

## Youth Commission 10/8/11

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Staying Connected to “Why” we do things

1. TED.com ... Simon
  - a. A lot of times we focus more on “what” in our life than on “why”
  - b. Apple focuses on “why” we do things; HP focuses on “what” they’ve done; we buy into the vision of Apple and care more about their products
  - c. Our brains are much more engaged in the “why” than in the “what”
2. Rodger Nishioka ... did an informal poll at EYE, talked to 86(ish) youth, “What does it mean to be an Episcopalian?” top three answers (1) loving/accepting (2) fun (3) catholic lite ... nothing about Christ, God, Communion, etc. in the top 10
3. Why do we have a Diocesan Youth Program? Why do we have each of our specific events? The “why” should really drive “what” we do.
  - a. Happening: We automatically focus on the “Why” of Happening because the “what” is a secret.
    - i. Community Building ... a place to develop a faith family
    - ii. Separation from society (a break from life, chores, homework, work, etc.), relaxing
    - iii. A place you can go to find yourself spirituality ... a safe environment to further your understanding of your religion
    - iv. Remind you of what unconditional love feels like
    - v. A place to find your own faith with God...find yourself, find out who you are...develop “ownership” of your faith
    - vi. Be centered ... find out what everything means to you.
    - vii. Provide Christian leadership opportunities
  - b. Miqra:
    - i. Learn about the Bible
    - ii. De-mystify Bible ... make it more accessible, less intimidating
    - iii. Community ... supportive, safe, loving

Peer Ministry: trying to ramp it up!

1. Put up a sign in the youth room “advertising” the Peer Ministers in the congregation.
2. The “why” = teaching you how to minister
3. Have Peer Ministers “ally” themselves with the rector ... discussion group? Regular meetings? If change is coming, have rector tell peer ministers and then youth spread the word to other youth.
  - a. “I value my relationship with my priest very much, it shapes my faith.”  
– Matt Allen

## Happening #86

Staff Selection Process is different this year...

### Miqra

1. Option to listen to the Bible at any time instead of the scheduled activity.  
(more options)
  - a. Need Supervision
  - b. Require silence
2. Have someone from KU/KSU/WSU come and talk about the ministries there
3. Does the web cam interfere with the spiritual experience?
  - a. Maybe partial recordings? When people are already watching anyway?
  - b. Kind of creepy
  - c. What if it was just a live audio feed? No
  - d. What if people had the option of 'covering' the camera during their reading time (thus making it audio only) Yes
  - e. What if the sign-up times indicated when the camera would be on or off? No
  - f. Survey people after they read? Yes
  - g. Limit access to the live feed? Require a password to watch? Yes
  - h. Vote: Continue with video ... give youth option to cover camera during their reading ... survey youth about their preferences ... try to add password to live feed.

### Mega Camp 2012

- Overall ratings were actually really good.
- Portions were "okay" ... there was always food available for seconds, just not always what the kids wanted.
  - Maybe need to do meals in some kind of shift?
  - Family style serving?
- Would like to have "logistics committee" again to review schedules and make adjustments for 2012
- Church visits ... by both a youth and an adult ... are very important/helpful

### Boys/Girls Weekend

- What about between Miqra and Camp where there's such a big break?
- What about end of June/beginning of July?
- What about February?