

#Sketchnotes from the Progressive Youth Ministry Conference.

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PROGRESSIVE
YOUTH MINISTRY

MARCH 19-21 • CHICAGO • '14

OTIS MOSS III

TRINITY UCC

I LOVE JESUS

BUT AT TIMES, U.S.

I CANT STAND the CHURCH.



THE CHURCH IS THE PROBLEM: BUT IT IS ALSO THE SOLUTION : BEST HOPE.

MARKET MENTALITY

v.s.

MINISTRY MINDSET



renovation happens on the INSIDE



CHURCH NEEDS TO BE A LIGHTHOUSE SHIP. MOVING. SAVING

TENNIS

HOMEWORK

SWIMMING

A.C.T. PREP

VOLUNTEERING

PRIVATE LESSONS

TUTORING

CHOIR

CHURCH

SOCCER

SLEEP

EXAMS

SCHOOL CLUBS

VACATIONS

FAMILY TRIPS

STRESS

SERVICE

OVERPROGRAMMED KIDS

"HOME can be CHURCH too."

Youth ministers as spiritual directors.

WE CAN'T FIGHT THE OVERPROGRAMMING.

RELATIONAL MINISTRY-TAKING MINISTRY TO THE KIDS.

TONY JONES | POSTMODERN YOUTH MINISTRY



REVISITED: 2014

- 1 CHURCH IS PART OF CULTURE, NOT SEPARATE FROM IT.
- 2 IT'S NOT ABOUT YOUTH MINISTRY - IT'S ABOUT THE CHURCH.

3 MORALISTIC THERAPEUTIC DEISM: PEOPLE ONLY GO TO CHURCH IF THERE IS A REASON TO GO.

EQUALITY: GOOD NEWS: RIGHTS = THAT'S WHAT ALL OUR KIDS THINK: BELIEVE ANYWAY.



REGGIE | THE POWER OF BLOUNT | THE VOICES

Voices = SOCIALIZING
FORCES



THESE CONVERSATIONS
are what contribute to the
FAITH AND IDENTITY FORMATION.

CHURCH NEEDS TO PROVIDE AN
ALTERNATIVE VOICE.

7 SPIRITUAL YEARNINGS

1 IDENTITY

2 PURPOSE

3 INTIMACY

4 HEALING

5 MENTORING

6 NURTURE

7 COURAGE

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THE CHURCH

IS THE



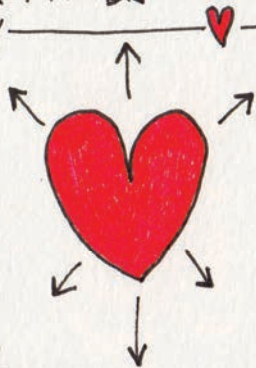
BEHIND
THE WALL
COMMUNITY

XOCHITL ALVIZO #PYMIA

QUEER THEOLOGY = LOVE TALK: IT IS, ^{QUITE} SIMPLY,

"RECOGNIZES THAT WHAT IS NORMAL HAS BEEN CULTURALLY SHAPED AND IS NOT UNIVERSAL OR LIBERATING FOR ALL."

A MATTER OF EXPANDING LOVE.



QUEERING THE BODY OF CHRIST IS OUR DUTY.

TRIPP
FULLER

WHY
PROCESS
THEOLOGY
DOES NOT
SUCK.

RELATIONALITY



A FORMER
CALVINIST, UNTIL
READING, "NIGHT."




GRANDMA
GOT CANCER.
THINGS BEGAN
TO UNRAVEL.



"LIFE IS
ARBITRARY...
GOD IS NOT."

IF YOU WON'T LET
GOD BABYSIT, THEN
YOU HAVE A PROBLEM.

GOD MADE 
HIMSELF small
IN JESUS CHRIST.

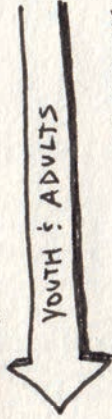
WHO IS GOD?
WHAT DID GOD DO
IN JESUS CHRIST?

CLAUDIO CARVALHAES

DO CHURCHES REALLY CARE ABOUT YOUTH? WE JUST WANT KIDS TO GROW UP TO BE ADULTS.



WE ARE GROWING
IN PARALLEL AND
NOT GROWING
TOGETHER.



SUBVERSIVE :: INTIMACY



We are medicating our youth so that they will not rise up & be subversive.

I WANT THEOLOGY W/TEETH.



JEFF CHU

FAST COMPANY

HE NEEDED HIS
PASTOR TO BE
A PASTOR



A SHEPHERD FOR
THE WHOLE
PERSON.

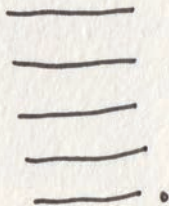
YOUTH GROUP:

comfortable

BEING COMFORTABLE

UNCOMFORTABLE
TOGETHER

I AM MORE THAN:




MEET
ME.

WALK
WITH
ME.

THAT'S
ALL.

H. ADAM ACKLEY

When the **SOFTWARE** doesn't
match the **HARDWARE** ...

IS IT **OK** TO BE ME?
 I DIDN'T
CHANGE
GENDERS.

HA ADAM: HUMAN BEING MADE
OF EARTH. INCLUDES
BOTH.



PSALM 139

50% OF TRANSGENDER
PEOPLE TRY TO
COMMIT SUICIDE

YOU CAN'T **THINK** YOUR
WAY OUT OF BEING TRANS.



fearfully and
wonderfully made."



THINK ABOUT NOT
PERPETUATING GENDER
STEREOTYPES.

christopher
rodkey

YOUTH
MINISTRY

AT THE
DE

Death
OF GOD.

CONFIRMATION =

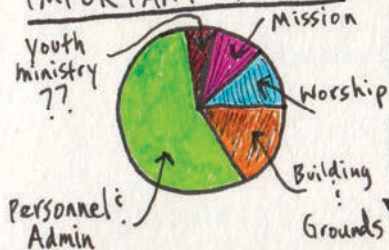
DENIALS & AFFIRMATIONS
GIVING YOUTH THE OPPORTUNITIES
TO SAY YES or NO.

CONFIRMATION:
teaching lives &
changing the world.

- A RITE in which they remember their baptism
- AN ACT of reconciling heretics
- AN ASCENT to Orthodoxy

LILLIAN & DAVID
DANIEL & WOOD

HOW DO YOU KNOW
YOUTH MINISTRY IS
IMPORTANT TO YOU?




DOUG PAGITT



HEAVEN

WE NEED A
BETTER
VERSION OF
THIS STORY
TO TELL
THAT DOESN'T
INVOLVE THIS
SILLY STORY

WHAT'S THE GRAND BIG STORY
OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD.



YOUTH MINISTRY W/O
HEAVEN OR HELL.

"WHAT IS IT THAT HELPS
YOU BREATHE
YOU AREN'T
CALLED TO
SACRIFICE YOUR LIFE.


DEEP?

WHO ARE YOU? ↔ WHO ARE THEY?

END WITH A blessing .

BROMLEIGH #PYM14

McCLENEGHAN

RELIGIOUS  PEOPLE
DON'T TALK MUCH
ABOUT SEX; AND
WHEN THEY DID,
IT WASN'T HELPFUL.

...
CONSERVATIVES TALK
ABOUT...

HOT. MARRIED. SEX

OVER-SIMPLIFICATION OF SEX.

BY AGE 17, 50% YOUTH HAVE
HAD SEX.

THINKING @
DESIRE

THINK LESS
@ SEXUAL
MORALITY :
MORE @
SEXUAL
ETHICS.

SEX IS LIKE

NITROGLYCERINE
IT CAN BLOW UP BRIDGES OR
IT CAN HEAL
HEARTS!

BUECHNER.

ANDY ROOT

YOUTH MINISTRY
DOESN'T NEED
THEOLOGY



BUT A TURN TO THE
THEOLOGICAL



ROOTED IN LIVED EXPERIENCE

BONHOEFFER
AS YOUTH PASTOR

"I FEEL SMALL."

THE THEOLOGICAL
BORN OUT OF LIVED
CONCRETE EXPERIENCE.

IF WE WANT
YOUTH TO

WRESTLE WITH GOD,
WE NEED TO MODEL THAT.

THE **WORK**

WE DO IS AN

HONOR

AND A

PRIVILEGE

REMEMBER
THAT.

DANIEL
WHITE
hodge

HIPHOP

- SLAVE PROTESTS
- RESISTANCE IN SONG
- CRITIQUE OF DOMINANT CULTURE

HYPER-MASCULINITY

HYPER-SEXUALITY

HIPHOP

TUPAC

SO MANY
TEARS.



I'M FALLIN' TO THE
FLOOR, BEGGIN' FOR

THE LORD TO LET
ME IN TO
HEAVEN'S →



SELLING HOT
TOO
TOO
TOO
TOO

HIPHOP =

AN URBAN SUB-CULTURE. HIPHOP IS SOMETHING THAT HIPHOP IS ABOUT COMMUNITY
IS LIVED. RAP IS SOMETHING THAT IS DONE.

LIB CALDWELL! KIDS DON'T LISTEN

CHILDREN'S
MINISTRY

[MAKING
CONNECTIONS]




YOUTH
MINISTRY



WE NEED ADULTS
WHO ARE COMFORTABLE
WITH THE **BIBLE**

LET'S
STOP TAMING TEXTS

AND START CONNECTING
THE  DOTS.

BUT **THEY**
IMITATE OUR
ACTIONS.

DOUG PAGITT:
"We want to be
a tribe, but not
be **TRIBAL**."

JOHN VEST

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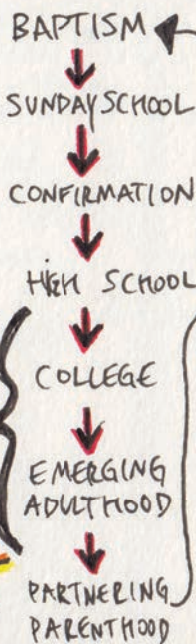
POST-CHRISTENDOM YOUTH MINISTRY

CONFIRMATION

LEADS TO A
GRADUAL
ATTRITION.



WAKOO
THIS IS
OUR
PROTESTANT
RUMSPRINGA



CONFIRMATION
STATEMENTS OF FAITH
SHOULD NOT
BE LITMUS TESTS
FOR YOUTH.

POST-CHRISTENDOM

ALBANY, NY

MAYBERRY

POST-CONGREGATIONAL

USE CONFIRMATION AS
A LAUNCHPAD ! NOT
REGURGITATING DOCTRINE.

Sacred convos • communal statements
social media catechesis • better
network (6-8 adults) • spirituality

Laura **TRUAX**

AFTER AN EVENT
LIKE THIS, THE ?

IS: Can we love?
Can our enemies?

WHO IS YOUR ENEMY?



the CHURCH will become
RELEVANT when we
talk to our ENEMIES, and
when we CROSS BORDERS.

"and He **STOOD**
BESIDE ME."

PAUL (ABOUT
ANANIAS)



NEXT YEAR #PYMIS