Join us for a series of luncheons and lectures on the foundations of youth ministry

Our youth have God-given yearnings: for community characterized by unconditional love and acceptance; for ecstatic experiences that lift them out of the regrets and anxieties of daily life; for constructive ways of reflecting on existential questions; and for guidance on the ways of life that lead to authentic human flourishing. How can we learn to be the leaders who our kids will trust to walk with them on this path?

The very survival of our particular Christian traditions, not to mention the fulfillment of our Christian mission, demands that we attend urgently and passionately to the Christian formation of our young. For our young people to be the future of the church, we must fully welcome adolescents into the present of the church as well. This requires that we reflect deeply and act urgently on the theological foundations, the cultural contexts, and the best practices of exemplary youth ministries. This year the Youth Ministry: Now colloquium continues with a series of lunchtime sessions focused on the principle foundations of youth ministry. We invite you to join the conversation as we listen and learn from one another.

—The Rev. Skip Masback, YDS ’94
Director, Adolescent Faith and Flourishing Program at the Yale Center for Faith and Culture

Save the dates!

October 2 Dr. Andrew Root
November 6 Dr. Chap Clark
December 4 Dr. Rodger Nishioka
January 8 Rev. Harold E. Masback, III
February 5 Dr. Roland Martinson
March 5 Rev. Michael Bird
April 2 Dr. Andrew Root
May 7 Rev. Dr. Thomas Troeger

12:00pm Lunch available
12:30pm Presentation
1:30pm Networking & conversation

Where:
Yale Divinity School
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The series is free and open to all. Come to hear one presentation or come for all. Please RSVP to kelly@youthministryinitiative.org to reserve a box lunch at the luncheon(s) you elect to attend.

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and cell phone, how do young people experience spiritual life in a "hyper-real" world and how can we minister to them?

April 2, 2013
Practicing Discernment with Youth
Almost every youth worker has been confronted by the question, “What does God want me/us to do?” We all pray that our ministry and the lives of our youth are aligned with God’s will. How do we begin to understand God’s will and know when it is God leading us and not just our conscience or something else? This presentation will explore a process of discerning with young people the action and direction of God in their communal and individual lives.

November 6, 2012
Sticky Faith: The Church and Today’s Adolescent
There is no question that life is changing, and changing rapidly. As a consequence, for lots of reasons, we live in an increasingly adult-centric society that without thinking, relentlessly subjects children and adolescents to the pressures of adult-driven agendas. Like no time in history, today’s youth grow up knowing that the only way to survive is as a tribe apart—and it’s our systems and structure, even in the church, that contributes to this increasing isolation. In this lecture, we’ll discuss the ways that we can connect with our youth and provide the foundational support they need to reflect on their dreams, their relationships and their lives.

December 4, 2012
Bible Study That Transforms
Information is important. We live, after all, in the so called “information age.” But ultimately, we engage young people with the Bible not simply for information but for transformation. This lecture will focus on practices of opening the Bible with young people in ways that change lives and liberate.