

YOUTHWORKERS CONNECTION 2012

LIVE at STORY

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SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

2 – 5pm	Learning Experiences	Hyatt Chicago
2 – 5pm	CHIC Liaison meeting	Hyatt Chicago - McCormick
6 & 6:15	Guided Walk to Pritzker Pavilion ..	Hyatt Chicago - West Lobby
6:30 – 10pm	Dinner and Worship	Pritzker Pavilion

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

7:30 – 8am	Morning Run	Hyatt Chicago - West Lobby
8:15 – 9:45am	Awakenings	Hyatt Chicago - Field
9:30 & 9:45am	Guided Walk to Chicago Cultural Center	Hyatt Chicago - West Lobby
10 – 10:30am	Continental Breakfast (sponsored by Merge Ministries)	Chicago Cultural Center - GAR
10:30am – 12pm	Worship	Chicago Cultural Center - GAR
12:30 – 2pm	Lunch Forums	Area Restaurants
2:30 – 4:30pm	Learning Experiences	Hyatt Chicago
6:15pm	Load bus for MSI	Hyatt Chicago - West Lobby
6:30pm	Bus departs for MSI	Hyatt Chicago - West Lobby
7 – 10:45pm	Dessert Reception, Worship and Omnimax Viewing	Museum of Science & Industry
11pm	Bus Departs for Hotel	Museum of Science & Industry

Thank you for coming to
YOUTHWORKERSCONNECTION2012

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

7 – 7:45am	Morning Run	Hyatt Chicago - West Lobby
8 – 9:15am	Awakenings	Hyatt Chicago - West Lobby
9 & 9:15am	Guided Walk to Chicago Cultural Center	Hyatt Chicago - West Lobby
9:30 – 10am	Continental Breakfast (sponsored by NPU/NPTS) ..	Chicago Cultural Center - GAR
10 – 11:30am	Worship	Chicago Cultural Center - GAR
1pm	Load Bus for Hyatt O'Hare	Hyatt Chicago - West Lobby
2:30 – 4:30pm	Learning Experiences	Hyatt O'Hare
6 – 9pm	Celebration Banquet & Worship ..	Hyatt O'Hare - Grand Ballroom
9 – 11pm	Conference Dessert Reception	Hyatt O'Hare



INFORMATION

Registration Office

The YWC Registration office is located on the Silver level of the West Tower in Horner and will be open:

Saturday 9 AM - 7 PM

Sunday 8 AM - 7 PM

Monday 8 AM - 1:30 PM

For all questions on Monday while at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare please see the Midwinter Registration and Information desk near the Grand Ballroom and display area.

Meals

We will be joining together for dinner on Saturday and Monday evenings, as well as breakfast on Sunday and Monday. You have the option of participating in a lunch forum on Sunday, you provide your own lunch, and we facilitate the conversation. For the remainder of your meals, we invite you to take advantage of the famous Chicago restaurants within walking distance. Please see the hotel concierge for details.

Learning Experiences

Take a look at the detailed descriptions of the learning experiences throughout this guidebook and choose the option that fits you best that day!

Transportation

All venues for YWC 2012 activities are either "walk-able" or transportation via bus will be provided. Detailed walking description to venues can be found in each day's schedule and an area map is provided on page 2. We will provide transportation to the Hyatt Regency O'Hare on Monday afternoon for the joint activities with Midwinter; however we will NOT provide transportation back downtown after the conclusion of the evening's events at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare. Please plan your lodging and transportation accordingly.

Awakenings

Trying to decide why to wake up this morning? How about for coffee, running, and meeting with God? Come to all of the Awakenings options or just one that interests you on Sunday or Monday!

Looking for an Intern?

Take a look around at the volunteers serving you this weekend. The majority are NPU youth ministry students! Stop by the YWC Registration office to review their resumes, and chat with them over breakfast on Sunday morning at the Chicago Cultural Center.

Lunch Forums

Choose the Sunday Lunch Forum that best fits your ministry interest for a time of good food and good fellowship. Groups will gather immediately after morning worship at the Chicago Cultural Center and depart for various restaurants. You provide your own lunch, we facilitate the conversation!

Spiritual Direction

If you registered online for a Saturday, Sunday or Monday Spiritual Direction session and need more details, please see the YWC Registration Office for details.

Nearby Points of Interest

There are many famous Chicago landmarks and hot spots within the vicinity of Youth Workers Connection. Please see the hotel concierge for restaurant and sight-seeing recommendations.

Staying for Midwinter?

Check out these Tuesday events for Youth Workers:

9 pm Youth and Young Adult Ministry Reception

10:30 pm Laser Tag for Youth Workers

Special Thanks To:

North Park University – without their partnership, YWC would not be possible

Merge Ministries – for sponsoring Sunday breakfast

Lives of Significance and Service

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WORSHIP SPEAKERS

HARVEY CAREY – 6pm

Saturday evening at Millenium Park, Pritzker Pavilion

Harvey Carey is the founder and senior pastor of the Citadel of Faith Covenant Church in Detroit. He is a dynamic speaker whose global ministry continues to change lives with the transforming truth of God's word. Carey has developed a nationally emulated youth ministry model that has reached thousands of teens in inner cities across the nation. His inspiring leadership and vision for urban renewal unites people across boundaries of race, age, class, and culture. He and his wife, Nancy, and their daughter live in Detroit.

MIKE NOVELLI – 10:30am

Sunday morning at the Chicago Cultural Center

Mike Novelli is continually seeking the most effective ways to help people learn. This passion led him to explore experiential teaching methods for thirteen years as a church youth pastor. Now Novelli's full-time focus is to create learner-centered events, resources, and curriculum for ministries and educators. He is founder of Echo, a ministry that explores the art of Bible "storying". He and his wife, Michele, have two children. They live in Elgin, Illinois.

BIANCA JUAREZ – 6:30pm

Sunday evening at the Museum of Science and Industry

Bianca Juarez Olthoff is a writer and speaker who spends most of her time as chief storyteller for the A21 Campaign, an organization committed to abolishing human trafficking. She enjoys blogging about life, love, and the pursuit of Jesus. When given the opportunity to teach God's word, disciple youth, or discuss theology with a group of women, she relishes those paths by which she helps people to know God's love. She lives with her husband, Matt, in Los Angeles, California and loves having dance parties in the living room with her two step children.

KRIS CAUSTON – 10am

Monday morning at the Chicago Cultural Center

Kris Causton is associate pastor at Excelsior (MN) Covenant Church. A former youth pastor, Causton now serves the church by using her gift of communication in speaking at youth and adult events, camps, and retreats around the United States and Canada. In addition to being a mother and pastor, Causton fancies herself a detective—looking for clues about what God is up to in the world. She and her husband, Jeff, live in Chaska, Minnesota, with their two children and a garden full of thistles.

BISHOP VASHTI MCKENZIE – 6pm

Monday evening in the Grand Ballroom, Hyatt O'Hare

Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie is the first woman to be elected bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church. Prior to her historic election in 2000, she served as pastor of Payne Memorial AME Church in Baltimore, Maryland, for ten years, where she pioneered successful efforts to bridge the gap between the church and its surrounding community. In 2005 she made history again when she became the first woman president of the Council of Bishops in the AME and continues to serve as the presiding prelate of the 13th Episcopal District of the AME church. She and her husband, Stan, have three children and reside in Tennessee.



SATURDAY

LEARNING EXPERIENCES; 2 – 5pm

The Art of Bible Storying – *NEW ORLEANS*

Explore the art of Bible Storying, a new (ancient) way of engaging God's Story! Together, we will participate in a Bible Storying experience, rooted in the Hebrew tradition of storytelling, imaginative listening, careful observation and lively dialogue. This unique process designed to spark imaginations and inspire us to find ourselves in God's amazing story. During this workshop you'll also gain insights into how people learn, and explore how our teaching can be more collaborative, creative and effective. This learning experience is also offered on Sunday afternoon.

Mike Novelli, founder of Echo and our speaker for Sunday morning worship.

Discover Your Christian Leadership Style

– *HONG KONG*

Discover which of the 6 Christian Leadership styles describes how you lead as a youth worker. Your results from the easy online test will encourage and motivate you by giving you a clearer picture of how God has gifted you as a leader, and will also challenge



you to strengthen your underdeveloped areas. Join in this interactive group opportunity as we see the beauty of diversity in the leadership styles of God's kingdom. To prepare for this learning experience, please take the online survey found at www.leadershipstool.com/youthpastor.php, print and bring your results.

Dave Olson, executive minister, Church Growth & Evangelism, ECC

Jesus Creed for Youth – REGENCY D

Join Scot McKnight, author of the "Jesus Creed", for a real-time discussion of how to take the central ideas of The Jesus Creed for Students and make them more concretely alive for high school students. Please come to the session with ideas and suggestions of what we can do to actualize the Jesus Creed among high school students.

Scot McKnight, Karl A. Olsson professor in religious studies, North Park University

DINNER & WORSHIP; 6:30 – 10PM – PRITZKER PAVILION

Join us for pizza dinner at the Pritzker pavilion and worship with Pastor Harvey Carey and Theater for the Thirsty. Meet up with a walking guide in the hotel's West Tower lobby 15 minutes and 30 minutes prior to dinner OR walk over on your own using the directions provided below.

HYATT REGENCY CHICAGO TO PRITZKER PAVILION AT MILLENNIUM PARK
201 Randolph St.

- Head WEST on E. Wacker Dr. toward N. Michigan (387 ft)
- TURN LEFT onto N. Michigan Ave. and head south (0.3 mi)
- TURN LEFT onto E. Randolph St. (400 ft)
- ARRIVE at Pritzker on right.

SUNDAY

AWAKENINGS

Trying to decide why to wake up this morning? How about for coffee, running, and meeting with God? Come to all of the Awakenings options or just one option that interests you on Sunday or Monday!

Morning Run – 7:30 - 8 AM, WEST TOWER LOBBY

Wake up with some brisk air in your lungs in the company of old and new friends! We will hit the streets of Chicago for a run tailored to the abilities of those who join us.

Awakenings Team

Digital Lectio – 8:15-8:45 AM, MCCORMICK

We live in an image driven culture where every day we see hundreds of images that influence our lives. Come experience a time with God where we'll put a twist to the Spiritual Practice Lectio Divina. Bring your camera, I phone, or other device that can capture an image. We'll live into scripture and snap images that reflect the text.

Melissa Wall, lead pastor, DeerGrove Covenant Church, Palatine, IL

Images Prayer of Examen – 8:45 - 9:15 AM, MCCORMICK

A picture can trigger a hundred memories. Images help us remember and can provide a landscape for arranging our thoughts. This opportunity provides a visual twist on the prayer of Examen, a practice used for centuries to review the past day or week of one's life. You might be surprised by what images God uses to grab your attention.

Ben Pease, youth pastor, Salem Covenant Church, New Brighton, MN



Playlist Prayer – 9:15 - 9:45 AM, MCCORMICK

King David told his story through music in the Psalms. Come together and share how your story is told through music. Create your life playlist. Share your story by sharing key songs that tell your story, or focus on one song that is telling your story right now. Take some time to share your playlist with others as well as hear other's stories.

Diana Shiflett, pastor of spiritual formation, Naperville Covenant Church, Naperville, IL

BREAKFAST & WORSHIP; 10 AM – NOON

CHICAGO CULTURAL CENTER - GAR

Meet up with a walking guide in the hotel's West Tower lobby 15 minutes and 30 minutes prior to breakfast OR walk over on your own using the directions provided below.

HYATT REGENCY CHICAGO TO CHICAGO CULTURAL CENTER

78 E. Washington St.

- Head WEST on E. Wacker Dr. toward N. Michigan (387 ft)
- TURN LEFT onto N. Michigan Ave. and head south (0.3 mi)
- TURN RIGHT onto E. Washington St. (141 ft)
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LUNCH FORUMS; 12:30PM

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- Jr. High Ministry
- Sr. High Ministry
- Ministry as a Pastor's Spouse
- Ministry as a Volunteer
- Young Adult Ministry
- Youth Missions (with Merge Ministries)

SUNDAY, *continued*

LEARNING EXPERIENCES; 2:30 – 4:30pm

THE ART OF BIBLE STORYING – *FIELD*

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CHIC: Long Road to Justice – *OGDEN*

Are you interested in learning about the new and exciting outreach opportunities that will be offered at CHIC this summer? Join us to learn how to best prepare yourselves as well as your students for the active learning we will be engaging in at CHIC as well as justice oriented ministerial opportunities in your own community.

Dominique DuBois Gillard, Long Road to Justice council member, CHIC 2012

IN TRANSIT – *MCCORMICK*

Every Youth worker goes through transition in his or her career at some point. Transitioning from one ministry to another can be very challenging. In this seminar, we will embrace practical steps for embracing a new call. We welcome those that have been through transition to add insight and those that aren't in a place of transition to learn and fellowship.

Tim Ciccone, author of In Transit: A Youth Workers Guide to Navigating a New Beginning.

CSM Prayer Tour: South Side Chicago – *WEST TOWER LOBBY*

Join the Chicago Center for Student Missions for a driving prayer tour through various neighborhoods on the south side of Chicago. We will address issues of racism, homelessness, poverty, and education; take the opportunity to pray for these circumstances in

Chicago, as well as learn about the history of these neighborhoods along the way. This tour is an essential element of CSM youth mission trips, helping the students gain an understanding of the issues and why there is a need to serve in Chicago.

Hannah Prevost-Schultz, Chicago city director, Center for Student Missions

I Want It All! Mission Trips That Matter to Everyone Involved – BURNHAM

How can a youth pastor organize a mission trip that is challenging and life-changing for their youth group AND have a long-term impact on the community they are partnering with? It can be done! Learn about appropriate motivations and methods for youth group mission trips.

Kim Crawford, associate director, Mission Mobilization and Connection, ECC

Karen Hallberg, director, Mission Mobilization and Connection, ECC

Dale Lusk, executive director, Covenant Merge Ministries, ECC

Plot, Conflict, Resolution: the Elements to Your Story – ADDAMS

Every story has characters, conflicts, and resolution. Through the pages of scripture we cling to stories that inspire, motivate and convict, while sometimes forgetting that a great story we can tell is our own. In this session we will discuss the elements of the story God is writing in our lives... the good, the bad, and the ugly.

Bianca Juarez, chief storyteller, A21 Campaign and Sunday evening worship speaker.

DESSERT & WORSHIP; 6:30 PM – MUSEUM OF SCIENCE & INDUSTRY

TRANSPORTATION TO THE MUSEUM OF SCIENCE & INDUSTRY (ROUND-TRIP)

6:15 PM Load bus for group transportation - West Tower Lobby

6:30 PM Bus Departs for the Museum of Science and Industry

Please by there on time! We would really love you to join in this experience, but we can't hold the bus under any circumstances.

7 PM Dessert Reception

8 PM Worship (Bianca Juarez)

9:30 PM Omnimax Viewing

11 PM Bus returns to the hotel

MONDAY

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Coffee Conversations – 8-9:15 AM, CHICAGO CULTURAL CENTER- GAR

Meet us in the hotel's West Tower lobby at 8 a.m. and we will walk together to the Chicago Cultural Center for Coffee Conversations. Come share your story and listen to one another's story over coffee. We'll keep things moving: our format will be fun, active and thought-provoking. Find out something you never knew about an old friend, and make a new one!
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BREAKFAST & WORSHIP; 9:30 AM – NOON

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TRANSPORTATION TO THE HYATT REGENCY O'HARE (ONE WAY)

1 PM Load bus for group transportation - West Tower Lobby

1:15 PM Bus Departs for the Hyatt Regency O'Hare and the Midwinter Conference

Please by there on time! We would really love you to join in this experience, but we can't hold the bus under any circumstances. We will not be returning to the Hyatt Regency Chicago Hotel, please plan your lodging and transportation accordingly. If you plan to stay at the Midwinter Conference following Youth Workers Connection, remember to bring your luggage!

LEARNING EXPERIENCES; 2:30 – 4:30pm

Becoming Like Jesus: Formational Discipleship – LAX

Christian discipleship is more than accepting Christ's teachings and following his moral precepts; it involves a complete transformation of character and identity so that we become "partakers of the divine nature" (2 Peter 1:4). How does that happen? Can we play any active role in what is essentially a work of grace? This workshop will explore some of the key ideas and questions raised when we explore discipleship from a formational perspective.

Chris Webb, president of Renovaré

Leading with Integrity and Simplicity in a World of Complexity – MCCARRIN

For the disciple maker and the disciple, integrity is essential. For a life of integrity, simplicity is essential. Join your peers in this learning experience to encounter a deeper and clearer application of these qualities in a confused and disintegrated world.

Joel Rude, associate director, Alpine Camp & Conference Center

Schedule continued on back cover.

MONDAY, *continued*

CELEBRATION BANQUET & WORSHIP; 6 PM – *GRAND BALLROOM, HYATT O'HARE*

CONFERENCE DESSERT RECEPTIONS; 9–11 PM

Following the celebration banquet and worship, gather with others from your regional conference for dessert and a time of fellowship. Take this opportunity to welcome new people in your conference, connect with old friends, and spend time with your superintendent and conference staff.

ECC of Canada - John Wayne A/B
Central Conference - International A/B
East Coast Conference - McCarran A/B
Great Lakes Conference - Gary Walter's Suite
Midsouth & Southeast Conferences - Lindbergh A/B
Midwest Conference - Seatac A/B
North Pacific Conference - LAMBERT A/B
Northwest Conference - International F
Pacific Southwest Conference - International E
ECC of Alaska - O'Hare Ballroom

Are you staying for Midwinter?

*Check out the Midwinter
guidebook and learn about these
Tuesday events for Youth Workers:*

9 pm	Youth and Young Adult Ministry Reception
10:30 pm	Laser Tag for Youth Workers

Thank you for joining us at

YOUTHWORKERSCONNECTION**2012**

*Save the date (and some of your youth budget) to join us
next year, February 3-8, 2013 for YWC in San Diego, CA!*