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About AYME and the Annual Conference

The Association of Youth Ministry Educators is comprised of teachers, scholars, and researchers committed to developing the next generation of youth ministers. AYME members are affiliated with institutions of higher education as well as organizations involved in non-formal education of youth ministers such as denominations and para-church organizations.

Attending the AYME conference provides you with a spectrum of opportunities to both enrich your professional life and contribute to the field of youth ministry education.

We gather to foster . . .
• critical thinking and scholarship
• creative teaching
• cooperative networking
• collegial mentoring

You will have the opportunity to . . .
• be encouraged and challenged by peers in the field of youth ministry education.
• contribute to setting the course for the future of youth ministry education and its effectiveness.
• connect with scholars and publishers in the academic field of youth ministry.
• contribute to a community promoting a vision for the Kingdom of God and ministry with adolescents.
• attend professional development sessions designed to assist you in various aspects of your career.
• contribute to discourse in the academic field of youth ministry.

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