

Free Youth Ministry Training Opportunity!

Youth Strike for Christ is again this year sponsoring a **FREE** training opportunity for adults who work in youth ministry – volunteer or paid staff - in the Iowa Conference. Youth Strike is inviting church youth workers to come as our guests on Saturday afternoon, February 6, 2010 to join us for lunch or dinner, experience something of what Youth Strike is about, and participate in some great training opportunities. All events will be held at the Polk County Convention Center in Des Moines (501 Grand Ave). You're welcome to attend any or all of the events below.

The day will include:

- 11:45 am -12:00 pm 1st Registration and Welcome opportunity
- 12:00 -1:00 pm Lunch
- 1:00 – 1:30 pm Praise Band - **Harlend**
- 1:30 – 2:00 pm Main Speaker – **Kelly Croy**
- 2:00 – 3:00 pm Conversation and Networking with other adults in youth ministry
- 3:00 – 3:15 pm 2nd Registration and Welcome opportunity
- 3:15 – 4:15 pm Workshop option 1
- 4:15 – 4:45 pm Break with Refreshments and Conversation with other youth leaders
- 4:45 – 5:45 pm Workshop option 2
- 6:00 – 7:00 pm Dinner
- 7:00 – 8:30 pm Comedian - **Bob Stromberg**

All parts of the afternoon and evening are FREE, but spaces are limited. In order to register for these opportunities contact DeeDee Sobotka at deedee.sobotka@iaumc.org or 515.974.8912 **before January 20**. Spaces will be filled as registrations are received. You do NOT need to attend Youth Strike for Christ in order to participate in this opportunity. Register today!

Workshop Options are described below. Be prepared to identify workshop choices when you register and indicate what meals you will be participating in.

Workshop Sign Up:

3:15-4:15 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____
4:45-5:45 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

Meals you will be participating in
___ **lunch** and/or ___ **dinner**.

Youth Ministry Apps (Applications)

App 1: Youth Ministry and *Camping & Retreats*: Will examine setting retreat ministry goals, effective scheduling, curriculums possibilities, themes, volunteer recruitment, transportation and fundraising. Come to hear some new ideas and/or share some of your own good ideas during the discussion time.



Gary Wilson has been involved in camping ministry since he was on summer staff in 1996, at Pocono Plateau, a UM camp in PA. He has a degree in education and has worked full time as a middle social studies teacher, camp facilities director, church youth director and now site director at Pictured Rocks UM Camp in Monticello.

App 2: Youth Ministry and *Missions, Service, & Social Justice*: Faith without works is *DEAD!* It's that simple. Either recharge your batteries through mission, service and justice or your faith will quickly die. Come join the conversation on how to recharge to the fullest.



Clint Twedt-Ball is a dad, husband, pastor and lover of life. He has worked in churches large and small. Currently, he directs a faith-based non-profit called the Matthew 25 Ministry Hub in Cedar Rapids. He loves the challenge of doing what some tell him can't happen in ministry.

App 3: Youth Ministry and *Higher Education & College Ministries*: The move from high school to whatever comes next (work, college, etc.) is a HUGE one. How might your congregation and youth ministry help your older youth celebrate and prepare for those transitions, stay connected with them and help them find a new family of faith once they've moved on? Come learn and share ideas!



Jim Shirbroun is in his 13th year as Campus Pastor and Associate Directory of Wesley Foundation at Collegiate United Methodist Church/Wesley Foundation in Ames at Iowa State University, having “finally made it to college” after about a dozen years in Youth Ministry. He is the spouse of one (Beverly) and the parent of three (Mark, Greg and David).

App 4: Youth Ministry and *Spiritual Formation & Discipleship*: Youth ministry must be grounded in life-shaping encounters with God. In many cases this is lived out through continued growth in Christian community, while for some it is most visible in a transformative conversion moment. In this App, we will explore ways to cultivate Christian community within our ministries, teach spiritual disciplines as a way to focus on God's presence, and share our own faith as a model and invitation for youth. We will consider early Methodist class structure as a model for Christian life and remind ourselves that youth spiritual formation happens outside of classes and meetings as well as within them. In all of this we will remember that discipleship depends more on caring Christian relationships than specific programs or curriculum.



Sean McRoberts is an ordained elder in the Iowa Conference of the United Methodist Church, and currently serves at First UMC in Ames, Iowa. He is passionate about helping Christians find ways to live as citizens of the Kingdom of God through building communities of Justice, Love, and Unity.

App 5: Youth Ministry and *Calling*: Before we tell our lives what we want to do, maybe we should listen to what our lives are telling us. We will explore issues like Who You Are, What You Are, Why You Are the Way You Are. Can we help others discern a call in their life unless we've reflected on our own life?



Dave Glenn-Burns is a campus minister at the Wesley Foundation in Cedar Falls. Dave has been particularly interested in the whole issue of calling in general and the discernment of call to ministry in particular. He is on the Iowa Conference Board of Ordained Ministry work group on Candidacy for ministry.
