

Calling all Youth Workers, Volunteers and Parents!

Join us for **EQUIP,** a day of workshops and worship that will educate, equip and empower you to minister and care for young people. Bring your youth ministry team of volunteers for training that will prepare them for the new school year! Invite parents to learn about the "real world" of teenagers and how to help them navigate the complexities of faith and life.

This is a FREE event and open to everyone.

SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m. Registration Opens

9:00 a.m. Gathering and Opening Worship

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Workshop 1 11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Workshop 2 2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Closing Worship

When: Saturday, August 16, 2014
Location: St. Philip Presbyterian Church,

4807 San Felipe, Houston, TX 77056

This is a FREE Event. Lunch will be \$8.00 per person

Registration

Name

Address

City| State | Zip

Church

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Email address

POSITION

- ☐ Youth Director (Full time)
- ☐ Youth Director (Part time)
- ☐ Clergy
- ☐ Volunteer Youth Worker
- ☐ Parent of Youth
- DCE
- **□** Other

Please select one morning and afternoon workshop

Workshop descriptions are on back of flyer

Morning

- ☐ Child Protection Policy: Creation and Revision
- ☐ How to Teach Sunday School and Bible Study
- ☐ Social Media: Use, Dangers & Monitoring
- ☐ Calendar Craze: The Rhythm and Balance of YM
- ☐ "The Real World" of Teenagers

Afternoon

- ☐ How to Keep Youth Safe
- ☐ Sticky Faith
- ☐ Helping Teenagers in Crisis
- ☐ What's Out There?! Youth Curriculum & Resources
- ☐ Confirmation Class: Who, What, When, Where, How

Mail registration to: Caressa Murray Presbytery of New Co

Presbytery of New Covenant 1110 Lovett Boulevard Houston, TX 77006

Register online at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/equip-tickets-11862163049

Workshop Descriptions

MORNING WORKSHOP OPTIONS:

Child Protection Policy: Creation & Revision

How does a church go about writing a child protection policy? What should be included? We have a policy, but it needs to be revised. Where do we start? Come learn about the precautions and responsibilities of adult volunteers and your church in keeping children and youth safe.

How to teach Sunday school and Bible study without putting youth to sleep!

Are your senior high youth yawning more than their talking? Is your junior high class climbing the walls and having trouble focusing... SQUIRREL! Join us for a discussion and exploration of resources and strategies to help God's Word come alive for young people.

Social Media: Uses, Dangers & Monitoring (For Youth Workers AND Parents)

How do I utilize social media in youth ministry? What are the dangers of social media: for me as a youth worker, for the youth, for parents? What precautions should I be taking? What guidance should I be giving the youth? As a parent, how do I navigate social media and monitor my teen's use? Come learn the ins and outs of social media.

Calendar Craze: the Rhythm & Balance of Youth Ministry

Games and Mission and Bible Study, oh my! Bowling and Worship and Fundraisers, oh why?! Workshop leaders will discuss the "Four-Legged Stool" philosophy for a holistic, balanced youth ministry and what this looks like on a weekly basis. They will give tips and advice on how to get organized and orchestrate your youth calendar. They will also share what Presby options are out there for mission, camps and conferences.

"The Real World" of Teenagers (For Youth Workers AND Parents

Think you know what it's like to be a teenager today? Think again. Teens face difficult issues, powerful pressures, and serious temptations on a daily basis. In order to minister with and care for teens, we must first seek to understand what life is like in this day and time.



AFTERNOON WORKSHOP OPTIONS:

How to Keep Youth Safe: Training for Adults who work with Youth

Workshop participants will engage in child protection training that is often required of church volunteers working with children and youth. Topics that will be addressed: the roles, responsibilities and expectations of adult volunteers; safety guidelines and procedures; reporting and responding to allegations; definitions and signs of child abuse; appropriate behavior and creating a safe environment

Sticky Faith: Enabling Youth to Build a Faith that Sticks! (For Youth Workers AND Parents)

If you're a parent of kids of any age, you've probably wondered a lot about your children's faith. How is their faith shaping their life? What will happen to their faith when they leave home? If you're a youth worker, you wonder if youth will take their faith with them when they head towards college. What helps a student stick with their faith after they've left the youth group? Come hear compelling research and learn practical ideas to help teens develop a faith that sticks.

Helping Teenagers in Crisis (For Youth Workers AND Parents)

Teens today encounter significant crises: family break-ups, substance abuse, sexual assault, eating disorders, cutting, suicide, gun violence. How do you as a youth worker respond to teens in crisis and then how do you guide, support and minister to teen and family? As a parent, how do you forge preventive partnerships or bring healing when the damage is done? In this workshop we will address these questions and many more.

What's Out There?! Youth Curriculum & Resources

Are your youth tired of the same old Sunday school or youth group routine? Feel like you're not reaching them? Looking for creative ideas that don't cost a fortunate or come in a box? Then you will want to come hear about the smorgasbord of resources and curriculum that are out there and explore some creative ideas from experienced youth workers.

Confirmation Class: Who, What, When, Where, How

There are many different ways to do Confirmation, but what is best for your church? We will share what curriculums are available and how to tweak them to your context. We will discuss class duration, format, time, ages, teachers, mentors, field trips, prayer, but most of all we will explore how Confirmation can celebrate a young person's spirituality, creativity, and responsibility as a disciple of Christ.