

The Presbytery of Philadelphia's



Presents

Its February 2012 Forum...

Parents in Youth Ministry

What is the role of parents in youth ministry? How do we best communicate with parents? What is the best way to deal with parents in tough situations? How can we best utilize parents' gifts in our ministries?

Please join us for dinner and a discussion led by Shelli Latham, Associate Pastor for Preaching and Outreach at Westminster Presbyterian Church in West Chester. Before coming to PA, she was the Associate Pastor for Youth at Davidson College Presbyterian in Davidson, NC, where she led a thriving youth program. Shelli has keynoted at Montreat Youth Conference and led numerous presbytery retreats around the country. Shelli will share with us her expertise and experiences regarding the role of parents in youth ministry. We will also have an opportunity to ask questions and discuss our own experiences.

When: Thursday, February 16 6:15-9:00 pm: Dinner & Presentation

Where: The Presbytery Office 915 East Gowen Avenue, Philadelphia, PA

Our time together will include dinner and an opportunity to connect with other youth workers. The fee for each forum is **\$20 per church**. The number of attendees for that amount is unlimited (and the fee includes dinner for all). Please make checks payable to "Presbytery of Philadelphia" with "Youth Worker Academy" in the memo line.

Church: _____ Number of Participants: _____

Church Address: _____

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Church City, State & Zip: _____

Participants (Print out extra copies of this page if more than 2/church):

Name: _____ Ph: _____

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To register, please send **this form and a check** (\$20 payable to "Presbytery of Philadelphia") to:

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The Youth Worker Academy Forums are a ministry of the Presbytery of Philadelphia to help train, equip and build connections between those adults who minister with and among youth. There will be three forums over the course of the 2011-2012 academic year. Each is designed to be a separate event with a specific focus. Taken together, these sessions should also provide a solid practical, theological and relational foundation for ministry for anyone who works with young people.

The Forums are for adults only. (Please, no youth.) Youth workers with all levels of training and experience are welcome and encouraged to attend, from volunteers to committee members to paid staff. Multiple adults from a single congregation are encouraged to attend.

Hallmarks & Theology of the YWA:

1. Youth workers will be treated as adults and never as youth. Just because these adults work with young people does not mean they have the same tastes and needs.
2. There will be good and useful resources available that participants can take away from each session. YWA leaders will assume participants can read and will not read through everything with them.
3. No one church will be held up as a singular model. We are all sinful and in need of God's grace. The Holy Spirit is working in the midst all of our churches. Moreover, churches of different sizes, demographics and cultures will be considered and addressed.
4. Participants will be recognized as already involved in faithful and Spirit-filled ministries. Their contributions – spoken and material – will be honored.
5. Youth work can be a lonely ministry at times. Adults will be given the chance to connect with each other, share, lament and generally build up the Body of Christ.
6. There will be no cheese-ball stuff. Youth ministry has enough of that already.