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These resources can assist you in youth ministry:

**CALL TO MINISTRY**

- General Board of Higher Education & Ministry: [www.explorecalling.org](http://www.explorecalling.org)
- Is God Calling You?: [www.isGodcallingyou.org](http://www.isGodcallingyou.org)
- The Fund for Theological Education: [www.thefund.org](http://www.thefund.org)

**CHILD ABUSE PROTECTION**

- Bully Free: [www.bullyfree.com](http://www.bullyfree.com)
- Childhelp USA: [www.childhelpusa.org](http://www.childhelpusa.org)
- Georgia Child Advocacy Centers: [www.cacga.org](http://www.cacga.org) or (770) 319-6888
- Georgia Department of Human Resources Division of Family and Children Services: [www.dfcs.dhr.georgia.gov](http://www.dfcs.dhr.georgia.gov) – to report child abuse in Georgia, call (404) 651-9361
- National Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-4-A-CHILD (800-422-4453)
- Safe Sanctuaries (Holston Conference): <http://holstonconference.org/safesanc/safesanc-home.html>
- Safe Sanctuaries (General Board of Discipleship): [www.gbod.org/ministries/family/safe/default.html](http://www.gbod.org/ministries/family/safe/default.html)
- Tennessee Dept. of Children's Services: [www.tennessee.gov/youth](http://www.tennessee.gov/youth) – to report child abuse in Tennessee, call (877) 237-0004
- Tennessee Child Advocacy Centers: [www.tncac.org](http://www.tncac.org) or (615) 327-9450
- TRAK-1 background checks: [www.trak-1.com](http://www.trak-1.com)
- Virginia Department of Social Services: [www.dss.virginia.gov/family/children](http://www.dss.virginia.gov/family/children) – to report child abuse in Virginia, call (800) 552-7096 and (804) 786-8536 outside the state
- Virginia Child Advocacy Centers: [www.cacva.com](http://www.cacva.com) or (276) 669-3858

**MISSION OPPORTUNITIES**

- Appalachian Service Project: [www.asphome.org](http://www.asphome.org) or (423) 854-8800 or
- Bethlehem Center (Chattanooga, Tenn.): [www.thebeth.org](http://www.thebeth.org) or (423) 266-1384
- Big Stone Gap District Renewal Project (Big Stone Gap, Va.): (276) 523-3025
- Confrontation Point Ministries (Crossville, Tenn.): [www.confrontationpoint.org](http://www.confrontationpoint.org) or (800) 884-8483
- Costa Rica Mission Projects: [www.costaricamissionprojects.com](http://www.costaricamissionprojects.com)
- Emerald Avenue Youth Foundation (Knoxville, Tenn.): [www.emeraldyouth.org](http://www.emeraldyouth.org) or (865) 637-3227
- Jubilee Project (Sneedville, Tenn.): <http://jubileeproject.holston.org> or (423) 733-4195
- McDowell Mission (Gary, W.Va.): [www.mcdowellmission.org](http://www.mcdowellmission.org)
- Nothing But Nets: [www.nothingbutnets.org](http://www.nothingbutnets.org) or [http://www.umc.org/site/c.lwL4KnN1LtH/b.2558027/k.9640/Nothing\\_But\\_Nets\\_Resources.htm](http://www.umc.org/site/c.lwL4KnN1LtH/b.2558027/k.9640/Nothing_But_Nets_Resources.htm)
- Operation Backyard (Knoxville, Tenn.): [www.kf.org/operation\\_backyard](http://www.kf.org/operation_backyard) or (865) 524-2774
- Project Crossroads (Marion, Va.): [www.projectcrossroads.holston.org](http://www.projectcrossroads.holston.org) or (276) 782-3339



Young people explore a possible call to ministry at Discovery, held in March at Wesley Woods.

- Souper Bowl of Caring: [www.souperbowl.org](http://www.souperbowl.org)
- St. Elmo/Alton Park Empowerment Ministry (Chattanooga, Tenn.): (423) 821-2101
- TEAMeffort: [www.teameffort.org](http://www.teameffort.org) or 800-989-1507
- United Methodist Relief Center: [www.umrc.org](http://www.umrc.org) or (843) 884-4860
- United Methodist Volunteers in Mission: [www.umvim.org](http://www.umvim.org)
- Wesley House Community Center (Knoxville, Tenn.) (865) 524-5494 or [www.wesleyhouse.com](http://www.wesleyhouse.com)

**PARENTING**

- Center for Parent/Youth Understanding: [www.cpyu.org](http://www.cpyu.org)
- Home Word: Jim Burns' parenting resource website – [www.youthbuilders.com](http://www.youthbuilders.com)
- Understanding Your Teenager: [www.uyt.com](http://www.uyt.com)

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

- Holston Conference Scholarships: [www.holstonconference.com/scholarships](http://www.holstonconference.com/scholarships)
- UM Higher Education Foundation : [www.umhef.org/SCHOLARS.html](http://www.umhef.org/SCHOLARS.html)

**SEXUAL EDUCATION**

- Day of Purity: [www.ic.org/dayofpurity](http://www.ic.org/dayofpurity)
- Josh McDowell Research Notes: [www.josh.org/Notes/notes.asp](http://www.josh.org/Notes/notes.asp)
- Medical Institute for Sexual Health: [www.medinstitute.org](http://www.medinstitute.org)
- Pam Stenzel: [www.pamstenzel.com](http://www.pamstenzel.com) or (800) 786-8283
- Silver Ring Thing: [www.silverringthing.com](http://www.silverringthing.com)
- Why kNOw Abstinence Education: [www.whyknow.org](http://www.whyknow.org) or (423) 899-9188

**SPIRITUALITY**

- Chrysalis: [www.upperroom.org/chrysalis](http://www.upperroom.org/chrysalis), (877) 899-2780 ext. 7113
- Method X: Spiritual practices for young people, particularly young adults – [www.methodx.net](http://www.methodx.net)
- Renovare – [www.renovare.org](http://www.renovare.org)
- Rhythm of the Soul: Spiritual formation approach to youth ministry – [www.rhythmofthesoul.org](http://www.rhythmofthesoul.org)
- Upper Room: Devotional resources including “Devo’zine” - [www.upperroom.org](http://www.upperroom.org)

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

- The Anti Drug: [www.theantidrug.com](http://www.theantidrug.com) (see Faith section)
- Celebrate Recovery: [www.celebraterecovery.com](http://www.celebraterecovery.com)
- Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids: [www.tobaccofreekids.org](http://www.tobaccofreekids.org)
- Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America: [www.cadca.org](http://www.cadca.org)
- Kick Butts Day: [www.kickbuttsday.org](http://www.kickbuttsday.org)
- Free Vibe: [www.freevibe.com](http://www.freevibe.com)
- National Families in Action: [www.emory.edu/NFIA](http://www.emory.edu/NFIA)
- National Institute on Drug Abuse: [www.drugabuse.gov](http://www.drugabuse.gov)
- Painfully Obvious: [www.painfullyobvious.com](http://www.painfullyobvious.com)
- Partnership for a Drug Free America: [www.drugfreeamerica.com](http://www.drugfreeamerica.com)
- U.S. HHS Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration: [www.samhsa.gov](http://www.samhsa.gov)

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

- Cokesbury Bookstore: [www.cokesbury.com](http://www.cokesbury.com)
- Curric-U-Phone: free curriculum consultations (800) 251-8591
- Division on Ministries with Young People: [www.gbod.org/youngpeople](http://www.gbod.org/youngpeople)
- General Board of Church and Society: Social Principles, UM seminars, and more – [www.umc-gbcs.org](http://www.umc-gbcs.org)
- General Board of Discipleship/Youth Ministries: [www.gbod.org/ministries/youth](http://www.gbod.org/ministries/youth)
- General Board of Global Ministries: [www.gbom-umc.org](http://www.gbom-umc.org)
- General Board of Higher Education & Ministry: Youth ministry certification, UM related colleges, and more – [www.gbhem.org](http://www.gbhem.org)
- General Council on Finance and Administration: use of the UM logo, 15-passenger vans, and more – [www.gcfa.org](http://www.gcfa.org)
- Holston Conference Youth Ministries: [www.holstonyouth.com](http://www.holstonyouth.com)
- Southeastern Jurisdiction Ministries with Young People: (828) 452-2881 – [www.sejmy.org](http://www.sejmy.org)
- United Methodist Church: [www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org)
- United Methodist Communications: worship resources, Tech Shop, and more – [www.umcom.org](http://www.umcom.org)
- United Methodist Publishing House – [www.umph.org](http://www.umph.org)

**YOUTH PASTORS AND MENTORS**

- Christian Educators Fellowship: [www.cefumc.org](http://www.cefumc.org)
- Cool Ministry: [www.coolministry.com](http://www.coolministry.com)
- General Board of Discipleship's Christian Education and Formation: [www.gbod.org/education](http://www.gbod.org/education)
- Group Youth Ministry Resources: Free information and resources, youth mentor training, and more – [www.youthministry.com](http://www.youthministry.com)
- I Lead Youth.com: Dedicated to helping Christian youth mentors exchange ideas and find resources. Sponsored by Cokesbury and the United Methodist Publishing House – [www.ileadyouth.com](http://www.ileadyouth.com)
- Ministry and Media: [www.ministryandmedia.com](http://www.ministryandmedia.com)
- National Study of Youth and Religion: [www.youthandreligion.org](http://www.youthandreligion.org)
- pastor2youth: [www.pastor2youth.com](http://www.pastor2youth.com)
- Search Institute: Research organization with resources and training emphasizing “asset development” – [www.search-institute.org](http://www.search-institute.org).
- Simply Youth Ministry: Doug Fields' site with advice, free information and resources – [www.simplyyouthministry.com](http://www.simplyyouthministry.com)
- Source for Youth Ministry: [www.thesource4ym.com](http://www.thesource4ym.com)

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES**



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**N**AVIGATING ALL THE Internet information about children's ministries can be overwhelming. The last time I checked, my search engine identified 1,270,000 sites related to children's ministries. Here are good, solid sites worth visiting:

**GENERAL CHURCH SUPPORT**

- **General Board of Church and Society – Advocacy**  
[www.umc-gbcs.org](http://www.umc-gbcs.org)  
The General Board is defined by its five areas of ministry: (1) Public Witness and Advocacy (2) Administration (3) Ministry of Resourcing Congregational Life, (4) United Nations Ministry, (5) Communications. Many of GBSC's projects affect the well-being of children and families across the globe.
- **General Board of Discipleship – Children's Ministries**  
[www.gbod.org/children](http://www.gbod.org/children)  
Resources, training, and support for leaders of children's ministries. Information covers weekday ministries, Sunday school, fellowship groups, children in worship, VBS, and more.
- **General Board of Discipleship – Christian Education**  
[www.gbod.org/education](http://www.gbod.org/education)  
Resources for teaching and learning for faithful discipleship.
- **General Board of Discipleship – Family Ministries**  
[www.gbod.org/family](http://www.gbod.org/family)  
Resources, training, and support for ministries with families.
- **General Board of Discipleship – Worship**  
[www.gbod.org/worship](http://www.gbod.org/worship)  
Children's sermon resources.
- **General Board of Global Ministries**  
<http://new.gbom-umc.org>  
Advance Special and UMCOR projects
- **The United Methodist Church**  
[www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org)  
Official site of the denomination

**PROGRAM SUPPORT**

- **Children's Defense Fund**  
[www.childrensdefense.org](http://www.childrensdefense.org)  
Advocacy ideas and opportunities for children in the United States. Provides a yearly Children's Sabbath manual.

- Youth Pastor: [www.youthpastor.com](http://www.youthpastor.com)
- Youth Source: [www.youthsource.com](http://www.youthsource.com)
- Youth Specialties: Free information and resources, youth mentor training, and more – [www.youthspecialties.com](http://www.youthspecialties.com)
- Youth Worker Movement: Provides resources for UM youth mentors. Discounts are available through membership. Sponsored by the General Board of Discipleship and the Foundation for Evangelism – [www.youthworkermovement.org](http://www.youthworkermovement.org)
- Youth Work Practice: [www.youthwork-practice.com](http://www.youthwork-practice.com)

**WORSHIP**

- Christian Copyright Licensing International: [www.ccli.com](http://www.ccli.com)
- Christian Video Licensing International: [www.cvli.com](http://www.cvli.com)
- Experiencing Worship – [www.experiencingworship.com](http://www.experiencingworship.com)
- General Board of Discipleship – [www.gbod.org/worship](http://www.gbod.org/worship)
- Heart of Worship – [www.heartofworship.com](http://www.heartofworship.com)
- Song Discovery: [www.songdiscovery.com](http://www.songdiscovery.com)
- Worship Music: [www.worshipmusic.com](http://www.worshipmusic.com)
- Worship Together: [www.worshiptogether.com](http://www.worshiptogether.com) ■

• **Christian Educators Fellowship (CEF)**

<http://cefumc.org>  
Christian Educators Fellowship nurtures, supports, challenges and advocates for persons with responsibility for fostering discipleship through Christian education.

• **Cokesbury Bookstore**

[www.cokesbury.com](http://www.cokesbury.com)  
Children's literature, Bibles, Christian education materials, and other age-level resources.

• **Holston Conference UMC**

[www.holston.org](http://www.holston.org)  
Official site of Holston Conference, serving east Tennessee, southwest Virginia, and northeast Georgia.

• **Holston United Methodist Home for Children**

[www.holstonhome.org](http://www.holstonhome.org)  
Foster care, adoptions, group care, and family support.

• **Hope for the Children of Sudan**

[www.sudanhope.holston.org](http://www.sudanhope.holston.org)  
Holston's ministry in support of children in Sudan, Africa.  
[www.theypouredfire.com](http://www.theypouredfire.com)  
Teacher and discussion guides.

• **Ishe Anesu**

<http://www.isheanesu.com/aboutishe.html>  
A Holston-supported ministry with children in Mutare, Zimbabwe.

• **Rotation Style Sunday School**

[www.holston.org](http://www.holston.org) – Partial listing of Holston churches utilizing the Rotation method  
[www.rotation.org](http://www.rotation.org) – Lesson ideas.

• **Safe Sanctuaries**

[www.gbod.org/family/safe](http://www.gbod.org/family/safe) or [www.safesanctuaries.com](http://www.safesanctuaries.com)  
General Board of Discipleship  
[www.nationalcac.org](http://www.nationalcac.org)  
The National Children's Advocacy Center  
[safesanctuaries.holston.org](http://safesanctuaries.holston.org)  
Holston Conference

• **Search Institute**

[www.search-institute.org](http://www.search-institute.org)  
Independent, nonprofit organization committed to contributing to the knowledge base about youth development and to translating high-quality research on children and youth into practical ideas, tools, services, and resources for families, neighborhoods, schools, organizations, and communities.

• **United Methodist Publishing House**

[www.umph.org](http://www.umph.org)  
The United Methodist Publishing House is a publisher and distributor to Christian clergy and laity, with primary responsibilities for the publishing and distribution for the United Methodist Church. Includes links for children's curriculum. ■