



Tauiwi Youth Ministry

MYC: Methodist Youth Conference



What Are They?

Following on from the successes of 'MYC05: What is the Spirit Saying to the Church' and 'MYC08: Where is God for young people?', Methodist Youth Conferences are triennial events which bring young people from a whole range of regional, cultural and theological parts of the church, to be nurtured, challenged and most of all to celebrate unity amidst diversity in Te Hāahi Wateriana o Aotearoa, The Methodist Church of New Zealand.

Who Are These Conferences For?

These are particularly with youth representatives, youth leaders and youth advocates from all parts of the church in mind. This includes lay and ordained, full or co-operating Parish and Synod representatives, staff from the church missions, as well as participants from our ecumenical and overseas brothers and sisters. This usually sees 300 participants attend.

When Do They Happen?

Every three years, over the summer break, usually in the second week of January.

Where Are They Held?

They're held in a different part of the country each time, in consultation with the Synods and Rohe of the particular region where they intend to be held beforehand. Past conferences have been at the University of Waikato and Lincoln University respectively.

What Happens At These Conferences?

These conferences offer a fruit-salad of opportunities for participants to be nurtured, challenged and enlightened through workshops, keynote speakers and small-group activities which aim to be both practical and creative. There are also talent showcases and cultural concerts which give opportunity for budding artists as well as youth and cultural groups to share their talents, for the whole conference to celebrate and appreciate.

In addition to taking-in and absorbing all that the experience offers, the conference also provides a forum for participants to map out what the next steps may be for both the church and individuals when the conference concludes. In the past this included forming resolutions to challenge and encourage the whole church, reviving youth ministry contacts and has also initiated youth programmes on serving in the community through the work of the missions.