

Plenary Session Presenters

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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 nearly 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 aymeducators.org.

Contact Dr. Cheryl Crawford
or Dr. Mark Cannister with
any additional questions.

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Annual Forum

Seattle, Washington

October 22-24,
2011



The Word Became Flesh and Dwelt Among Us:

Youth Ministry and the Incarnation in Praxis



The doctrine of the Incarnation has long exerted an important influence on the practice of youth ministry. Mid-twentieth century youth ministry innovators were drawn to the example of the Incarnation as they endeavored to articulate the distinctive elements of ministry to youth. Emerging from this effort, the Incarnation came to be viewed as one of the key theological underpinnings of youth ministry. The Incarnation came to be viewed as a theological justification for cultural accommodation on the part of the youth minister as an essential means of reaching adolescents for Christ.

Today a growing body of scholarship demonstrates a renewed interest in exploring the Incarnation as a foundational doctrine in the field of youth ministry. It is vital that we listen to these voices as we engage in our own praxis.

This year's conference will be held in Seattle, WA from October 22-24. Plenary speakers Chap Clark, Sharon Ketcham and Andrew Root will offer reflective and contemporary dialogue as we explore and critically examine this juncture where the practice of youth ministry intersects with the thought and theology originating from the study of the Incarnation.

On Sunday we will journey to the waterfront to experience the sights and sounds of Seattle. Opportunities available to you will include the Space Needle, Experience Music Project, Seattle Aquarium, Pike Place Market, the Underground Tour at Pioneer Square, and a ride aboard one of the Washington State ferries. There may be extra costs for some of these experiences, but how many times will you be in Seattle? This opportunity to spend significant time with fellow youth ministry educators and leaders continues to be a highlight of our forum. You won't want to miss it!

Make your plans now to join us in Seattle in October.

Schedule

Saturday, October 22

- 12:00-2:00 p.m. Arrival, Registration, & Welcome Reception
- 2:00 p.m. Plenary Session #1
"The Word Became Flesh and Dwelt Among Us: Incarnational Youth Ministry and Contextualization"
 Speaker: Chap Clark
- 4:15 p.m. Breakout Session #1
- 5:30 p.m. Load Busses for Dinner off-site
- 7:30 p.m. Breakout Session #2
- 8:30 p.m. Affinity Groups & Professional Development

Sunday, October 23

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast Buffet Opens
- 8:00 a.m. Worship
- 9:00 a.m. Plenary Session #2
"The Word Became Flesh and Dwelt Among Us: Incarnational Youth Ministry and Community"
 Speaker: Sharon Ketcham
- 11:15 a.m. Business Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Breakout Session #3
- 1:00 p.m. Load Busses for Seattle Waterfront, Dinner, and Evening Session
- 6:30 p.m. Plenary Session #3
"Youth Ministry and the Incarnation in Praxis"
 Panel of Plenary Speakers
- 9:00 p.m. Affinity Groups

Monday, October 24

- 6:30 a.m. Breakfast Buffet Opens
- 8:30 a.m. Plenary Session #4
"The Word Became Flesh and Dwelt Among Us: Incarnational Youth Ministry and Place Sharing"
 Speaker: Andrew Root
- 10:00 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:
 AYME, Len Kageler
 c/o Nyack College
 1 South Blvd.
 Nyack, NY 10960
 (Registration deadline is October 6.)

- 2. Make your Courtyard Seattle Downtown/ South Lake Union reservation**

by calling 800 228 9290 and ask for Reservations. Ask for the "NAPCE/AYME room block" to receive the rate of \$129 (\$149.12 with tax) for single or double occupancy. The cut-off date is September 28. Price includes internet access. Online: At aymeducators.org you will find rooming options. Click on your preference, the room rate is already entered.



- Need a Roomate?**

Email Barrett McRay (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 & Sunday nights.)

- 3. Airport Transportation**

Inexpensive public transportation (link light rail and street car) is available, as well as other options. See aymeducators.org for more details.

Spouse Coming Too?

There is no cost for registration. Meal costs and payment procedures can be found at aymeducators.org.

Refund Policy

Due to meal contracts we cannot offer refunds after October 6.

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 and being paid for here: _____

Registration deadline is October 6, 2011.
Registration fee includes \$90
AYME membership for 2012.

_____ Registrations @ \$250 = _____

- If you have not yet officially joined AYME and wish to for 2011, you may enclose an additional \$90. _____
- If you can't attend Seattle but wish to be a paid 2012 member, enclose \$90. _____
- Contribution to Conference Assistance Fund _____

TOTAL: _____

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 See aymeducators.org.