

Leadership: Youth Leader as Spiritual Leader, Mentor, Friend

NAD OneTeam Playbook 2020



Date: Sept 4, 2020, **Time:** 6:15-7:15 pm (eastern)

Place: NAD OneTeam Playbook 2020: Leaders Convention

Moderators – Vandeon Griffin, Tracy Wood

Practitioners Panel – Kathy Beagles Coneff (Resource Developer of Youth Sabbath School Ideas), Steve Case (professor and youth ministry resources creator), Guadalupe Montour (Young Adult Pastor, College View Church at Union College, Lincoln, NB)



Workshop Descriptive Paragraph – As a Christian who influences other Christians, the Youth Ministry Leader will lead, not just through speech, but essentially through the whole life. In following the example of Jesus, he or she becomes an example to young followers. To be a Christian leader is, first and foremost, to follow the example of Christ so that those who follow us may be automatically following Christ. The Youth Ministry Leader needs to be a human language translation of Jesus.

1. Welcome & Introductions of Practitioners Panel – Vandeon Griffin
 - a. Conversation Guidelines & Opening Prayer – Tracy Wood

2. Youth Leader as a Spiritual Leader
 - a. What does it take to be recognized as a “spiritual leader” by teens?
 - b. Are teens looking for spiritual guides, and if not, is there anything we can do about it?
 - c. What can we do intergenerationally that will strengthen the spiritual journey of teens?

3. Sharing your Every-day Story
 - a. What are the positives and negatives of “telling your story” as a youth leader?
 - b. How do you answer the question, “How did you get into being a youth leader?”
 - c. What are examples of “faith talk” and why is this important for teens?

4. Living as an Influencer
 - a. Why is it important to share your daily life with your teens and how do you do this?
 - b. How can I safely get involved in teens’ daily life to empower them to be leaders now?
 - c. Why is it important to be involved on social media platforms where your teens are?

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

6. Resources
 - a. Momentum Youth Sabbath School <https://www.facebook.com/NADYouthministries>
 - b. Youth Sabbath School Resources, <https://www.youthsabbathschoolideas.org/>
 - c. Current Book Reviews, <https://adventistyouthministries.org/resources/book-reviews>
 - d. Read *Lifegiving Mentors: A Guide for Investing Your Life in Others*, Tim Elmore

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.