



I M A G I N E

GROUP LEADER'S GUIDE

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Purdue University | West Lafayette, Indiana

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Welcome to NYE

Imagine

Isaiah 43:19

Isaiah 43:19 queries, “I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not *imagine* it?” Youth have a pretty solid track record for being the drive for something new springing forth. From Johannesburg, South Africa to Chicago’s south side, youth have been at the forefront of innovation, inspiration and imagination for generations and that has not changed for our still speaking youth. They are not waiting until tomorrow to start transforming the world; they are active and full of life, and are significant leaders in the wider church *today*.

National Youth Event (NYE), the largest gathering of UCC youth from across the country and globe, is an occasion where the world can witness nearly 3,000 youth stepping up to the plate and expressing, “we got next” and “we got right now, too.” *Imagine* is the 2012 theme for the quadrennial event which centers on the formation and nurturing of faith, leadership, justice and service, and was held July 10-13 at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana

In addition to the overall theme, *Imagine*, NYE 2012 is guided by four daily sub-themes: *Imagine Extravagant Welcome; Imagine a Healthy World; Imagine a World Where Differences Are Embraced; and Imagine One Church*. These sub-themes aim to celebrate the core values of the denomination and set the tone for the launching of the new denomination wide *Faith In* campaign which will be launched on the last day of NYE.

Youth look forward to NYE for so many reasons. They meet others from unique and diverse cultures, and in 2012 we welcome international delegations from at least three continents including Asia, Africa and Europe. The cultural exchanges offer a broader view of youth identity across the globe and help the youth redefine the meaning of wider.

Participants engage community by partnering with non-profit service agencies that range from ecological justice and animal rights to veterans outreach and illiteracy awareness, with literacy being the primary focus for NYE 2012. The youth will bring books with them to help create our first ever *NYE Literacy Labyrinth*. The books will define the pathway for the labyrinth and will be donated to local schools, libraries, and other agencies.

NYE alumni share testimony after testimony about the value of workshops, keynote speakers and the overall fellowship and connection they are able to build with their denomination by spending

four days with their peers. The event is literally built from the ground up *by youth for youth* and those who share in ministry with youth. The youth vision team recommended the theme, speakers, and music, worked to get the word out, and chose the first official UCC Youth logo by collecting votes via social media.

Social Media will receive much attention at this event: *No matter your gadget, your technology is welcomed here.* The mantra signifies the importance for youth to embrace technology and learn to use it responsibly in worship and faith practice. The youth see this as an opportunity to show off their expertise and demonstrate their ability to teach and nurture others, including their adult counterparts.

The *Faith In* campaign is about living out your faith and making a difference right where you are. Launching *Faith In* at National Youth Event is a great way to profoundly express to the wider church that youth are still speaking, right now. *Faith In* captures the spirit of *Imagine* and serves as a commissioning for the youth to go out into the wider church and world and take their dreams to the next level by putting them into action.

National Youth Event is a rite-of-passage for so many youth and changes lives in so many ways for all who participate, as well as the community that welcomes strangers into its sacred spaces for four spirit filled days. And the youth got there because of the investment of the church at large. Some groups began raising funds as soon as the last NYE concluded! Others received scholarships from The Cornerstone Fund. Conferences, local congregations and covenanted ministry partners all pitched in to help youth trek their way to a four day event that occurs every four years with youth at the heart of it all. NYE is an opportunity for the entire church to witness the gifts of our youth, celebrate those gifts, nurture them and also learn from them.

Our youth are still speaking. Are we listening?

Thank you for sharing in this witness and ministry. Thank you for being here on this journey. Thank you for your prayers—and keep them coming! NYE is a part of the on-going, collective work and responsibility and partnership with our Still Speaking youth. Let's keep the energy of NYE alive beyond July 13. Remain in touch with us regularly at www.ucc.org/youth, youth@ucc.org and our social media sites. We also hope to see you next summer at Synod!

In the spirit of One Church—**Welcome to NYE 2012!**

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Registration Process at Purdue

- The check-in process for the National Youth Event will be held in Hillenbrand Hall. The group leader will need to check-in the entire group. Students should remain outside of Hillenbrand or remain on their shuttle bus in order to make for a smooth process for all.
- Check in for the event will begin at 12:00 p.m. and end at 7:00 p.m. For groups who arrive after 7:00 p.m., your materials will be left with the staff at the Hillenbrand office. They will direct you to the appropriate residence hall.
- The address for Hillenbrand Hall is **1301 Third Street, West Lafayette, IN 47906**.
- At check-in, the group leader will receive the name badges, wristbands, and room keys for all attendees. Name badges and wristbands are required for admittance to sessions and meals.
- After you have settled into your housing, please join Purdue's Welcome Extravaganza scheduled for 1:00 p.m. through 5:00 p.m. Details available during registration check-in.

What to Bring *(This is not an exhaustive list—only suggestions)*

- Bible, Spiritual Devotional Guides and/or Inspirational Meditations
- Summer Clothes *(Breathable, comfortable, but modest and respect for self and others.)*
- Pack lightweight, light-colored clothing to reflect some of the sun's energy.
- Wear a hat to protect you from the sun.
- Comfortable Walking Shoes
- Closed Toe Shoes *(If applicable for Service Projects participants.)*
- Bathing Suit and Beach Towel *(For Fountain Run Only- *No Access to Pool, Construction)*
- Rain Gear: Umbrella, raincoat, etc. *(Umbrellas are great for blocking the sun, too)*
- Sweater or Sweatshirt *(Classrooms and plenary spaces may be cooler than outdoors)*
- Alarm Clock (Or remember to set your phone or tablet alarms)
- Extra Pillow or Linen if needed *(One set is provided in Residence Halls and linen laundry service is provided.)*
- Soap and Personal Toiletries
- Shower Shoes for Community Showers
- Sunblock (Always apply sunblock to protect your skin. Even if it appears cool outside.)
- Insect Repellent *(Especially necessary for those doing service projects.)*
- Small Picnic Blanket for Youth Rock Out (Thursday, July 12) and Outdoor Communion (Friday, July 13).
- Refillable Water bottle: *Drink plenty of water, rest as needed, and avoid salty/high protein foods.*
- Safety whistle
- Prescribed medications
- BYOB (Bring Your Own Bag). Courtesy conference bags will not be provided.
- Bring a journal or device to take notes. Program books will not be provided.
- Bring your personal Hotspot or Mobile Wi-Fi as a back-up to courtesy campus Wi-Fi.
- Bring offering for Friday, July 13 during Morning Plenary.
- Bring spending money for the StillSpeaking Store. Everything will be under \$13.00.
- Pack your Official NYE T-Shirt, also available in the StillSpeaking Store on-site.

Leave at Home & Securing Your Items

- We want you to bring items for your comfort. But stop and think if you need it and really want to bring it to NYE. You are 100% responsible for all items you bring, including instruments, technology, music CDs, games, and jewelry. Talk with your parents and chaperones and make an educated decision about what to bring. Purdue University and the United Church of Christ are not responsible for theft or mishaps of any kind to your personal belongings.
- Take safety measures on-campus. Always lock your room and suite doors. Do not leave doors ajar—even if only for a few moments. Keep valuables out of sight and consider bringing a lock for your suitcase to secure personal items when you are not in your room.

Safety First: NYE First Responders & Crisis Counselors

- When traveling across campus, day or night, stay in group or in pairs. Be smart and safe.
- Purdue University has a fire department on campus, campus police that partners with West Lafayette Police Department, three major hospitals nearby and emergency Blue Boxes throughout campus. In addition, NYE First Responders are available 24-7. There will be First Responder in each dorm for overnight on-call needs. Purdue dorms summer staff are on-call.
- We will report all illegal substances/activities to police authorities.
- Bullying is considered abuse albeit—physically, verbally, via technology or other. There will be zero tolerance for abuse of any kind at NYE. Advise participants not to intervene—tell an adult or if a life is threatened, call 911!

Crisis Counselors

If a participant is experiencing a crisis involving sexual violence, bullying or abuse of some nature, specialized counselors are available to support the participant. To request support of a special crisis counselor, please contact an NYE Safe Space: **NYE Business Office**; **NYE Adult Hospitality & Resource Room**; and the **NYE First Responders Room**. All three safe spaces are located on the 2nd floor of Stewart Center.

First Responders

First Responders will provide health and medical support. These responders will be on-call 24-7 and at least one responder will be housed in each dorm occupied by NYE participants Tuesday, July 10 through Friday, July 13. Pay attention to the daily First Responders video during plenary.

Sexuality & Relationships (Our Whole Lives)

When youth gather in settings of the church (camp, local church, retreats, regional and national youth events), the subject of sexuality and relationships are often discussed with or without adults in the room. NYE programming related to healthy sexuality and relationships, offered by national staff and other facilitators trained in the use of Our Whole Lives, will be framed in the values of self-worth, sexual health, responsibility, justice and inclusivity.

Weather

Temperatures are traditionally quite humid and in the high 70's and up for West Lafayette summers. Plan and prepare by checking weather sources such as www.weather.com or www.accuweather.com to learn more about seasonal temps in West Lafayette, IN and to pack appropriately. Drink plenty of water, rest as needed, and avoid salty/high protein foods.

West Lafayette, JN Greater Area

Check out the National Youth Event's official website to learn more about West Lafayette, Purdue and things to do and see in the area. Click on the "About Purdue and the Surrounding Area" [link](#).

Ground Transportation & On Campus Parking

Check out the National Youth Event's official website to learn more about ground transportation options departing from Indianapolis, IN and Chicago area airports. Click on the "Airport and Ground Transportation" [link](#).

Housing & Meals On Campus

Housing is accessible for all. If you have special needs requests and did not indicate this on your registration, please contact nye2012@purdue.edu for assistance. This is a welcoming and affirming space for all. Notify our team right away if special assistance is needed.

Meals will begin with dinner Tuesday evening, July 10 and concludes with dinner Friday evening, July 13.

Your *cafeteria* will be assigned based on your housing location and will be designated by a specific color. Your *wrist bands* will be color- coordinated with your assigned cafeteria. There are numerous locations through-out the campus, including food court venues in the basement of Purdue Memorial Union where snacks can be purchased at your own expense. Special dietary requirements should have been noted on the Individual Registration Form.

Early Arrival & Late Departure Housing Requests should have been noted on the Individual Registration Form. Email NYE2012@purdue.edu special housing and meal requests.

Covenants and Safe Church

Familiarize your group with the UCC Safe Church Policies and covenants for NYE 2012. Visit the official NYE website at www.ucc.org/nye and click on the "Forms and Policies" [link](#) for a full listing of downloadable Forms. The following forms are found there:

Covenants for Youth & Adults; Medical Release Forms; Safe Church Policy & Media Release.

Remember, you *electronically signed* all of these forms, except for the Medical Release. Your group leader should keep a hard copy of all Medical Release Forms and *also* submit a copy to Purdue for our files in the event of an emergency. **Medical Forms** should be emailed to [Purdue](#).

Daily Devotions & Reflections

- Pack your bible, spiritual devotion guides and inspirational resources. NYE is about leadership & *faith*; justice & *faith*; and service & *faith*. So bring what fuels your spirit.
- **NYE Chapel** is located in Purdue Memorial Union, Terrace Room.
- Create your own daily devotional for your group to explore during Afterhours or morning group/conference check-ins.
- Encourage your participants to journal, blog, tweet or create daily devotionals at NYE.
- The Virtual NYE Program Book will feature daily devotions written by youth and young adults. Visit www.ucc.org/nye to

Media & Technology

No matter your gadget, your technology is welcomed here. This is the unofficial theme of NYE 2012. We hope to celebrate the gift of technology and demonstrate ways to use technology as a sacred tool of worship and faith formation. So BRING YOUR GADGETS! Bring your smart phones, tablets, laptops or more. We welcome traditional notepads and pens/pencils, too.

- Sign up for workshops that will explore the youth of technology in worship spaces.
- Technology will be incorporated in worship and plenary outreach.
- Tag your Twitter and Facebook posts **#NYE2012** and **#TheUCCYouth**.
- While courtesy Wi-Fi is available on Purdue's campus, bring your own Mobile Wi-Fi.
- Print the Virtual Program Book as a traditional program book will not be provided. The [Virtual Program Book](http://www.ucc.org/nye) will be available for download via www.ucc.org/nye as PDF doc.
- We will *live web-stream* NYE accessible via the following websites & social media sites:
 - United Church of Christ www.ucc.org
 - National Youth Event www.ucc.org/nye
 - United Church of Christ Youth [UCC Youth on Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/UCCYouth)
- Participate in the Twitter Town Hall Meeting, Friday, July 13 with Geoffrey Black. And follow the *Collegium on Deck* Daily Twitter Feed via @TheUCCYouth:

Date On Deck	#Hashtag	Collegium Officer
Tuesday, July 10	#UCCMark	W. Mark Clark, Ofc. Of Gen. Ministries
Wednesday, July 11	#UCCLinda	Linda Jaramillo, Justice & Witness Min.
Thursday, July 12	#UCCJim	Jim Moos, Wider Church Ministries
Friday, July 13	#UCCBen	J. Bennett Guess, Local Church Min.
Friday, July 13	#UCCGeoffrey	Geoffrey Black, Ofc. Of Gen. Ministries

Recreation/ Faith, Fit & Fun

- Create the fun & bring board games, cards & crafts for afterhours in your community rooms.
- Purdue has beautiful green spaces. Bring your tennis racket, soccer balls, Frisbees, and other recreational and sporting equipment appropriate for indoors and/or outdoor recreation.
- **BYOB.** Bring your own backpack. Bags will not be provided during registration.
- Join the *All Strings Jam Session*. Bring your guitar or portable stringed instruments. (*Bring items at own risk. You are responsible for securing all personal items. UCC/Purdue not liable*).
- Join the drumming circle during Friday's Faith, Fit and Fun Extravaganza or leisure time.
- Join the daily **Morning SunCise Activities** scheduled from 7:15 AM – 9 AM Daily on Purdue's Memorial Mall (*Rain Location, Terrace Room, Purdue Memorial Union*).

Taiko Drumming	7:15 to 8:00
Kung-Fu Calisthenics	8:15 to 9:00
Zumba Fitness	8:15 to 9:00

**Please consult a medical doctor or parent/guardian/group leader before engaging SunCise Activities. Dress appropriately and bring bottled water as these activities occur outside.*

Mentors in Training Team (MJTT)

Visit the Official NYE website at www.ucc.org and click on the Hands on NYE [link](#) to learn more about MITT for young adults between the ages of 19 and 20 years old. This outreach creates a networking opportunity for young adults to experience NYE and mentor their peers.

Signage

- Print the Virtual Program Book at www.ucc.org/nye as traditional programs are not provided.
- Oversized Signage will be available in dorms, plenary/worship areas and throughout campus.
- Signage offering directions to building locations will be visible throughout campus. At registration check-in, full maps will be available of Purdue's campus.
- Download a map of Purdue's campus at this [link](#).

Workshops & Service Projects (Faith, Service and Justice Outreach)

Visit the Official NYE website and click on Hands on NYE to learn about [Service Projects](#). Download waiver forms for NYE Service Projects at this [link](#).

Participants may select workshops once on site at NYE. Visit www.ucc.org/nye and click on [Calendar](#) for a full listing and description of workshops and the 2012 NYE agenda.

Adult Hospitality and Resource Space *Renew, Refresh, Relate, Recharge!*

Stop by the Adult Hospitality and Resource Space located on the 2nd floor of Stewart Center during NYE and register to win a FREE iPad, courtesy of the Collegium!

The space is designated exclusively for Youth Workers (i.e. adults who will be accompanying youth) at NYE! This room is designed to serve as a place where you can find opportunities to renew and refresh mind, body and spirit, relate with other youth workers and engage informational sessions, and literally recharge their various electronic devices.

General Hours

Tuesday Noon – 11:00 p.m.

Wednesday – Friday 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

The Resource Room will be closed during all Plenary and Worship Sessions.

Resources

- Scheduled opportunities for networking, spiritual engagement, and learning.
- Places to "plug in" and charge phones, laptops, etc.
- Café-style set-up for formal and informal small group gatherings and conversation.
- Crafts for play and creativity.
- Resources to re-center: Finger labyrinths, couches and pillows for meditation and prayer.
- Physical and virtual (Twitter/Facebook) bulletin boards to share information, resources, gatherings around specific topics.
- A variety of healthy snacks and beverages.

Full Schedule

For a full schedule of this space, please visit the Official NYE website and Click on Hands on NYE for the Adult Resource [link](#).

Partners In Education (PIE)

Partner in Education for your conference will be at NYE. There will be two special times to meet other PIEs for fellowship and discussion!

Lunch Gathering: Wednesday, July 11, 12:30 p.m. in the Purdue Memorial Union (Food Court Level). We will gather near the Starbucks and go from there. Someone will be holding a "Partners in Education" sign so you can easily identify the group. There are a number of eateries in this building.

Evening Gathering: Wednesday, July 11, 9:00 p.m. in the Adult Youth Workers' Resource Room located on the second floor of Stewart Center.

NYE Business Office & Misc. Spaces

NYE Business Office, First Aid Room, Newsroom and Mentors in Training Team Room are all housed in Stewart Center, 2nd FL.

Purdue Memorial Union

Exhibit Hall

Tuesday, July 10, 2013

9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Exhibit Booth Setup
1:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Exhibit Hall Open
8:30 pm – 10:00 pm	Exhibit Hall Open
10:00 pm	Exhibit Hall Closed

Wednesday, July 11, 2013

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Exhibit Hall Open
3:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Exhibit Hall Open
8:30 pm – 10:00 pm	Exhibit Hall Open
10:00 pm	Exhibit Hall Closed

Thursday, July 12, 2013

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Exhibit Hall Open
3:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Exhibit Hall Open
5:30 pm	Exhibit Hall Closed for <i>Youth Rock Out at Slayter</i>

Friday, July 13, 2013

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Exhibit Hall Open
3:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Exhibit Hall Open
7:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Booth Breakdown

Still Speaking Store

The StillSpeaking Store will be featured in the Exhibit Hall with all items \$13 or less. Book signings and sales for keynotes and artists will be available at the store.

Literacy Labyrinth

Visit the Official NYE website to learn more about the Literacy Labyrinth, the formal Faith, Service and Justice Outreach for NYE 2012. Visit this [link](#).

Chapel

Located in Terrace Rm of Purdue Union. A perfect place for centering and small groups.

Bowling, Afterhours and Food Court

Purdue Union is a fun place to hang out in the Food Court on the lower level, participate in nightly Afterhours activities and bowling with courtesy bowling lanes for NYE 2012.

Rain Locations

Youth Rock Out at Slayter	Rain Location, Elliott Hall of Music
Closing Worship at Slayter	Rain Location, Elliott Hall of Music
Faith, Fit & Fun Extravaganza @ Memorial Mall	(RL) Stewart Center & Memorial Union
Morning SunCise @ Memorial Mall	(RL) Memorial Union, Terrace Room

NYE Venue Spaces

[Elliott Hall of Music](#)
[Slayter Hill or Slayter Center for the Performing Arts](#)
[Purdue Memorial Union](#)

[Purdue University Housing](#)
[Purdue University Cafeterias](#)
[Printable Map \(PDF\)](#)
[Accessibility Map \(PDF\)](#)

Nightly After Hours at NYE

All Afterhours are scheduled for **9:00 PM - 11:00 PM** unless otherwise noted. The afterhours are based on space availability per activity. Groups are encouraged to create afterhours outreach in dorms/housing on campus by bringing board games, playing cards, instruments and designing community building outreach for respective dorms. Use After Hours to get to know your housing/dorm common and community areas.

Groups are encouraged to use Afterhours as group check-in times for reflections and devotion.

Tuesday, July 10

Imagivity Coffee House	Purdue Memorial Union Ground Floor (Starbucks Area)
Deep Down Film Screening	Stewart 214 A-D
Imagine: Global Voices Reception	Stewart 314 *
Instant Recess	Stewart 302/306
Louder Than a Bomb Movie	Stewart 320
Safe Space Lounge	Stewart 322

Wednesday, July 11

Cine-llusions	Stewart 214 A-D
Cine-llusions	Stewart 310
Dance 4 Life	Stewart 314
Hollywood Squares	Loeb Playhouse
Not In Our Town Movie	Stewart 322

Thursday, July 12

Youth Rock Out feat. Rhema Soul	Slayter Hill	<i>(All NYE Registrants Attend)</i>
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Friday, July 13

Up Heartbreak Hill Movie	Stewart 320
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Nightly: July 10-13**

Dorms/Housing (Bring your own games & create after hours outreach for community building in your dorm.)

*Special reception for global partners, international guests and their hosts. Limited Space.

**Bring instruments, game boards, cards and fun games to create Afterhours/Community building in your dorms and housing community.

Note: Limited Space available for each afterhours activity. Arrive early.