

North Carolina United Methodists, one of the great traditions we have in our Conference is our priority for youth ministry! Over and over again, I run into folks now adulting who name how the youth ministry of the North Carolina Conference impacted their faith, formation, and leadership.

Pastors and congregations, please keep before your youth all of the incredible youth events available:

**Global Vision**

**Kaleidoscope**

**Breakaway**

**Más Diversity**

**Pilgrimage**

They're amazing! Registration is open for Kaleidoscope, a middle school-only weekend retreat, that focuses on four holy habits to help youth grow closer to God: worship, prayer, service, and Bible study.

I also want to invite youth from every church to attend Breakaway this summer. It is a place where junior high and high school students can join the Conference Council on Youth Ministry as representative leadership, and where the youth as a whole make their voices heard by writing and voting on resolutions.

All these events open space for youth to connect with God and one another. Will you make these events a priority? Our youth events are more than entertainment - they form the next generation of leaders. And youth, you're not the future of the church. You are the church!