

## **Bi Conference (WDC and SCMC) Youth Ministry Network Team Leader Assembly Report**

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My work as Network Team Leader has been almost exclusively with the Kansas/Nebraska portion of WDC and SCMC. The folks with whom I work continually inspire me with their heart for inviting youth to become devoted followers of Jesus and to be the church. My roles include:

- meeting one-on-one with folks who work with youth.
- leading quarterly youth worker lunches and an annual youth worker retreat.
- hosting one or two events each year aimed at resourcing volunteer sponsors across the conferences.
- I am also available for visioning, goal-setting, and planning with individual congregations, especially those who do not have staff time devoted to youth ministry.

I also have been meeting about twice a year with the Bi-Conference Youth Ministry Committee to keep in touch with their work. The Committee has been made up of Isaac Landis (Whitestone Mennonite), Derek King (Eden Mennonite), Jesse Blasdel (Journey Mennonite), and Sarah Neher (now of First Mennonite, Beatrice). These folks have done excellent work with Know Jesus and Snow Camp.

With the departure of South Central Conference from MCUSA, this committee can no longer exist as a bi-conference committee. There is an ad hoc group working with the Know Jesus event. The Resource Commission is also looking into re-forming the Youth Ministry Committee into a group with full conference (North to South) attention to youth ministry as well as an eye on building relationships between youth from the northern and southern ends of the conference.

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