2016 PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH TRIENNIUM

"GO" Highlights Video Viewing Suggestions

Active viewing suggestions:

- As you watch the video write down words that the youth in the video use to describe their experience of being at the Triennium. Do you notice any patterns? Common descriptions?
- As you watch the video where do you see or sense youth connecting with God? What is it that helps this connection happen? (e.g. people, music, space, leadership, etc.)
- What is the role between youth and adults at the Triennium? Describe the various ways in which youth and adults interact and engage with (or without) each other at PYT.
- What is the connection between a PYT participant's "home church" and the Triennium? How does one enhance or help the other? What does the Triennium offer that is unique? What does the "home church" offer that is necessary?
- As you watch the video what do you notice? *Note: This is a contemplative, spiritual practice question. It's general-ness (open-ness) is intentional; meant to help participants simply share what THEY notice. What they see. What they sense. What they feel. It can be helpful to invite the group to practice "holy listening" when using this question.
- Ask the question and invite the participants to first watch and make notes about what they "notice" as they watch. Afterward - ask the question again and give the instruction that they are to simply listen to each other. Give the instruction that there are "no edits" in this listening. They are simply hearing each other one at a time - honoring what it is that each other experienced.
- Why was it important for YOU to be at the 2016 Triennium?
- Where do you sense God might be calling you to GO now that you are "post PYT?" Is there a mission, a project, an action you need to take, feel nudged to do because of your time at PYT?
- Which of the five biblical passages from the Triennium theme GO "sticks" with you the most? GO and see. Go and Do likewise. Teach me the way I should GO. Let my People GO. GO and make disciples. Why does this passage or story stick with you?
- Why do you think the theme GO was important for summer 2016? Did it connect with the youth who attended the Triennium? Will it continue to help guide the participants in their lives - post PYT?

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Watch this video with:

- **PARENTS** - Youth and parents of the youth who attended the Triennium. It can be hard to describe an intense experience such as the Triennium. Having scenes and clips from the actual event and watching them together is a great way to encourage deeper sharing between the youth who attended and the families who "sent". Use any of the questions above to help engage the viewers and guide the conversation.
- **CONGREGATION** - Youth who attended the Triennium and the congregations who supported, prayed for and who watched from a distance (through social media or post event presentations) as their young members participated in the event. Use any of the questions above to help engage the viewers and guide the conversation.
- **PRESBYTERY** - Youth/delegations who attended the Triennium and the presbytery who supported, arranged and encouraged their participation! You will need to speak with your PYT registrar, and your presbytery leadership to request time on an upcoming presbytery meeting docket (the agenda for the meeting). Use any of the questions above to help engage viewers and guide the conversation.

Is there PYT after PYT is over? Yes! PYT is an event with the purpose meant to help participants feel empowered to return home with fresh energy for their faith, with hope for a broken world, with a mission to make disciples, share God's GOOD NEWS, and to serve as active agents of healing in the way of Jesus Christ. We call this a GO-ing posture!

Using this purpose as a guide - what do you hear in the video and remember from your time at PYT that will help you remain in a GO-ing posture?

How can you help more young people in the Presbyterian Church experience PYT?

*Share your experience with the youth in your church! Young people make excellent interpreters for their peers.

*Talk with your church's session about why it was a significant experience for you and ask to be a part of the group or committee that oversees youth ministry. Your experiences at PYT can be encouraging for the ministry that happens in your church AND this can include participation in events connected to and outside of your church (such as camp, retreats, Triennium)

Financial Support of the Presbyterian Youth Triennium

One important way that we can support the Triennium is to provide financial support. For the cost of a pizza or a movie a month you could provide significant and practical assistance for future PYT youth participants!

- Make a donation to the PYT Legacy Fund! Fund Account #: E052189 Presbyterian Youth Triennium. This is a fund that was established to help provide the Triennium with seed money. Seed money is money that is used to offset the expenses of the event (planning, scholarship support, advertising, registration). Participant registration fees provide the bulk of the funding for the Triennium. Having seed money helps lessen the cost per participant. Funds donated to the PYT Legacy Fund go directly to the Triennium and will be used to provide scholarships, travel funding, and ministry engagements at the event. Donating is easy and quick. Click on this link to the PYT LEGACY FUND donation button: http://www.presbyterianmission.org/donate/e052189/
- Receive the annual Pentecost Offering! The Pentecost Offering provides support for Youth and Young Adult ministries at the national level. The Triennium is a priority ministry in the Office of Ministries with Youth. Funds allocated to the youth ministry program help support the Triennium and other critical youth ministry initiatives. Plus - when you take the Pentecost Offering your church is encouraged to keep 40% of what you receive! This 40% is used to support ministries for youth and young adult ministry in your church or community - your church chooses. To receive the Pentecost Offering kit (resources for your church) follow this link: http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/pentecost.html