

## Youth Ministries

It has been a climate of change for youth ministries in the last year. Deeper Camp has changed to an Intermediate Camp, a number of Youth Ministers who had been in their roles 5+ years have moved on, and Cov19 obviously cancelled Easter Camp and changed the nature of youth groups and working with young people during the lockdown periods.

The quote "Don't let a good crisis go to waste" was used as an encouragement for youth workers to evaluate what is key in their lives and what can be put down. The podcast The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry was listened to by many and was helpful in providing a framework for youth workers to evaluate their values and how they are following Jesus daily.

Since the last Synod report the main activities/ events have been the following:

- In June 2019 we held an Anglicost Worship night on Pentecost Sunday which gathered approximately one hundred youth and young adults from around the diocese.
- Christchurch hosted The 2019 Abbey at Living Springs which was sold out. Around 70 youth workers from across the diocese attended the weekend conference which was focused on reaching the least and the lost.
- The annual dodgeball competition was held at the end of September. This event continues to be highly requested as it provides a fun space for youth groups to gather and compete (in the spirit of fun) for the trophies.
- Deeper Camp was held at the end of November and was targeted at Intermediates year 7-10 for the first time (traditionally having been a high school camp). A fantastic weekend was had by the young people and youth leader's as they worshiped, listened to talks on Creation, Fall, Redemption and Restoration from Rev. Josh Taylor and Rev. Lucy Flatt, played heaps of games, and enjoyed water fights, the flying fox and archery.
- Worship Nights at the Transitional Cathedral commenced at the start of 2020 with two very successful nights being held on the first Sunday's in Feb and March before Covid19 hit. These arose after some dabbles and trials of worship nights in 2019. They are aimed at older youth and young adults to participate in some top quality worship with worship leaders and musicians from around the diocese.
- The Kiln ran a number of workshops in 2019 which included Port Hills worship and prayer night, Helping Young people deal with Trauma, Communication workshops, How to lead well, Deconstruction- Reconstruction, Reading the Gospel of Mark, and how to pastorally care for rainbow young people. This year The Kiln started with a Communication Workshop which had part one but part two was cancelled due to Covid19. The majority of the Youth Ministers have completed a RAP Training in 2020 and Boundaries Training. In Term 3 we will be running a Communication series to help equip youth ministers and leaders to become exceptional communicators.

For the Rest of 2020-2021

- The Abbey
- Kiln Communication Series
- Dodgeball
- A high school event
- Deeper Camp 2020

Issues include potential financial implications for youth worker roles due to ongoing effects of Covid19, and whether or not Easter Camp will continue.