



APPLICATION TOOL 7

Evaluating Faith Assets: Youth Ministry Qualities

Use this worksheet as a guide to reflect on the practice of the Youth Ministry assets in your congregation. First, rate your congregation on each of the items in the second column. Then, list in the third column things you already do to strengthen each quality. Finally, identify other things you could do to strengthen the Youth Ministry Qualities assets.

| <u>Assets</u> | <u>Rating Your Congregation *</u> |
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| 19. Establishes a Caring Environment | _____ Our youth ministry offers youth the experience of spiritual support groups. _____ Our youth gatherings are warm and friendly. |
| 20. Develops Quality Relationships | _____ Our youth gatherings are safe and make all people feel welcome, especially strangers. _____ Our youth ministry provides youth with adult mentors who help them grow in faith. |

What We Do Now:

What We Could Do Better:

* ★ = Needs Work ★★ = Okay ★★★ = Great

Assets

Rating Your Congregation

21. Focuses on Jesus Christ

Our youth ministry helps youth become disciples by:

- _____ Knowing Jesus Christ
- _____ Knowing the Bible
- _____ Knowing the Christian faith
- _____ Making faith a way of life
- _____ Mentoring them
- _____ Equipping them for witness and service

What We Do Now:

What We Could Do Better:

22. Considers Life Issues

Our youth ministry helps youth address life issues such as:

- _____ drugs and alcohol
- _____ understanding parents/adults
- _____ family relationships
- _____ sexuality and its role in life
- _____ social issue and social justice
- _____ conflict and violence
- _____ respect for people of other ethnic or racial groups

What We Do Now:

What We Could Do Better:

Assets

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23. Uses Many Approaches

_____ Our youth ministry offers youth a variety of activities that address a diversity of youth needs.

24. Is Well Organized and Planned

- retreats
- service and mission trips
- Bible study and religious education
- prayer
- spiritual support groups
- youth-oriented worship
- family and intergenerational activities
- peer ministry and youth leadership
- special events

_____ Our youth ministry involves adult and youth leaders in planning, implementation, and evaluation.

What We Do Now:

What We Could Do Better: