



Ohio Episcopal Area Emerging Gen Connections



JANUARY 2026

What is This?

The West Ohio Emerging Generations Connections is a monthly look at what is happening across the Ohio Episcopal Area in the area of Emerging Generations Ministries. It will include: upcoming events, helpful resources, and stories of celebration from the connection in the area of children, youth, and young adult ministries

Celebrating Community Connections



In Lebanon, Ohio, a partnership between Summit United Methodist Church and community organizations supports local youth during the Christmas season.

The Christmas Kindness Store, a safe, festive environment where students from Lebanon City Schools can “shop” at no cost, was the answer. The store is in donated space at The Coffee Caravan, a local business that employs adults with special needs. This is the second year Kindness has been open.

Save the Dates

January 11 @ 2:00pm

Organ Concert benefiting Scholarships for the Global Young People’s Summit @ Worthington United Methodist Church

January 23-24

Ohio UM Children, Youth, Young Adult Leader Retreat

January 30

Olentangy River District Youth Gathering @ Powell UMC

February 7

Ohio Confirmation Event @ Asbury

February 20-22

Ohio Confirmation Retreat @ Wanake

March 13-15

Great Miami and Scioto River District Youth Retreat @ Camp Kern

March 20-21

Bishop’s Laity Leadership Convocation - Youth and Young Adult Focus Groups Invited- especially Saturday!

April 18

Wesley Camp & Retreat Center 70 year anniversary celebration & rededication

June 21-26

NCJ UMVIM Mission Journey

EVENT DETAILS



Reset
A special Ohio United Methodist Retreat
for all ministry leaders (lay, clergy, paid, unpaid) who
engage with children, youth, or young adults
January 23-24, 2026
6:30pm - 4:00pm
Embassy Suites, Akron Canton Airport
7883 Freedom Ave NW, North Canton, OH
\$80 for double \$160 for single
\$40 for commuters



District Leadership Development Days

January 23rd GMD/SRD @ Faith Community UMC, Xenia
(9am-2:30pm)

January 24th WLD/MRD @ Findley St. Andrews
(1:30pm-5:30pm)

January 24th ORD/HRD @ Crossroads Ministry Center, Lancaster
(9:30am-2pm)

Register on conference event page using QR Code



Bishop's Days in the Districts

(Clergy-9:30am-3:30pm, all 4pm-5pm Laity 5pm-8pm)

Thurs, Feb 26 SFD/HRD Bishop Day in the District @ Zanesville Grace UMC

Sat, Feb 21 WLD/MRD Bishop Day on the District @ Lima Shawnee

Wed, March 4-WPD/ORD Bishop Day in the District @ Church of the Cross UMC

Sat, March 7-SRD/GMD Bishop Day in the District @ Resurrection Mason

EVENT DETAILS

Great Miami & Scioto River Districts

YOUTH RETREAT

CAMP KERN
MARCH 13-15, 2026



Join us for a weekend of fun, fellowship and learning!

WHAT: A weekend of camp fun, worship and learning about Jesus!
WHERE: YMCA Camp Kern-5291 State Route 350 Oregonia, 45054
COST: \$200/person. Checks to be made out to Shiloh UMC due upon arrival.

RSVP by February 20, 2026

www.gazeboevents.com/forms

Questions?

Contact Sarah Pease
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Register Here for GMD/SRD
Youth Retreat



Ignite is an event for young adults (18+) and beyond! If you or someone you know is leaning into a call to credentialed ministry in any form, save these dates. Registration is now open:



NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION

IGNITE

EXPLORING YOUR CALL TO MINISTRY

Join us for an unforgettable event filled with discernment, fellowship, education, and support as you explore your call into ministry!

MAR. 13 - 15, 2026
1901 Chestnut Avenue
Glenview, IL 60025

www.ncjumc.org

EVENT DETAILS

UNITED METHODIST GLOBAL YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONVOCATION

SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT CONCERT

JAN 11
2026

2:00 PM • Worthington UMC
600 HIGH ST. WORTHINGTON, OH

Join us for an inspiring afternoon of music hosted by Rev. Dom Short Mejia of Worthington UMC, Rev. Anna Guillozet of Linworth UMC, and Rev. Casey Wilson of North Broadway UMC!

In partnership with Young People's Ministries and Discipleship Ministries, this concert supports emerging young leaders who will attend the 2026 Global Young People's Convocation (GYPC), a worldwide gathering that equips young disciples to deepen their faith, engage in prayer and worship, and learn about the legislative and advocacy processes of the UMC.

Can't Attend? You Can Still Make a Meaningful Impact!

Scan the QR code to donate and help empower the next generation of United Methodist leaders.

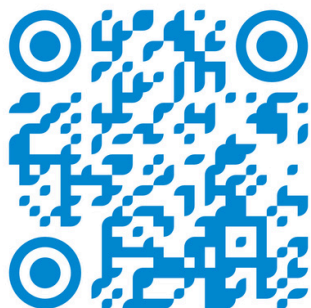


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SANCTUARY
GLOBAL YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONVOCATION 2026

EVENT DETAILS



North Central Jurisdiction
Youth Mission Experience
June 21-27



OHIO CONFIRMATION RETREAT OPTIONS

CAMP ASBURY
FEBRUARY 7



CAMP WANAKE
FEBRUARY 20-22



FULL WEEKS

JUNE 7-12

JUNE 14-19

JUNE 21-26

\$550

SHORT WEEKS

JUNE 28 - JULY 1

JULY 5-8

\$375

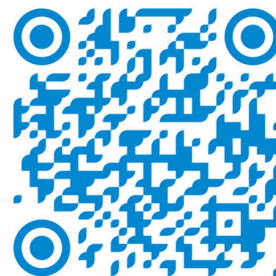


Registration Opens January 15

RESOURCES

The United Women in Faith 2026 Reading Program list is FULL of amazing books that would be amazing for use in children's, youth, and intergenerational ministry.

CHECK IT OUT!



YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINISTRIES



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Connect with us!

Have a helpful resource, something to celebrate or upcoming events others may be interested in? We'd love to share it in the next edition of Emerging Generations Connection!

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