRATION

Register online (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 8, 2010.

Refund Policy:

- If you have not officially joined AYME and wish to for 2010, you may enclose an additional $90. __________
- If you cannot attend Louisville but wish to be a paid 2011 member, enclose $90. __________
- Contribution to Conference Assistance Fund __________

Additional registrants from this organization: ____________________________

TOTAL: ____________________________

Make Checks Payable to “AYME”

Send To: AYME, Len Kageler
c/o Nyack College
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Nyack, NY 10960

CONFERENCE ASSISTANCE FUND:
If you need assistance toward the registration cost, limited funds are now available. See aymeducators.org.