



2019 Youth Ministry Academy Book List

Required Reading

Each of these books should be read prior to our residency. The theology book will be used in the online discussion before residency. You should be familiar with the other books to participate in our discussion.

Bible

- Jennifer Bird [Permission Granted](#) (Westminster John Knox, 2015)
- Lawrence Boadt, [Reading the Old Testament](#) (Paulist, 2012)
- Mark Allan Powell, [Introducing the New Testament: A Historical, Literary and Theological Survey](#) (Baker Academic, 2018)

Youth and Family Ministry

- Mark DeVries, [Sustainable Youth Ministry: Why Most Youth Ministry Doesn't Last and What Your Church Can Do About It](#) (IVP Books, 2008)
- Kenda Creasy Dean, [The Godbearing Life: The Art of Soul Tending for Youth Ministry](#) (Upper Room Books, 2005)
- Leith Anderson, [The Volunteer Church](#) (Zondervan, 2015)
- Simon Sinek, [Find Your Why: A Practical Guide for Discovering Purpose for You and Your Team](#) (Portfolio, 2017)

Episcopal Church

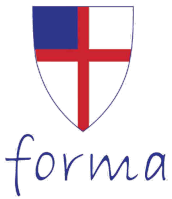
- James Farwell, [The Liturgy Explained](#) (Morehouse Publishing, 2013)
- [The Book of Common Prayer with Additional Resources](#) (Morehouse Publishing, 1789)

Pastoral Care

- John Patton, [Pastoral Care: An Essential Guide](#) (Abingdon Press, 2005)

Theology

- Ian Markham, [Understanding Christian Doctrine, 2nd edition](#) (Wiley, 2017)



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Recommended Books for Further Reading

Not required, but great to have on every youth minister's shelf.

Formation, Education, and The Episcopal Church

- David DeSilva, [*Sacramental Life: Spiritual Formation Through the Book of Common Prayer*](#) (IVP Books, 2008)
- Jenifer Gamber, [*My Faith My Life: A Teens Guide to the Episcopal Church*](#) (Morehouse, 2014)
- Jenifer Gamber and Sharon Ely Pearson, [*Call On Me: A Prayer Book for Young People*](#) (Morehouse, 2012)
- Robert Prichard, [*A History of the Episcopal Church*](#) (Morehouse, 2014)

Theology and Youth Ministry

- Richard Osmer, [*Practical Theology: An Introduction*](#) (Eerdmans, 2008)

Big Questions

- Rob Bell, [*Love Wins: A Book About Heaven, Hell, and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived*](#) (Harper One, 2011)
- Brian McLaren, [*A New Kind of Christianity: Ten Questions That Are Transforming the Faith*](#) (Harper One, 2010)