

CONFERENCE COUNCIL ON YOUTH MINISTRIES

The Conference Council on Youth Ministries is responsible for oversight of all conference wide youth programming in the Wisconsin Annual Conference. This council not only oversees the two Convo design teams, Wildfire! Missions, and Youth Ministry Institute, but it also develops resources and training for use in the local church.

In the last year, Conference Council on Youth Ministries to a leap in its desire to better equip local churches in the Wisconsin Conference. It became clear that the current purpose and structure to the council was hindering its work more than helping it, and it was time to re-evaluate what it had been doing. This was especially true as the conference had moved into a circuit structure, and the council needed to examine how it could better serve that structure. It was also true that as the general church youth ministries had moved to a new structure as well, and in the Wisconsin Conference it was evident that there was a need to better connect all of the elements of the conference youth program: CCYM, Convo design teams, Young adult ministry, and adults who work with youth.

In March of 2006, CCYM decided to take a year of intentional focus to spend time in a process of visioning to see where God was leading the council. They worked to determine what the purpose of CCYM is and what the council needs to be for the conference and the local church. Through that process, CCYM has determined that its purpose is to: Connect youth to God and Jesus Christ; to equip, encourage, and resource local churches; and to say something/do something (be in mission and ministry.)

In the next year, CCYM plans to continue to develop into its new structure, equipping local churches in the conference for ministry through leadership training opportunities, continue to develop Senior High and Junior High Convo, develop the network of Adults who work in youth ministry, and work to better connect the three areas of young people's ministry in the Wisconsin Conference. (Youth, Young Adults, and Adults who work in Youth Ministry.)