

YOUTH MINISTRY RESOURCES QUESTIONNAIRE

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Final Results

[A total of 600 questionnaires were mailed. A total of 399 questionnaires were completed for a response rate of 67%]

We want to know what is important to your congregation when using resources for youth ministry programs, especially for high school youth. We know there are countless variations in the way congregations conduct youth ministry programs. Please think about the patterns in your congregation over the past two years and select the responses that come closest to describing youth ministry in your congregation.

1. Does your congregation have a high school youth program?

69% Yes [277] 30% No [121]

If you answered 'no,' please proceed to Question 10.

[Percentages for Questions 2 – 9 are based on the 277 respondents indicating 'Yes' in Question 1.]

2. Who are the primary leaders for your high school youth program? (Please choose all that apply)

4% Youth Minister (ordained paid staff) [11]

27% Youth Minister (lay paid staff) [75]

40% Pastor [112]

17% Youth volunteer(s) [48]

84% Adult volunteer(s) [232]

5% Other [14] _____

3. What is the approximate number of high school youth involved in your program?

14% 0 to 5 [39]

31% 6 to 10 [87]

21% 11 to 15 [59]

14% 16 to 20 [38]

20% 21 or more [54]

4. For what does your congregation use high school youth ministry program resources? (Please choose all that apply)

11% Our congregation does not use high school youth ministry resources [31]

56% Sunday School classes [156]

12% Mid-week classes [33]

64% Youth meetings [177]

48% Youth retreats [134]

12% Other [34] _____

5. Who in your congregation is the primary user of high school youth ministry program resources?

(Please choose all that apply)

3% Youth Minister (ordained paid staff) [8]

26% Youth Minister (lay paid staff) [71]

32% Pastor [89]

15% Youth volunteer(s) [41]

61% Adult volunteer(s) [170]

7% Other [20] _____

6. From where does your congregation obtain high school youth ministry program resources? (Please choose all that apply)

- 33% ELCA Youth Ministry Website (www.elca.org/dcm/youth) [91]
- 4% Other ELCA Websites [10] (Please list: _____)
- 10% Other non-ELCA Websites [28] (Please list: _____)
- 55% Augsburg Fortress [153]
- 46% Other publishers [126] (Please list: _____)
- 53% We create our own resources [146]
- 16% Other [44] _____

7. What format would be most useful for receiving high school youth ministry program resources?

- 46% Internet-based (to be downloaded from a Website) [126]
- 53% Print [146]
- 31% Video [85]
- 23% CD-ROM [63]
- 4% Other [10] _____

8. Please indicate your congregation's level of use for the following ELCA-related youth ministry program resources. If you are unfamiliar with the resource, please fill in the circle to the left of the question.

	Resource is not Familiar to Me		Use Regularly	Use Occasionally	Never Use
a.	20% <input type="radio"/>	ELCA Youth Ministries Website (www.elca.org/dcm/youth) [218]	<input type="radio"/> 9%	<input type="radio"/> 57%	<input type="radio"/> 34%
b.	14% <input type="radio"/>	ELCA Youth Gathering Website (www.elca.org/gathering) [230]	<input type="radio"/> 19%	<input type="radio"/> 57%	<input type="radio"/> 25%
c.	25% <input type="radio"/>	ELCA Youth Ministries Website links (www.elca.org/dcm/youth/links) [187]	<input type="radio"/> 7%	<input type="radio"/> 43%	<input type="radio"/> 50%
d.	31% <input type="radio"/>	ELCA Youth Ministry Network Website (www.elcaymnet.org) [172].....	<input type="radio"/> 11%	<input type="radio"/> 31%	<input type="radio"/> 58%
e.	38% <input type="radio"/>	<i>Faith Lens</i> Bible Study [156]	<input type="radio"/> 8%	<input type="radio"/> 19%	<input type="radio"/> 73%
f.	30% <input type="radio"/>	<i>Reel World</i> movie discussions [179]	<input type="radio"/> 4%	<input type="radio"/> 36%	<input type="radio"/> 60%
g.	31% <input type="radio"/>	<i>The Playbook: Resources for Youth Ministry</i> [176] ..	<input type="radio"/> 7%	<input type="radio"/> 30%	<input type="radio"/> 63%

9. How often do high school youth ministry program leaders from your congregation attend the ELCA Youth Ministry Network *Extravaganza* event?

- 5% Annually [15]
- 7% Once every 2 to 3 years [19]
- 46% Never [127]
- 40% We are not familiar with this event [112]

10. What high school youth ministry program resources would you like to see developed?

11. What are the topics or issues of most importance to the high school youth in your congregation?

12. What other youth ministry programs does your congregation conduct? (Please choose all that apply)

67% Junior High / Middle School [266]

12% Young Adult [46]

23% Intergenerational [93]

17% Other [66] _____

13. How are youth and young adults involved in your congregation? (Please choose all that apply)

81% Acolytes [323]

65% Lectors [260]

53% Communion Assistants [213]

19% Church Council members [77]

27% Committee members [108]

7% Voting members to Synod Assemblies [26]

46% Sunday School teachers [183]

10% Bible study leaders [38]

43% Nursery Attendants [173]

29% Youth Ministry leaders [116]

65% Vacation Bible School teachers/leaders [261]

24% Other [94] _____

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