

Worship Service Guide

- 1) Using your congregation's usual model order of service, choose readings, hymns, responsive readings, etc. which relate to YACM Sunday (see enclosed suggestions).
- 2) Decide how the 'sermon' slot will be filled. You have lots of options:
 - Sermon by the minister
 - Sermon by someone else (who?)
 - Homilies by several young adults
 - Homilies by older adults with young adult experiences
 - Older adults with young adult children
 - Readings from young adults (see enclosed samples)

If you want a guest speaker from outside your congregation, you need to arrange for that person to come as soon as possible. The YACM Office of the JPD can help you locate guest speakers for your YACM Sunday service.

- 3) Try to have young adults participate in the service. This shows your congregation just how many young adults are in the community and their words are often more meaningful to members than any guest speaker.
- 4) Practice! If this is anyone's first time participating in a service make sure you do a "dress rehearsal" at least one day before the service. Check:
 - Volume – can you hear everyone?
 - Do any of the pieces run too long? Make edits before Sunday
 - Note cues for when speakers should come to the podium and to start music
 - Check any technical equipment you're using:
 - Are you showing a video? Is it cued up? Is it the VCR connected to the TV screen? Check the volume
 - Is the microphone at a good height? Pick a height good for everyone and leave it there. Moving the microphone during the service is distracting.
- 5) Make sure you kept all the Sunday worship staff included:
 - Does the music director know what music you've chosen?
 - Do the ushers know there is a special collection?