

## Wednesday Session I Workshops

11:15 AM - 12:15 PM

July 11, 2012

**MANDATORY Orientation for off-site service projects** Loeb Playhouse

Workshop Track Key

- A Adults & Youth Workers\*
- B Bible, Faith & Spirit
- C College & Vocational Call
- D Dialogues & Forums
- E eImagine: Technology & New Media
- F Faith, Fit & Fun
- G Global Movement
- H History & Identity of UCC
- I Imagine: Creative Arts
- J Justice, Witness & Creation
- K Kehila/Community & Service
- L Leadership

\*Workshops will be held Wednesday & Thursday only. This includes service projects as alternative workshops.

\*Track A is for adult chaperones and adult group leaders only.

\*Alternative service projects have limited availability. Registration is required.

\* Participants are invited to donate a book for the NYE Literacy Labyrinth, the official NYE2012 justice, service & faith outreach.

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### **Be a Global Mission Youth Group!** Beering B206 (G)

Imagine how your youth group can help change the world! Are you up for the challenge? Learn easy steps and fun activities you can do to connect and participate in our Global work as Global Ministries.

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Learning how to connect physical exercise with spiritual practices.

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### **End Global Hunger** Stewart 214A (G)

How can we be more faithful food consumers? Does what we eat affect "food security" around the world. What can global partners teach us about making sure everyone has a seat at the table?

### **Extravagant Welcome by Youth** Stewart 302 (H)

This workshop will discuss the many different ways that young people can show extravagant welcome. They will use their imagination to come up with many different ways they can invite someone to church and become involved in church ministry.

### **Gender 101 and How to support Transgender People**

Purdue Memorial Union 112 (B)

Are you a boy or a girl? When did you know? How did you know? For the transgender and gender nonconforming people, that first question isn't so simple and often leads to more questions like "what if I'm both at the same time or neither? We will talk about what gender is, what it means to be a transgender person, and how non-transgender people can be supportive allies to their transgender siblings.

### **Getting Dirty! Healthy** Rawls 3058 (F)

Discusses unhealthy ideologies that were planted in the soil within the U.S. long ago (racism & social control.) We will explore ways to uproot one present day tragedy that has blossomed as a result of those seeds.

### **Global Movement for Atrocities Prevention** University Hall 003 (D)

Explore challenges U.S. and global human rights movements encounter and the role faith communities can play in confronting these issues.

### **Growing Leaders, Going Places** University Hall 119 (L)

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**Imagination Lab** Stewart 214B (C)

The world is a canvas and your mind is the colorful brush that creates the next masterpiece. Imagine owning a taco-internet cafe, a pet spa, or solving local or global problems. In this workshop you will learn to think creatively about starting a new business.

**Imagine Being** University Hall 119 (I)

This workshop is designed for Youth as an invitation to imagine a different paradigm-where we are present to each other, where we listen to one another openly and without judgment. We will do this using theatre games and techniques from Theatre of the Oppressed- no prior theatre experience is required.

**Imagine Your Soul** Rawls 2079 (I)

Soul Collage. Participants will create a personal soul collage card using magazines, scissors, and glue sticks. This is a creative and spiritual practice developed by Seena Frost.

**Interfaith Youth Group** Recitation 316 (A)

This workshop will cover how to start an Interfaith Youth Group, ideas on how to support the group, resources for new groups, and examples of the potential outreach that an Interfaith Youth Group has. Question and answer time allotted.

**Let's Talk About SEX!** Stewart 214CD (A)

It's no secret youth want to talk about sex. Many people working with youth are seeking a framework of values upon which to discuss sexuality with their youth groups. This workshop will be a place where leaders can share their experiences and receive concrete sexuality conversation-guiding tools. Stewart 214CD

**Literacy Labyrinth** Exhibit Hall (K)

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**Making a Difference** Beering B243 (D)

What would it be like for your youth group to make a positive difference in the world while learning about each other, faith, social issues etc. Service trips are a great way to do all of that. This workshop will help you think about all the ingredients for an extraordinary mission trip experience, from practical planning steps to having the right attitude.

**Mobilizing Fruits of the Spirit** Krannert G010 (D)

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Mathematical Science 175 (A)

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**No Violence, Healthy World** Beering B247 (L)

Imagining together ways to combat varying forms of violence and promote a healthy world.

**Our UCC History** Stewart 322 (H)

Have fun discovering just how interesting the UCC's history is. This lighthearted humorous look at the most intriguing aspects of our denomination will give you a renewed appreciation and sense of pride.

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**Peer Cyber-bullying** Krannert G020 (E)

Explore how the latest research is showing that cyber bullying on social networking sites is taking place. How do we unpack the scientific data, and what can we do about it to be a force of help, or reach out for help?

**Poverty, Wealth & Hard Times** Krannert G016 (J)

Examine the growing gap between the rich and poor. Through role playing and conversation, we will explore how someone becomes poor, and what society and the church can do about poverty and inequality.

**Prayed Regularly** Beering B238 (B)

Learning about and experimenting with different ways to pray.

**Pro-Choice – Why?** Beering 2290 (G)

The UCC is a Pro-Choice Denomination - Why?

**Race, Migration & Democracy in 2050** Beering B260 (D)

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**Religious Diversity? Myth or Reality?** Rawls 2077 (B)

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### **Spiritual Youth for Reproductive Freedom** Stewart 313 (J)

Importance of being civically engaged and the critical role that young people play in shaping our future. Learn how to tell our story in a way that invites others to work with us, how to look at a challenge, and begin to strategize the most effective solution.

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### **Stories of Faith** Wetherill 362 (G)

Stories about children and youth from many places around the world will inspire your imagination. You might choose to contact or correspond with someone like them to learn about their lives and struggles with faith.

### **Surface Signals of Stereotyping** Krannert G007 (A)

Interactive workshop that introduces an activity to teach about stereotyping and its effects. Stereotyping and judgment surface quickly in daily life, as coded language, and across multiple differences: race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, abilities, economics, and immigration status. Managing those biases create an opportunity for learning and change, and contribute to eliminating racism and other oppressions.

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### **Unique Family** Beering B245 (D)

Experience of having a family with two moms. The essential characteristics of a family

### **What Makes Your Spirit Soar?** Beering B212 (E)

Youth In a roundtable format youth will respond to 5 major survey questions using social networking, texting and art (drawing, painting, poetry, etc.) in order to gather thoughts and ideas about what experiences have really enlivened their faith and what ideas they might have that could strengthen faith formation for youth in the UCC as a whole.

### **Words Can Kill** Mathematical Science 211 (J)

Focus on words/labels that so many youth hear and use in their daily lives that are negative. Share a poignant letter from a youth who tells how those words changed her life forever. Highly interactive workshop, as each person will be given a label to promote discussion. Address bullying in middle and high schools, and how you can turn those words from Killing to Living.

### **World Without School Violence** Beering 1231 (J)

Explore Safe School Initiatives & Rachel's Challenge and how to bring these programs to churches and schools. Space to discuss experiences with bullying, harassment and drama while providing tools and resources to help address these issues. Participants will leave with the resources to create safe spaces for discussions on compassion, empowerment and diversity in their communities.

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### Young Adults as Social Entrepreneurs Beering 2291 (C)

Take a field trip [figuratively] through the opportunities that exist today for young adults to either start a socially responsible business or locate an opportunity for service.

### Yourself as a Leader Stewart 314 (L)

Practical, Biblical, and modern models of women and men have been or are leaders in the church and society. Models for encouraging and equipping the youth of today's UCC churches will be shared in order to help youth to discover and to envision themselves to become leaders in their congregations, communities, schools, and other arenas of interest.

### Youth Acting Leader Workshop Stewart 320 (A)

The center of this workshop is an introduction on how to get your kids involved in worship through acting. It will focus on selecting material, attracting youth, updating Bible stories into a world of comprehension and relevance for today's youth. Examples of plays used in worship based on Bible stories will show how you can take the very old Bible and help people to listen with new ears when told by young mouths.

## Wednesday Service Project

12:15 PM - 4:15 PM

### Central Catholic Jr/Sr High School

Preparing school for opening.

### Lafayette Adult Resource Academy

Yard clean up, wash windows, etc.

### YWCA Domestic Violence Intervention and Prevention Program

Attic and basement organization. Deep clean the shelter.

### Glen Acres Elementary School

Pulling weeds, tending flower beds/landscaping.

### YWCA

Painting, deep cleaning, organizing, planting flowers.

### Sycamore Valley Girl Scout Camp

Weeding, cleaning. Preparing/planting rain garden.

### Lafayette Parks and Recreation

Pull weeds, pick up trash.

### St. Anthony Health Care

Help residents with activities.

### University Place

Assist seniors with household chores.

### Salvation Army

Sort clothes and school supplies. Possible yard work.

### Almost Home Humane Society

Yard work and cleaning.

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### Youth Faith Practices Beering 1242 (E)

The workshop will introduce youth leaders to the UCC's Faith Practices resources for Youth. Participants will receive strategies for incorporating media and technology into activities and will learn ways that Faith Practices can be adapted to other settings such as retreats and camps and not just Sunday school setting.

### Youth Mission Your Own Hometown! University Hall 301 (K)

Learn how we created the resources in getting our youth members and nonmembers to participate in community mission. We've been able to gain church membership and grow our younger congregants. It's a great way for church members to get involved and become acquainted with one another, especially the younger members.

### Youth Organizing Recitation 225 (D)

This workshop is targeted to inspire youth to create social action projects in their communities. . It will provide information on reflecting and discovering issues important to you, the steps to create an effective promotional campaign and how to network with organizations working on similar issues, etc.

### Habitat for Humanity (\*\*Must be 16 years of age or older)

Building or site preparation.

### Lafayette Family YMCA

General clean up YMCA and/or camp. Possible painting.

### Food Finders Food Bank

Sorting/bagging food.

### Tippecanoe County Child Care

Window washing, cleaning.

### Tippecanoe County Child Care - Downtown

Stain playground fence. Updating of playground.

### Wea Ridge Middle School

Pulling weeds/picking up trash.

### Bread for the World Offering of Letters

Letter writing campaign addressing world hunger.

### Educational Equality Advocacy Project

Lobbying resources in support of childhood education

### Occupy Public Education

Join members of Occupy Purdue

NYE's official Faith, Service and Justice outreach is the Literacy Labyrinth. It will be set up in the Exhibit Hall at NYE (Purdue Memorial Union) throughout NYE from Tuesday - Friday. All books donated will go to the Literacy Coalition of Lafayette. Donated books help to create and build up the labyrinth and a video time lapse of the labyrinth construction will be presented during Friday plenary service.

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### **Breaking the Silence: Sexuality Education** Rawls 2077 (L)

Do you or your friends have questions about sexuality and how it relates to your faith? Have you ever thought of becoming a peer educator? Peer education is an opportunity for youths to promote health-enhancing change among friends and to learn to apply their faith to sexual decision-making.

### **Budget Fully Funded** Rawls 3058 (A)

Money doesn't make ministry, but it sure can help you get there! We will spend some time thinking through best practices and strategies for getting more money for you to do your ministry, taking less of your time. Let's imagine a new financial reality for your youth ministry.

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Jesus reached out to those who around him using objects and metaphors they could easily understand. The diverse population of Springfield is filled with lessons of faith and scripture presented with humor and satire. The gospel message can be found in many surprising places and "The Simpsons" provides an opportunity to bring the good news to a widely diverse group of seekers.

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To dialogue with and engage youth, young adults who minister to young people about what it means to live out our commitment to being Intercultural and Multiethnic communities of Faith.

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### **LGBT Youth Safe from Bullying & Suicide** Beering 1232 (A)

The epidemic of suicides by youth struggling with their sexual or gender identity is continuing-despite federal regulation that now require anti-bullying policies in public schools. What are the best practices for UCC congregations that want to create a safe space for LGBT youth, and assure that schools are effectively protecting LGBT students?

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For our youth, school is a place where diversity and religious pluralism is present. What are some of the ways that youth are coming together to overcome barriers to Jesus' Prayer "that they may all be one" which is also the UCC motto? What are some of the challenges and how can these be overcome? This workshop will focus on ecumenism and ways that churches are coming together across denominational lines.

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Sometime we want to get the imagining out of our heads and into our bodies. Experience different ways of leading through drama games and other "lived" activities.

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Many of our youth are living in unsafe environments, emotionally, physically, systemically and spiritually. It seems as if their only choice is fight, flight, or numbness. Imagine a S.A.F.E. environment... As youth workers we can work to co-create with youth S.A.F.E. environments.

### **Serve in Mission** Beering 2275 (G)

Learn about opportunities to travel and serve globally with Global Ministries right now and beyond.

### **Service Project: What Can You do to Build Support for Justice in Public Education?** Beering B232

We'll design a campaign to heighten awareness right here at NYE about injustices in public education. Are you worried about inequality between schools? About too much testing? About too much focus on test taking and less time for stimulating classes and arts? About your state's evaluating your teachers by your standardized test scores? We'll brainstorm about what's wrong, evaluate whether your

school board or state legislature or Congress is the place to take your concerns, and figure out how to build support for our cause and take action right here at NYE. Let's put our heads together to see what we can accomplish!

### **Set the Captives Free - Imagine it** University Hall 319 (D)

What does justice mean? What should Christians think of justice? We are called to "visit prisoners" and "free the captives" Would you consider working with prisoners? Come and discuss the issues with Dr. Adrian Maxey, a clinical psychologist working in the prison system.

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Does God keep you awake some nights with a dream of organizing to help change the world, or just a piece of it? Explore how to test out, organize, launch, and fund your idea for a new mission project. We'll talk about organizing within your UCC congregation and wider UCC to gain momentum and support.

### **Story Telling** Beering B212 (A)

This workshop is designed for youth workers to learn how to teach active storytelling, using Spolin Theater games and Theatre of the Oppressed.

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### Totally Healthy Youth Krannert G007 (F)

This workshop will explore and focus on developing creative, effective and innovative strategies for promoting healthy youth now and in the future.

### Unbound! Human Trafficking Beering B243 (G)

What is "human trafficking" and why is it often referred to as modern-day slavery? Why are young people around the world--and even around the corner in many U.S. cities--often the most vulnerable to the various forms of exploitation? This workshop explores ways churches can work with local and global partners to help break the chains of human-trafficking.

### What Does Popcorn Have to Do With Global Mission?

Wetherill 362 (G)

Imagine where in the world you would like to visit and learn about other ways of living. Find out about popcorn and where Global Ministries is and how young adults are involved in mission today.

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### A Question - Based Confirmation Beering 2290 (A)

Confirmation methods that are grounded in Christian tradition, but that also engage youth in developing their own understanding of their faith while building relationship across the church will be discussed. A model that relies on question-oriented mentorship, will be discussed with and an example curriculum that supports the model will be offered.

### A Thin Line Stewart 214 CD (F)

As we think about being in a relationship. Is it healthy? Or unhealthy? Knowing the difference. Issues of human sexuality and relationships. There is a thin line between healthy and unhealthy relationships.

### Young Adults as Social Entrepreneurs Beering 2291 (C)

Take a field trip [figuratively] through the opportunities that exist today for young adults to either start a socially responsible business or locate an opportunity for service.

### Your UCC Seminaries as Ministry Resources Beering 1242 (C)

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### Youth Faith Practices Beering 1245 (E)

The workshop will introduce youth leaders to the UCC's Faith Practices resources for Youth. Participants will receive strategies for incorporating media and technology into activities and will learn ways that Faith Practices can be adapted to other settings such as retreats and camps and not just Sunday school setting.

### Youth Mission your own hometown! University Hall 301 (K)

Learn how we created the resources in getting our youth members and nonmembers to participate in community mission. We've been able to gain church membership and grow our younger congregants. It's a great way for church members to get involved and become acquainted with one another, especially the younger members.

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### Gospel for Teens Master Class 2:15 PM - 4:30PM

Elliott Hall of Music (D)

Hands on training with Vy Higginsen. Includes sound check and dress rehearsal for Wednesday evening's worship service. Live performance with Gospel for Teens. All experience levels welcome to gain first hand training with a music legend.

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Simulation seeking to provide some answers to the so commonly encountered question, "Why don't they just get in line and come over legally?"

**Be a Global Mission Youth Group!** Beering B206 (G)

Imagine how your youth group can help change the world! Are you up for the challenge? Learn easy steps and fun activities you can do to connect and participate in our Global work as Global Ministries

**Charting Your Course for Success** Beering B238 (C)

This workshop will assist the participant in Imagining a career or profession they desire and/or believe they have been gifted to perform, equipped with the skills and talents to perform with excellence and to the Glory of God

**Christian Pacifism** Beering B242 (L)

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**Communities of Service (YASC)** University Hall 017 (K)

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**Creating A Transition Congregation** Beering 1232 (J)

In the coming years, peak oil and climate change will affect every community, young person, and church. Learn how you can challenge your congregation to become a spiritual and practical leader by building resilience in promoting local food, transportation, and other lifestyle choices. This is the opportunity we have been waiting for!

**Disability: A Cross-Cultural Excursion** University Hall 001 (J)

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**End Global Hunger** Stewart 214A (G)

How can we be more faithful food consumers? Does what we eat affect "food security" around the world. What can global partners teach us about making sure everyone has a seat at the table?

**Extravagant Welcome by Youth** Stewart 302 (H) Applying faith values to sexual decision-making doesn't come naturally to most of us. This workshop provides a spectrum of different models for faith based sexuality education. Suggestions for adapting and customizing curriculum will also be offered.

**Faith Based Sexuality** Mathematical Science 211 (A)

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and customizing curriculum will also be offered.

**Forming What Your Heart Sees** Krannert G009 (F)

Call attention to the God given image youth see in their heart and discuss how that image can be formed in their daily lives by faith, action and courage.

**Fostering Leadership in Others & in Yourself** Beering 1255 (A)

For all adult youth ministers, leaders, and advocates and youth who want to be in leadership in their church. Explore fostering leadership within your group and in yourself. Along the way, we will play some games and engage in activities giving concrete tools to take home.

**Getting to Zero** Krannert G013 (L)

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**God is still speaking, through you!** Wetherill 200 (B)

Workshop on listening for the still speaking God and then sharing your still speaking faith with others.

**God's Image** University Hall 319 (I)

A variety of art mediums will be used to experience the joy of creation - the goal being that the participants learn to embrace the idea that we too are creators of this world and that what we do and say and who we are makes a difference.

**Gospel According to Harry Potter** Krannert G1086 (B)

The wizarding world of Harry Potter is filled with imagination that reflects many Scriptural lessons. It is world in which an immensely diverse population seeks to find acceptance and tolerance against evil forces. In this workshop we will explore these themes as we uncover the many faith lessons contained in J.K. Rowling's saga about the boy who lived."

**Imagination Lab** Stewart 214B (C)

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Examine the concrete realities of what it means to stand in solidarity with the marginalized and oppressed, locally and globally, and establish ongoing relationships with far away villages like El Salvador.

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We're all different, right? Sometimes that's a challenge; sometimes it's beautiful. But in all things what makes you and I different sure makes things more fun. Join us as we play, identify, and embrace the different ways in which God made us.

**Imagine..Life on the Rez** Stewart 311 (D)

An interactive "show and tell" by the youth of Fort Berthold Council of Congregational Churches (ND) will talk and demonstrate crafts, dance and answer question of American Indian life in North Dakota.

**Intercultural and Multiethnic Church** Beering B247 (H)

To dialogue with and engage youth, young adults who minister to young people about what it means to live out our commitment to being Intercultural and Multiethnic communities of Faith.

**Interfaith Youth Group** Recitation 316 (A)

This workshop will cover how to start an Interfaith Youth Group, ideas on how to support the group, resources for new groups, and examples of the potential outreach that an Interfaith Youth Group has. Question and answer time allotted.

**Literacy Labyrinth** Exhibit Hall (K)

Labyrinth to be introduced as a tool for meditation; those who come to walk the labyrinth will be invited to bring a book to be donated to local literacy projects.

**Making a Difference** Beering B243 (D)

What would it be like for your youth group to make a positive difference in the world while learning about each other, faith, social issues etc. Service trips are a great way to do all of that. This workshop will help you think about all the ingredients for an extraordinary mission trip experience, from practical planning steps to having the right attitude.

**Making Choices** Beering 1206 (C)

This workshop will present some user-friendly strategies that will serve young adults who are headed for high school graduation in making decision from "Where should I go to college?" to "Do I need a gap year?" to "How will I know what I should do with my life?"

**New Americana for God** Mathematical Science 175 (A)

In this workshop, we'll excavate the most important artifacts of 21st Century American culture ("New Americana") and have important dialogue and debate around their usefulness (and caution) for youth ministry. We'll also share some important tools for using culture in concrete and effective ways in our local church communities.

**Our UCC History** Stewart 322 (H)

Have fun discovering just how interesting the UCC's history is. This lighthearted humorous look at the most intriguing aspects of our denomination will give you a renewed appreciation and sense of pride.

**Peer Cyber-bullying** Krannert G020 (E)

Explore how the latest research is showing that cyber bullying on social networking sites is taking place. How do we unpack the scientific data, and what can we do about it to be a force of help, or reach out for help?

**Praise Hula Dance Workshop** Stewart 310 (F)

Dance workshop teaching Hula through praise songs  
**Race, Migration & Democracy in 2050** Before the year 2050, one out of five Americans will be foreign born. There will be no clear racial or ethnic majority. In a participatory process, attendees will explore creative tactics to shift the national imagination on immigration and begin to vision and create new images for what America should look like.

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**Real Life Role Playing** Stewart 320 (I)

Youth acting workshop is to present different "real life" situations (bullying, breaking up with a boyfriend/girlfriend, peer pressure, and racial intolerance and through the use of acting/improvisation have the youth change the way they react to certain situations.

**Religious Diversity? Myth or Reality?** Rawls 2077 (B)

We live in a religiously diverse world. Friends, neighbors, and even relatives are of different faiths. How do we as Christians learn more from and about people of different faith traditions and approach our own faith in the midst of this religious pluralism? This workshop will address some of the issues related to these questions through use of multimedia - music, film, etc. and will include discussion.

**Removing the Adjective** Rawls 2079 (J)

We will explore how the use of adjectives, such as feminist theologian or gay pastor, marks us as different from "normal" and how that shapes our realities and people's perceptions.

**School-Prison Privatization & You** Wetherill 172 (J)

What does it mean when privatization hits institutions that serve youths? How is privatization affecting your school? How does it affect juvenile justice institutions in your state? What does that mean for you and your peers?

**Serve in Mission** Beering 2275 (G)

Learn about opportunities to travel and serve globally with Global Ministries right now and beyond.

**Spiritual Art - Mandalas** Beering 1222 (J)

Come discover the "magic circle" and experience the spiritual practice of centering. Engage in the creation of these geometric designs that have spiritual and ritual significance in Buddhism and Hinduism. Follow the history of the mandala to its use in Christianity and other spiritual teachings.

**Spiritual Youth for Reproductive Freedom** Stewart 313 (I)

Importance of being civically engaged and the critical role that young people play in shaping our future. Learn how to tell our story in a way that invites others to work with us, how to look at a challenge, and begin to strategize the most effective solution.

**Stories of Faith** Wetherill 362 (G)

Stories about children and youth from many places around the world will inspire your imagination. You might choose to contact or correspond with someone like them to learn about their lives and struggles with faith.

## Thursday Session I Workshops Continued

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### **Surface Signals of Stereotyping** Krannert G007 (A)

Interactive workshop that introduces an activity to teach about stereotyping and its effects. Stereotyping and judgment surface quickly in daily life, as coded language, and across multiple differences: race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, abilities, economics, and immigration status. Managing those biases create an opportunity for learning and change, and contribute to eliminating racism and other oppressions.

### **Transgender Bible Study** Purdue Memorial Union 112 (B)

How were the disciples able to follow a man carrying a water jug to the home that would house the last supper? What was up with all those eunuchs in the book of Esther? Why did Joseph's brother hate his special coat so much?

### **Tattoos, Piercings & Jesus** Wetherill 320 (B)

Imagine a world where young people go to church. We will explore spirituality of Gen and Gen Y. Many of these generations get tattoos and piercings to express their spirituality. How does the church welcome all the people and find a common vision?

### **The Dream Act or Stolen Dreams** Stewart 307 (J)

Undocumented children raised in the USA.

### **The Power to Imagine** University Hall 117 (I)

The workshop is a combination of Bible Study, music, and discussion. By examining the Gen. 1 creation story we will see how God created our world out of chaos and that (as beings created in God's image.)

### **Thinking about Ministry? Let's talk!** University Hall 119 (C)

Do you feel called to ministry? Join a panel of some of the UCC's youngest clergy and other leaders as they share and answer questions about their faith, call and vocations. This can be a helpful conversation for anyone wondering about God's call in the context of their lives.

### **Thinking Outside the Box** University Hall 019 (L)

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### **Totally Healthy Youth** Beering 2291 (F)

This workshop will explore and focus on developing creative, effective and innovative strategies for promoting healthy youth now and in the future.

### **Unique Family** Beering 1245 (D)

Experience of having a family with two moms. The essential characteristics of a family

### **Visual Art for Justice and Peace** Stewart 318 (I)

Visual Art for Justice and Peace demonstrates how this medium could be effectively used to promote values of justice, peace and integrity of creation.

### **What's the Real Deal about gender, power and bullying film**

Beering 2280 (D)

Watch and discuss two Scenarios USA REAL DEAL films, which were written by teens, for teens, and directed by Hollywood's finest filmmakers. These films take a hard look at the social issues that affect teen health. You'll be inspired by these teen voices come to life, and

we'll give you some tips about finding your own voice.

### **Writing Your Own Song** Krannert G023 (I)

Express yourself, your faith, or your feelings through the power of music. This hands-on workshop will have you making memorable lyrics and melodies for personal enjoyment and church worship. Bring an instrument if you have one.

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### **Yourself as a Leader** Stewart 314 (A)

Practical, Biblical, and modern models of women and men have been or are leaders in the church and society. Models for encouraging and equipping the youth of today's UCC churches will be shared in order to help youth to discover and to envision themselves to become leaders in their congregations, communities, schools, and other arenas of interest.

### **Youth as Leaders** Rawls 3058 (A)

Share ways in which youth and youth workers can come together to create opportunities for youth leadership and spiritual development. Will share how youth can explore their gifts and also the idea of developing the TLC (Teen Leaders Care) Club.

### **Youth Faith Formation - Adult Youth Workers** Beering B212 (A)

Youth workers will creatively respond to 5 major survey questions through conversation, social networking, texting and art. The purpose will be to gather the thoughts and ideas of Youth Workers about what experiences have really enlivened and deepened the faith of their youth and what ideas they might have that could strengthen faith formation for youth in the UCC as a whole.

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## Thursday Service Project

12:15 PM - 4:15 PM

### Almost Home Humane Society

Yard work and cleaning.

### Central Catholic Jr/Sr High School

Preparing school for opening.

### Food Finders Food Bank

Sorting and packing for distribution center.

### Glen Acres Elementary School

Pulling weeds, tending flower beds/landscaping.

### Lafayette Adult Resource Academy

Yard clean up, wash windows, etc.

### Lafayette Family YMCA

General clean up YMCA and/or camp. Possible painting.

### Lafayette Parks and Recreation

Pull weeds, pick up trash.

## Thursday Session II Workshops

2:15 PM - 3:15 PM

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### All Strings Master Class Elliott Hall of Music (D)

This workshop will provide our Youth All-Stars time to work one on one with the house band. This musical dialogue will provide our youth with instrumental/vocal assistance and performance tips. The youth will work on two songs that will be performed in the evening's worship.

### Amazing & Progressive Resources Beering 1245 (A)

Stop trying to rework and reword resources that don't fit the theology of your church and youth ministry! There are great resources out there for progressive and mainline UCC churches to use - come learn about what is available and be willing to share some of your best finds as well.

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### Busting Myths Krannert G020 (A)

Break out of the mold of "traditional" youth ministry by looking at commonly held myths about youth and young adults and re-visioning your own ministry to better fit current realities.

### Christian Pacifism Beering B242 (L)

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### Occupy Public Education

Join members of Occupy Purdue.

### Sycamore Valley Girl Scout Camp

Weeding, cleaning. Preparing/planting rain garden.

### Tiptecanoe County Child Care

Window washing, cleaning.

### Tiptecanoe County Child Care Downtown

Stain playground fence. Updating of playground.

### University Place Retirement Community

Intergenerational partnership and community building.

### Wea Ridge Middle School

Pulling weeds/picking up trash.

### YWCA Domestic Violence Intervention and Prevention Program Support YWCA social justice outreach.

but rather a unity of practice, modeled after Jesus' willingness to be completely vulnerable and to let the truth speak for itself.

### Cluster Bombs or Computer Games? Beering 2280 (G)

Imagine you and your friend running in the schoolyard and pick up an object that looks like a ball and boom (everything blows up.) The students in Laos are studying about cluster bombs with their core courses because these bombs are in their playing fields

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### Council for Youth & Young Adult Ministries Krannert G018 (L)

Meet some ridiculously awesome members of the Council for Youth and Young Adult Ministries and learn about the Council's role in the National Church. Learn about leadership opportunities and scholarships, and ways to empower youth leaders in your communities. Informational workshop and resources will be available. Open to everyone.

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### Embodiment. Sexuality. You? Beering 1242 (F)

This workshop uses interactive activities to help participants understand the connections between sexuality and spirituality, while finding new ways to connect prayer with movement.

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**Gospel in Disney/Pixar** Krannert G016 (B)

The name Disney/Pixar is synonymously with imagination and diversity. For decades, Disney has presented films that are both entertaining and morally instructive. Pixar follows in Walt's footsteps and their films are creative and filled with important lessons that have foundations in scripture. This workshop will explore major scriptural themes with selected Disney/Pixar films.

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**Imagine the Church You Want to Create** Wetherill 200 (H)

The church of the future is a church that youth will create. Learn congregational vitality and discipleship/LCM

**Imagine...Lakota Language Learning** Beering B206 (D)

Youth from Dakota Association (SD) will help you learn some simple words and phrases for getting acquainted using the Lakota Language

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**Justice Leaders Wanted** Beering 1255 (L)

Imagine, Engage, and Change the World!

**LGBT Youth Safe from Bullying & Suicide** Beering 1232 (A)

The epidemic of suicides by youth struggling with their sexual or gender identity is continuing. What are the best practices for UCC congregations that want to create a safe space for LGBT youth, and assure that schools are effectively protecting LGBT students?

**Literacy Labyrinth** Exhibit Hall (K)

Labyrinth to be introduced as a tool for meditation; those who come to walk the labyrinth will be invited to bring a book to be donated to local literacy projects.

**Living as 1** Beering 2291 (B)

For our youth, school is a place where diversity and religious pluralism is present. What are some of the ways that youth are coming together to overcome barriers to Jesus' Prayer "that they may all be one" which is also the UCC motto? What are some of the challenges and how can these be overcome? This workshop will focus on ecumenism and ways that churches are coming together across denominational lines.

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**Paying it Forward 1:1 with JR Matinez** Fowler Hall (D)

The Return is Priceless/One on One with JR Martinez

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**Saving the Planet** Beering B243 (G)

Learn about the new workshops offered by JWM on the themes of gratitude, humility, justice and community.

**Serve in Mission** Beering 2275 (G)

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### **The Faces of Human Rights** Wetherill 172 (G)

Addresses what people across the world have agreed are human rights, how they came to be, why they are needed, and example of how people are fighting for them in the U.S.

### **The Power of One** Kranert G007 (L)

Inspired by Christian music artist, Israel Houghton's song, "The Power of One," participants will engage in conversation and activities about what being a change agent is and motivations for being change agents, so they can imagine ways to create change in their spheres of influence.

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### **Unbound! Human Trafficking** Beering B238 (G)

What is "human trafficking" and why is it often referred to as modern-day slavery? Why are young people around the world--and even around the corner in many U.S. cities--often the most vulnerable to the various forms of exploitation? This workshop explores ways churches can work with local and global partners to help break the chains of human-trafficking

### **What Does Popcorn Have to do with Global Mission?**

Wetherill 362 (G)

Imagine where in the world you would like to visit and learn about other ways of living. Find out about popcorn and where Global Ministries is and how young adults are involved in mission today.

### **Words Can Kill** Mathematical Science 211 (J)

Focus on words/labels that so many youth hear and use in their daily lives that are negative. Share a poignant letter from a youth who tells how those words changed her life forever. Highly interactive workshop, as each person will be given a label to promote discussion. Address bullying in middle and high schools, and how you can turn those words from Killing to Living.

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### **Youth as Leaders** Rawls 3058 (A)

Share ways in which youth and youth workers can come together to create opportunities for youth leadership and spiritual development. Will share how youth can explore their gifts and also the idea of developing the TLC (Teen Leaders Care) Club.

### **Youth Faith Formation - Adult Youth Workers** Beering B212 (A)

Youth workers will creatively respond to 5 major survey questions through conversation, social networking, texting and art. The purpose will be to gather the thoughts and ideas of Youth Workers about what experiences have really enlivened and deepened the faith of their youth and what ideas they might have that could strengthen faith formation for youth in the UCC as a whole.

### **Youth Mission - Your own hometown!** University Hall 301 (K)

Learn how we created the resources in getting our youth members and nonmembers to participate in community mission. We've been able to gain church membership and grow our younger congregants. It's a great way for church members to get involved and become acquainted with one another, especially the younger members.

### **Youth Organizing** Recitation 225 (D)

This workshop is targeted to inspire youth to create social action projects in their communities. . It will provide information on reflecting and discovering issues important to you, the steps to create an effective promotional campaign and how to network with organizations working on similar issues, etc.

## Friday Community Town Hall with UCC Conference Ministers

2:15 PM - 3:15 PM

July 13, 2012

### **Lessons from Vietnam and Questions for Today:**

Choices about service in the military in controversial times.

*Central Atlantic Conference UCC*

Lead by: John Deckenback - Stewart 214 CD

### **Leadership for the present/future moment**

*Florida Conference UCC*

Lead by: Kent Siladi - Krannert G016

### **Why I'm a Minister...and You Should Be One, Too!**

*Hawaii Conference UCC*

Lead By: Charles Buck - Mathematical Science 175

### **Exploring Dreams as a Gift from God.**

*Illinois South Conference UCC*

Lead by: Sheldon Culver - Wetherill 172

### **An Extravagant Campus Welcome:**

It keeps getting better in college.

*Indiana-Kentucky Conference UCC*

Lead by: John Vertigan & Ally Vertigan - Physics 223

### **Called to Ministry - Who ME God?**

*Iowa Conference UCC*

Lead by: Rich Pleva - Civil Engineering 1144

### **Honduras and Drug Trafficking**

*Maine Conference UCC*

Lead by: David Gaewski - Lynn Hall 1136

### **Partnering with a Green God – Climate Change and the Church**

*Massachusetts Conference UCC*

Lead by: Jim Antal - Mechanical Engineering 1061

### **Hunger Games/Hunger Realities**

*Michigan Conference UCC*

Lead by: Campbell Lovett - Mechanical Engineering 1130

### **Traveling Wisdom for Pilgrims Who Would Go Anywhere**

*Montana-Northern Wyoming Conference UCC*

Lead by: Marc Stewart - Wetherill 320

### **Use Your Strengths! (Leave your weaknesses to God)**

*Nebraska Conference UCC*

Lead by: Roddy Dunkerson - Heine Pharmacy Building 172

### **UCC - Why Me?**

*New Hampshire Conference UCC*

Lead by: Gary Schulte - Wetherill 200

### **Visioning Women in Leadership**

*New York Conference UCC*

Lead by: Rita Root - Stewart 214 AB

### **Social Action: Living in Community**

*Northern Plains Conference UCC*

Lead by: Wade Schemmel - Matthews 210

### **Inclusion and Disability Ministries**

*Ohio Conference UCC*

Lead by: Bob Moisbury - Beering 2290

### **Making this Faith Your Own:**

A Conversation About Ways Youth & Young Adults Could Take Over the UCC

*Pacific Northwest Conference UCC.*

Lead by: Mike Denton - Wetherill 104

### **Human Trafficking/Modern Day Slavery**

*Penn Central Conference UCC*

Lead by: Marja Coons-Torn - Class of 1950 Lecture Hall 224

### **Testify- Testifying to Your Faith:**

How to share your faith without being a bore, a theological know it all, overbearing and self-righteous.

*South Central Conference UCC*

Lead by: Douglas Anders - Electrical Engineering 129

### **Land, Legacy, and Language**

The joys and challenges of ministry together

– Lakota and white in South Dakota.

*South Dakota Conference UCC*

Lead by: David Felton- Physics 114

### **Faith Lessons Learned on the Diamond**

*Southwest Conference UCC*

Lead by: John Dorhauer - Grissom 180

### **Building Community through Partnerships**

With Youth reps from German Churches

*Wisconsin Conference UCC*

Lead by: David Moyer - Beering 2280