



What is YOUTH 2015 all about?

YOUTH 2015 is the national gathering for United Methodist youth groups and their leaders. It happens every 4 years. **YOUTH 2015** will be from **June 24-28, 2015 in Orlando, FL.**

This event has happened since 1988 in the UMC, and the speakers, activities, and artists have always carried a **distinctively Wesleyan and United Methodist** tone.

The theme for YOUTH 2015 is **'Go On'** – grounded in both scripture and several of John Wesley's sermons.

Hebrews 6:1 invites disciples to **'go on toward maturity in faith'** while John Wesley calls us to **'go on toward Christian perfection'** by participating in the means of grace, also called 'acts of piety and acts of mercy.' **When we do acts of piety or mercy, we actively participate in grace.** That means we can go on toward Christian perfection by doing something good instead of just waiting around for grace to show up!

Groups who come to YOUTH 2015 will participate in acts of piety and mercy (means of grace) during the event. Participants will be inspired to continue doing acts of piety and mercy at their home churches and in their communities based on what they experience at YOUTH 2015. The orange shape above shows what we want youth to experience, go do, and share after attending YOUTH 2015.

YOUTH 2015's success potential begins with 6500 youth and youth leaders getting to Orlando for the actual event. However, **YOUTH 2015's true measure of success** happens after closing worship – when United Methodist youth are **inspired** to continue acts of piety and mercy **when they return home**, then **share stories** about the impact of doing those acts with others.

Attend YOUTH 2015: June 24-28, 2015

Participate in a combination of Acts of Piety & Mercy that provide new (to you) spiritual experiences

Commit to continue Acts of Piety & Mercy experienced at YOUTH 2015 back at home

Go On to do Acts of Piety & Mercy back at local church/community for at least 60 days

Share stories of the differences the Acts of Piety & Mercy are making back with YOUTH 2015 to inspire others to act



GO >> ON
ORLANDO, FLORIDA
<< JUNE 24-28, 2015 >>

What are the Means of Grace? (Acts of Piety & Mercy)

Acts of Piety

Individual Practices:

- Reading, meditating and studying scripture
- Prayer
- Fasting
- Regularly attending worship
- Healthy living
- Sharing our faith with others

Communal Practices:

- Regularly share in the sacraments,
- Christian conferencing
(accountability to one another)
- Bible study

Acts of Mercy

Individual Practices:

- Doing good works
(mission & service)
- Visiting the sick
- Visiting those in prison
- Feeding the hungry
- Giving generously to the needs of others

Communal Practices:

- Seeking justice
- Ending oppression and discrimination
- Addressing the needs of the poor
(mission & service)

Everything, and we mean EVERYTHING (worship, prayer experiences, mission opportunities, dedicated small group times, workshops, late-night options, speaker topics, etc) at YOUTH 2015 will provide opportunities to engage in the acts of piety and mercy listed above.

By participating in familiar activities, but recognizing them as purposeful actions that help us go on to a deeper faith and commitment to Jesus Christ, YOUTH 2015 promises to be an event that impacts the lives of those who attend, but also positively impact the communities where they live.

**Register at youth2015.com starting Nov 24, 2014
\$420 early bird rate**

Why should youth groups attend YOUTH 2015?

YOUTH 2015 (June 24-28, 2015) is planned by a quality, diverse group of United Methodist youth and adults. The Design Team includes over 30 folks from around the United States. Youth have been involved in the planning of this event from the very beginning and continue to help plan every aspect of YOUTH 2015. The Design Team has *members from all five official racial ethnic caucuses of the UMC*, with youth, young adults, and adults each helping plan and lead different aspects of the YOUTH 2015 experience. *This event is the national gathering for United Methodist youth, and every youth and UMC should attend!*

YOUTH 2015 offers a wide variety of experiences and national-level speakers and performers. Our schedule is filled with large-scale worship, training and workshops for youth and adult leaders, mission projects, prayer opportunities, small group times (both with home churches and mixed groups) late night options, and more. A wide variety of activities lead by national-level talent will help YOUTH 2015 connect in meaningful ways to United Methodist youth and their leaders.

Experience and celebrate the depth and breadth of the United Methodist Church. Thousands of youth from hundreds of United Methodist Churches will celebrate those things that unite us while experiencing Wesleyan activities that help us develop into world changing disciples of Jesus Christ. It only happens every 4 years!

Youth Leader (& Family Friendly) YOUTH 2015 (June 24-28, 2015) is in Orlando, FL at the Marriott World Center. This Marriott is the largest in the world, and all YOUTH 2015 activities and lodging are at this one site. Orlando is full of fun activities for youth that leaders can add to their YOUTH 2015 experience (Disney, Universal Studios, etc) Our conference lodging rate can be extended up to 3 days before and/or after the event to accommodate fun additions to the schedule! We also plan to offer family friendly amenities at the event hotel for youth leaders who would like to bring their families along to the event.

YOUTH 2015 will positively impact your youth and your ministry. Many youth and youth leaders have shared stories with us about the impact past YOUTH events have had on them and their youth ministry. YOUTH 2015's focus on discovering the difference that doing the acts of piety and mercy can make in an individual's life and their community will continue the trend of creating 'make a difference' experiences.

GO ON TOUR

FALL 2014

ON THE ROAD TO YOUTH 2015

The 2014 'Go On' Tour is taking place this fall! Each stop is a **one night worship-concert** that will give folks a taste of what to expect at YOUTH 2015. There will be a total of **10 tour stops**, 2 in each US jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church. Each tour stop is designed to be:

- **Low-cost** (\$15 for tix in advance at youth2015.com, \$20 at the door)
- **Low-drama** (easy to attend for youth groups)
- **Large Scale** (400-1000 in attendance at each site)
- **Focused** (90 minutes of music and message)
- **Fun Outreach** (easy for youth to bring their friends, easy to invite other churches, districts, annual conferences, etc to experience a high-energy worship experience)
- **A preview of YOUTH 2015 worship experiences** (the same quality production, speaker, and musical artists that can be expected at YOUTH 2015.)
- **Discounts for YOUTH 2015!** Churches who attend a tour stop can use the cost of their tickets toward registration for YOUTH 2015! Special swag and gifts will be available for groups who register for YOUTH 2015 at a tour stop!

TOUR STOPS:

(up to date info about the tour and YOUTH 2015 at youth2015.com)

- Sept 13 - Atlanta, GA (Clark-Atlanta University, Atlanta Area)
- Sept 21 - Highlands Ranch, CO (St. Andrew UMC, Denver area)
- Sept 28 - Caledonia, MI (Cornerstone UMC, Grand Rapids area)
- Oct 4 - Worcester, MA (Wesley UMC, Central Mass. area)
- Oct 11 - Davidson, NC (Davidson UMC, Charlotte Area)
- Oct 18 - Leawood, KS (Church of the Resurrection, Kansas City area)
- Oct 25 - Dallas, TX (Highland Park UMC, Dallas Area)
- Nov 1 - Tipp City, OH (Ginghamsburg UMC, Dayton area)
- Nov 8 - Flushing, NY (First Flushing Korean UMC, Queens, NYC area)
- Nov 15 - Los Altos Hills, CA (Los Altos UMC, San Jose area)