

## WHY DOES YOUR CHURCH NEED A YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY?

(A REVIEW OF *TO BE CONTINUED: A GUIDE TO YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY*)

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If you are reading this article, chances are you're a young adult. And if you are a young adult, then you've probably encountered the question in this article's title before: "Why does your church need a young adult ministry?" The various answers you've heard probably sound a lot like these: Because young adults make up a significant portion of the current generation. Because young adults are rapidly populating the workforce. Because young adults are becoming the most influential and most sought-after demographic in our society. Because young adults are on the cutting edge of technology, education, and pop culture. Because young adults are one of the most powerful untapped resources in your local church. Because young adults today are facing a world that is totally different from that of young adults in past generations. And because today young adults are falling away from the church at a faster rate than ever.

All of these reasons are equally right, and can be found in the short compilation *To Be Continued: A Guide to Young Adult Ministry*. If you are still trying to answer the question, then you may want to pick up this resource. Compiled and produced by the Western District Youth Division of the UPCI, *To Be Continued* is a short, concise resource that is designed to "engage, equip, inspire, and assist" those called to minister to young adults. Chapters with titles such as "The Beginning—Starting a Young Adult Ministry," "The Brand—the Curious Workmanship of the Young Adult Worker," and "The Development—Developing the Next Generation of Leaders" cover many relevant topics such as how to start a young adult ministry, developing a brand, starting a campus ministry, and even personal finances. The authors of the chapters are from around the country and include young adults, young adult workers, pastors, youth pastors, district Hyphen leaders and youth presidents, as well as several current and former national representatives from the Youth and Hyphen Divisions.

Needless to say, *To Be Continued* offers something for everyone. Most chapters are written specifically for young adult workers, but several chapters are geared toward pastors who wish to have a young adult and/or campus ministry in their churches. Young adults who are currently part of a young adult or campus ministry would also benefit from this resource, because much of it is for the purpose of helping young adults succeed in college, on the job, and in ministry. The wisdom contained in its pages is not arrogant, haughty, or condescending; rather, it is open, honest, and encouraging. The sincerity of the authors can be felt directly through the printed words. You won't find prestigious or academic content here; if a deep, academic textbook is what you're after, then keep looking. This resource is meant to be easily grasped and applied to any church in any situation. It won't give you every answer that you seek, but if your heart is open, it will help point you in the right direction.

*To Be Continued* and other resources like it are essential to any young adult ministry because the total amount of resources dealing with young adult ministry is still relatively low. Young adult ministry is still a new concept to most churches, meaning that resources for young adult ministry are only just now beginning to be widely produced. Fortunately, they are being produced more frequently, but there isn't a large backlog of resources addressing the needs of young adults like there is for young people and other such areas of ministry. If you've ever wondered why your church needs a young adult ministry, *To Be Continued* is a good place to start looking for the answer.

To purchase *To Be Continued*, [click here](#).