



UPCOMING CONFERENCE YOUTH EVENTS



Collide, a two-day event for youth groups during annual conference. 2012 highlights:

- Commissioning at Annual Conference Opening Celebration
- Hands-on missions
- Evening Youth Worship Service on the Beach
- \$75/person

Where: Annual Conference in Galveston, & surrounding area host UMCs

When: Mon. June 4th to Weds. June 6th, 2012

What do I need to do for my church youth group to participate?

Complete group registration online with a \$100 non-refundable deposit no later than December 12th. Space is limited, so register early! Group registration opens Nov 12th.

Online registration will open on Nov 12th. [Link to Collide info and registration](#)

IGNITE MIDWINTER YOUTH RETREATS ipromise 5

Our theme this year is iPromise5. We'll explore God's covenants with us while playing live-action Angry Birds, visiting the app store, Hanging with Friends, and worshipping with itunes. Online registration begins November 15th for both locations, both weekends. [For registration and more info.](#)

- **Weekend #1 February 17-19, 2012** at [Forest Glen Retreat Center](#) in Huntsville, for both Junior and Senior High Youth
- **Weekend #2 February 24-26, 2012** at [Lakeview Methodist Conference Center](#) in Palestine, for both Junior and Senior High Youth

Texas Youth Academy

June 25—July 7, 2012

Southwestern University, Georgetown, TX

Applications online Jan. 16

Applications accepted Jan 16 to March 6th. For

more information— www.texasyouthacademy.org

DISTRICT SUMMER CAMP, 2012

JUNE 11-15 CHOIR CLINIC
JUNE 18-22 NORTH/NORTHWEST
JUNE 25-29 SOUTH
JULY 2-6 SOUTHEAST
JULY 9-13 CN/CS/SW
JULY 16-20 EAST/WEST

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Special points of interest:

- Collide Group Registration Deadline—December 12th
- Ignite Midwinter Youth Retreats—online registration begins Nov 15
- Perkins School of Youth Ministry—January 9th-12th, 2012 with pre-conference sessions starting Jan 7

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Youth Ministry Leader Resources and Communities

Perkins School of Youth Ministry is January 9th-12th. The track for Certification in Youth Ministry and other optional preconference events begin January 7th and continue throughout the week. This year's certification course is "Teaching Biblical Faith." You can register online now at the [Perkins Seminary website](#). Youth workers requesting financial assistance for registration can email dconway@txcumc.org. Church youth ministry staff and volunteer youth workers from our conference will be gathering for one of the dinners at the local Spring Creek Bar-B-Q to meet new youth ministry friends and catch up with old ones. @txcumc.org.

Perkins School of Youth Ministry

January 9-12, 2012

Making All Things New: Connections

First United Methodist Church Richardson



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

ANDREW ROOT

Dr. Andrew Root is in the Olson Baalson chair as Associate Professor of Youth and Family Ministry at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN. He writes and researches in areas of theology and youth ministry.

BIBLE STUDY LEADER

LACEYE WARNER

Dr. Warner is the author of numerous reviews and articles for academic and ecclesial audiences and the recipient of scholarly and ecclesial grants. Her teaching areas include theology of evangelism, women's ministry practices, and Methodist/Wesleyan studies at Duke University Divinity School.



Local UM Youth Ministry Communities:

Houston Area Youth Director's Group -TYME,

Next Meeting, November 10th at "The Refuge" at Memorial Drive UMC, Houston,

The annual fee covers the maintenance cost of their web page and email list that they are currently updating. Interested? Email your info to Steve at steve-cragg@mdumc.org and check out www.tymeshare.org

South District Youth Directors' Fellowship Luncheons,

Next Meeting, Nov 17th at Texas City 1st UMC (3rd Thursdays of month)

National UM Youth Ministry Communities:

Youth Worker Movement- <http://ywmovement.org/>.

General Board of Discipleship, UMC-

[Division of Ministry with Young People](#)

What's new at Lakeview?

- New master chef John DeCicco
- Residential summer staff positions – Young adults consider applying!
- Peace chapel renovation– Stained Glass windows for sale!
- AV/Sound installation in expanded Copeland Bldg
- More gaga pits by summer! To know more visit [Lakeview site](#)

District Camp Statement:

Our TAC camps, in the United Methodist tradition, provide sacred time, space and community, where people can experience the transforming grace of Jesus Christ that continues in growth in discipleship within a local church

Camping Ministry Chairperson– Jonathan Bynum, jonathanb@bearcreekumc.org

Additional Resources

Coming Soon- new online disciple bible study for youth

Online facilitator training will be offered for \$35/person after Feb 1. After August 1, the course will be offered for \$35/participant. There will be new videos, and possible opportunities for international/cross cultural groups forming. www.beadisciple.com

Recent tip on good source for group games-

<http://youthleaderstash.com/>

[Other links to youth ministry curriculum and resources](#)

Communications–

improving our connections with youth ministry leaders:

Want to be on the conference youth ministry email/contact list? "Church Officials" listed on the charge conference form as a

- "Youth Ministries Coordinator (Adult Volunteer)"
- "Youth Ministries (Paid Staff) or
- UMYF Leader (Senior High Student),"

are automatically included. Others can be added to the general email list, simply by emailing your contact information to the district office. For the email address of your district office see <http://www.txcumc.org/districts>.

Around the Districts

District	District Youth Coordinator and Event Info
Central North	Eric Pugh, John Wesley UMC Houston, epugh@jwumc.org Event Info- Facebook , The youth worship band showcase @Conroe on Sun Oct. 23 rd was an awesome event with 5 bands that participated. Next event: Nov 13 th at Christmas Tree Farm.
Central South	Tiffin Wilsford, St. Paul's UMC, Houston, tiffin@stpaulshouston.org Event Info- district site District Leader's training at 1st Houston Westchase, Sun. Jan. 29th, 2pm-6pm. TYME meeting Nov 10 th at "The Refuge" at Memorial Drive UMC, 11:30-1PM, stevecragg@mdumc.org
East	Cindy (Parker) Doran, Keltys UMC, keltysumc@hotmail.com Event Info- District Site-Youth
North	Tommy Earl Burton, Williams Memorial UMC, Texarkana, tommyearlburton@gmail.com Event Info- Facebook , Event Info- youth website Next event- Sunday Dec. 11 5pm at Tapp UMC, New Boston-
NorthWest	Blake Durham, First UMC, Quitman, blake@fumcquitman.org Event info- Youth event at district training event at Lakeview, on Sat. Jan. 28th, 10am-2pm
South	Cabe Matthews, Aldersgate UMC, Santa Fe, cabe.matthews@gmail.com Event Info- District Site Event Info- FB page Next event: Youth Holiday Hoopla, Main Event, Dec 16 th 10pm
Southeast	Brad Morgan, St. Paul UMC, Bridge City, pastor@stpaulfamily.com
Southwest	Linda O'Donnel, Faith UMC, Richmond, linda.odonnell@faithumc.org
West	Lance Richards, Lexington-Blue UMC, lancerichards@gmail.com Event Info- Facebook

CYC – Conference Youth Council

Learn Live Lead

The CYC's vision is to learn the faith, live the faith, and lead others to the faith. As they help coordinate the conference youth events, they welcome your input and assistance! You can contact the officers and CYC members from your area via email. [Contact info link.](#)

Officers:

Trevor Warren—President, Williams Memorial UMC, Texarkana
 Amy Harrelson—Vice President, 1st UMC Pasadena
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