



Supporting Collaboration

This department serves parishes and parish ministry leaders. Since December 2025, we have supported collaboration in youth/student ministry in the diocese in the following ways:

- *Youth Commission*
 - Good Samaritan Anglican Church hosted the ADOSC Youth Commission for the Spring 2026 semester training day. After gathering for worship, the team met for an afternoon of learning and preparing to serve and lead at the 2026 Diocesan Convention.
 - **The new Youth Commission application process for 2026–27 will be:**
 1. A high schooler will submit the digital interest form on the diocesan website.
 2. The Canon or Youth Commission lead will schedule a phone interview with the applicant within a week of receiving the interest form.
 3. Before or after the phone interview, the applicant will request a member of the clergy at their parish to submit a digital reference form.
 4. The Canon and Youth Commission lead will assess the applicant's interview and reference to decide upon admission to the Youth Commission cohort.
 - The primary criteria for admission to the Youth Commission include:
 - A current or rising high school student (preference is shown for students 10th grade and above)
 - Demonstrates an understanding of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and their faith in him
 - Demonstrates burgeoning servant-leadership
- *Youth/Student Leader Network*

- The Fusion student ministry leader gatherings will return in March, April, and May 2026.
- *Fall 2025 Youth Retreats*
 - Contracts are being created for Mondo and Regenerate 2026! Pray for Mattie Zanin, the department Fall Retreats Manager who will oversee all the planning details with the Canon.

Discovering Unknown and Unengaged Leaders

This department champions parishes by helping to discover unknown and unengaged leaders for youth/student ministry. We have done so recently in the following ways:

- *Hiring Processes*
 - **Continue to pray for the Lord to lead the right candidates to the following open positions:**
 - Church of the Holy Cross, Sullivan’s Island, SC | Full-time Youth Ministry Director
 - Christ St. Paul’s, Hollywood, SC | Full-time Family Minister
 - Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant | Full-time Youth Minister
 - St. Michael’s, Charleston | Full-time Youth Minister

Developing Ministers and Ministries

The department aims to be the leading ACNA diocese for discovering and developing next generation ministers. Here are a few ways we’ve supported this work:

- *Monday Co-Working*
 - Canon Myers offers a Monday co-working space for youth/student ministry leaders in the greater Charleston area. The location rotates throughout the Charleston metro, from West Ashley, James Island, Mt. Pleasant, Downtown Charleston, North Charleston, and Summerville. Co-working has provided a unique opportunity for younger youth ministry leaders to steward their

responsibilities among peers who encourage, discern, collaborate, and pray together.

- *Student Leader Network – Spring 2026 Coaching Cohort*
 - Canon Myers has begun **free diocesan youth ministry coaching cohort provided by the ACNA’s Student Leadership Network team**. The cohort of five full-time ADOSC student ministry leaders meets on Zoom on Thursdays from Noon–1pm for six weeks.
- *Initiative Grants*
 - **A 2026 Youth Ministry Initiative Grants** are open for application.

Shared Vision for Youth/Student Ministry

At the Student Ministry Department retreat in August, **we recognized all the ‘gaps’ which exist when someone answers the question, “What is youth ministry?”** Together, we spent the weekend wrestling with what Scripture says, what we’ve experienced as practitioners, and what needs exist to evangelize and disciple one generation after another. Here is my best proposal for a shared vision for youth/student ministry:

*Youth/Student Ministry exists to create **intentional** spaces for **safe, intergenerational, Gospel relationships**.*

I believe this framework, though not exhaustive, will begin to cultivate a positive vision for what youth ministry is, is not, and can look like in the various contexts and ministries of this diocese. I also believe that the Anglican tradition is uniquely equipped to form young people in Christ, and we can join the Holy Spirit in this good, Gospel work.

Grace & Peace,

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