

Introduction to the Growing Young approach to Youth Ministry

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Time Commitment:

The presentation takes 45 minutes plus time for questions and reflections.

Intended Audience:

Youth Leaders, Church Youth Councils or Committees, Church Councils or congregations as a whole.

Materials:

Power Point Presentation.

Synopsis:

Growing Young is an over arching approach to youth ministry developed by Fuller Youth Institute that focuses on six key strategies to create a fertile environment for youth discipleship. These six strategies were formed from the information gleaned through extensive research with young people themselves.

The six strategies are Keychain Leadership, Empathy Today, Jesus' Message, Warm Relationships, Prioritizing Youth Everywhere and being Best Neighbors. These form a wheel around the central hub which is a Jesus-centered community. This basic introduction to Growing Young can be the initial step in moving towards being engaged in a renewal effort for youth in the Church.

A process is presently being developed for the churches of Classis Alberta North which will create a cohort of youth leaders from our Classis learning and gaining proficiency together in these six strategies so as to transform youth ministry in their churches. Contact Classis Alberta North Youth Consultant Pastor Bill Nieuwenhuis if this approach sounds like something your church would be interested in participating with in the near future.