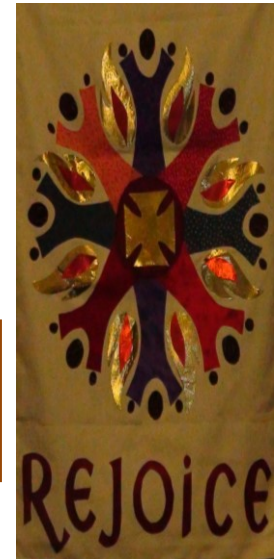




VISION

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GOALS



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VISION for the RAYC: 2010 - 2011

MISSION STATEMENT:

Enabling and equipping youth for leadership in the church, community and world.

OBJECTIVES:

- To teach youth how to engage God more deeply through spiritual disciplines such as prayer, meditation, silence, fasting and journaling.
- To teach youth how to read and study the scriptures for understanding in order to make life application.
- To equip youth with the skills to develop Bible studies and Sunday school lessons that will enrich others' lives.
- To create space for vocation exploration amongst and between peers and more seasoned adults.
- To identify leadership positions in the church for youth to serve to create legacy.
- To provide youth with an opportunity to dialogue about faith issues and to engage faith formation.

GOALS:

- To convene Faithful Friday Rap Sessions on the first Friday of each month, except where conflicts may exist on the church calendar or with other RAYC activities such as YouthFest.
- To engage youth in doctrinal practices such as Love Feast which is held on the last Wednesday of each month.
- To teach youth about denominational doctrines such as the Apostles' Creed, Decalogue and Articles of Religion.
- To provide opportunities for youth to teach, speak and facilitate workshops during Youth Explosion, Sunday school, YouthFest weekend, Seven Set-up Word of Christ, and BridgeBuilders TeachShops.
- To explore new ways and forms of worship by visiting other churches' youth worship services.
- To engage the youth in team building exercises through fun trips and overnight retreats.
- To provide space for youth leaders to meet on a quarterly basis to share ideas, concerns and trends on how to minister more effectively to our youth.
- To work across all departments of the church to ensure that youth and their concerns are managed in an appropriate manner.

Prepared For:

Youth Leaders of Bridge Street AME Church
Youth Leaders Meeting: Friday, September 17, 2010