

Youth Ministry Research Symposium

An Invitation to participate

A Call for Papers

As you may know well, the International Association for the Study of Youth Ministry meets every second year. The last one was in Sydney in January of this year, 2017. Since the founding of the Association it has become 'custom' that regions organise conferences of the same nature and on behalf of the Association, sometimes with the same theme as the previous International meeting. Such regional conferences have been organised for our African region in South Africa and most recently in Nairobi, Kenya. The next one is planned for 2018, possibly in Zambia. It has also become custom that we in South Africa have a Southern African meeting concerning youth ministry in the same year as the International meeting. Such a meeting is being planned for this year again.

1 Purpose

The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the state of current research in Youth Ministry, as well as research questions that might require urgent (research) attention.

2 For Whom

We want to bring together people who are **currently involved with youth ministry research projects:**

- people teaching youth ministry,
- masters and PhD students and students who plan on getting involved in the study-field in the future,
- Colleagues in related fields of study like Sociology, Psychology and others.

3 Where

The University of Pretoria.

4 When

September, 12 by 09:30 – September 13, 15:30.

5 Costs

Not known yet, but we will keep it as affordable as possible. We hope that everyone can buy lunch at one of the several eating places on Campus. We may even do that for one or two of the refreshment times. We will know the exact cost of this by middle May, 2017. **You will have to arrange your own accommodation.** When you notify us of your plan to attend, when you submit an abstract of your research, and you need information on housing, I will let you have a few suggestions as to accommodation in the area of the Campus.

6 How? (A call for participation)

- 6.1 We plan for two plenary inputs: One on a subject concerning Youth Ministry itself, and one on the current state of youth ministry research in South Africa.
- 6.2 We plan for three breakaways, age-specific discussion groups: Children, early and mid-adolescents, emerging adults. We will organize three such sessions with a

possibility for 6 persons, per age-specific group, making short 15 minute inputs on their research and then another hour for discussion on the specific inputs but also on the general theme of the state and the need for youth ministry research as to this age-specific group. In case more submissions are received we will make provision.

6.3 We plan for a third open session where we will try focus on the holistic picture and future developments.

7 **What now?**

If you are interested we need an indication from you:

I will attend: Yes/No

I want to present and attach an abstract of my presentation. I would like to present in the age-specific group for:

- Children
- Adolescents
- Emerging Adults

We need this information by the end of May, 2017.

8 Please fill out number 7 and cut, paste and send it back to me at malannelup@gmail.com

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