

Welcome to fourth edition of Re:gen the e-journal for youth, children's and family ministry. Please forward this newsletter onto others who might be interested or find the information helpful. Our aim is to provide you with a connecting point for learning about ministry. Each month we will provide information about training events, camps and resources that will help to enhance your work as well as articles about ministry.

****Youth-The future of the church, NOW!****

It was a rude wake up call for me, as I sat with a student who had been rushed to hospital with a suspected neck injury. This senior student told me how he had been taking flying lessons. "Flying lesson?! They actually let you fly a plane?" It was then I realized that much of what we do in youth ministry and the church would have little appeal to this young man. It was then I also realized that partly it was because we ask and expect too little of young people in the church. Read More

http://www.ministryeducation.org.au/yfc/newsletter/rg_of_2009_04_futurenow.html

****National Youth Ministry Convention****

Interested in learning a lot more about youth ministry?

"The National Youth Ministry Convention is a biennial event, begun in 2007, to help train, connect and refresh Christians who minister with youth and young adults. It is held adjacent to beautiful beaches that are perfect for relaxation, and attracts some of the best speakers in Australia and the world." Read More

http://www.ministryeducation.org.au/yfc/newsletter/rg_of_2009_04_natcon.html

****CDA Today Coming Soon****

From the 31st of May you can follow the adventures of 150 people in our diocese as they lead us through the gospel and their lives, all for free. Read More

http://www.ministryeducation.org.au/yfc/newsletter/rg_of_2009_04_cdatoday.html

****Gather 'Round****

Join us on a journey into story, imagination and adventure. Learn and share storytelling techniques with Carole Danby and Lizzie Gaitskell. Read More

http://www.ministryeducation.org.au/yfc/newsletter/rg_of_2009_04_gatherround.html

****Training Days****

Want some ideas to help your ministry grow and flourish. Interested in learning more about working with youth, children and families. Ministry Education is running ten training days next year in locations all around the Diocese.

The days run from 9:30 - 3:30 and cost is \$10 which includes lunch and notes. RSVP to MEC on 3514 7400 is essential. Click here for information on individual training days
<http://www.ministryeducation.org.au/yfc/newsletter/rg_of_2009_04_trainingdays.html> .

****Camps '09****

****Emmaus****

Want to go on a journey with God? Want to go deeper? Emmaus is an opportunity for young people to discover and encounter, or deepen their personal relationship with God. Read More
<http://www.ministryeducation.org.au/yfc/newsletter/rg_of_2009_04_emmaus.html>

****Ichthus****

Want to be part of a big adventure. Ichthus is an exciting holiday experience that challenges young people to step outside their comfort zones through adventure activities. Read More
<http://www.ministryeducation.org.au/yfc/newsletter/rg_of_2009_04_ichthus.html>

<http://www.thesource4ym.com>

This website is jam packed full of all sorts of helpful resources for youth ministry including: games, team builders, activity ideas, movie reviews, youth culture windows and much more. Although this site emerges from an American context it still contains many useful and cutting-edge resources for youth ministers.

COMING UP

Training Day 4

Creating a family

friendly church 9 May

Training Day 5

Youth Ministry-Engaging Young People with God, the Bible, and Prayer 13 June

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****Ministry Profile: TOM VAN DEN BOS****

Youth and families minister at Holy Trinity, Kawana Waters.

Read More <http://www.ministryeducation.org.au/yfc/newsletter/rg_ol_2009_04_profile.html>

****MEC Resource Centre****

Looking for resources to help you connect with children and young people? The MEC Resource Centre has a range of books, music, videos and DVDs on youth and children's ministry. Read more

<http://www.ministryeducation.org.au/yfc/newsletter/rg_ol_2009_04_resourcecentre.html>

****Four ViewS of Youth Ministry and the Church by Senter, Black, Clark and Nel.****

This is not a new book, but it is an important one in the continuing development of youth ministry. There has been very little discussion and almost no books written about how youth ministry fits into the life of the church. "Four Views" seeks to address this. Read more

<http://www.ministryeducation.org.au/yfc/newsletter/rg_ol_2009_04_fourviews.html>

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