

Principles of Specialized Youth Ministry: Cultural & Social Trends NAD OneTeam Playbook 2020



Date: Sept 4, 2020, **Time:** 5:00-6:00 pm (eastern)

Place: NAD OneTeam Playbook 2020: Leaders Convention

Moderators – Vandeon Griffin, Tracy Wood



Practitioners Panel – Michael Polite (Youth Director, South Central Conf). Claudia Allen (Preaching Clerk, Emmanuel Brinklow Church, MD), Steven Fonseca (Pastor, Princeton Church, Hispanic West Long Branch Church, Brazilian Long Branch Church, MA), Chelsea English (Youth Pastor, Madison Campus Church, TN)

Workshop Descriptive Paragraph – This workshop will cover the basics of why we need specialized youth ministries and how they have functioned up to now. We will look at ways to further develop our youth ministries today with models based on growing awareness of the developmental needs of youth, intergenerational dynamics, and an understanding of cultural and societal trends that are impacting youth.

1. Welcome & Introductions of Practitioners Panel – Vandeon Griffin
 - a. Conversation Guidelines & Opening Prayer – Tracy Wood
2. Cultural Trend – Young Women in Leadership
 - a. How can we empower young women to pursue their “calling” to leadership?
 - b. What can we do to help the young women among us find their “ministry” places?
 - c. How do we heighten sensitivity for the inclusion of women in leadership?
3. Youth Mental Health Challenges – Connecting with Gen Z in COVID 19
 - a. What are the mental health challenges and situations that our teens are facing?
 - b. Are there things that we as mentors can do to involve and support our teens?
 - c. What and who are the resources around us that can strengthen the teens we serve?
4. Social Trend – Diversity & Social Justice
 - a. What are our teens asking about the current racial and discrimination issues?
 - b. Are there things we as mentors can do to expand our own diversity sensitivity?
 - c. How can we get involved intergenerationally in ways that can impact or neighborhoods?

5. Wrap-up – Vandeon Griffin, Tracy Wood
 - a. Next Steps – What are they?
 - b. Prayer for Teens and Leaders

6. Resources
 - a. Gorgeous 2 God – North American Division Women’s Ministries for young women
<https://www.facebook.com/gorgeous2god>
 - b. OneTeam Mental Health Series – booklets or pdf files covering seven topics
www.OneTeamMentalHealth.org
 - c. Youth Mental Health First Aid training
<https://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org/population-focused-modules/youth/>
 - d. The PIVOT – A Social Justice Conversation with Gen Z
<https://www.facebook.com/199544073526623/videos/308027766864518>

Conversation Guidelines

1. The Conversation – Questions under each section are intended to prompt conversations among our Practitioners Panel. This is not an attempt to give definitive answers, but to prompt ongoing dialogue.
2. Q&A during the Conversation – Live Chat will happen during the conversation for Q&A from participants. Moderators will interject questions when they seem appropriate within the Conversation.
3. Recording the Conversation – This Conversation is being recorded for posting online. The intent is that it can be shared with others who may not be able to attend the live Conversation.
4. Continuing the Conversation – It is expected that there will be ongoing Conversations on these topics and more by participants with their teens and leaders. If there is interest OneTeamNAD may schedule follow-up Conversations.