



## Philosophy of Youth Ministry

Imago Dei is the youth ministry community of Westminster Presbyterian Church. We strive to walk alongside high school and middle school students as they continue to discover who they are and who Jesus is calling them to be. It is our hope and prayer that as students encounter Jesus in new ways they would find themselves uniquely gifted and significant members of the body of Christ, called to witness to the work of Jesus as they live into God's dreams for the world.

We are often asked, "what does *imago Dei* mean and why did you name your ministry this?" In short, *imago Dei* is an ancient Latin phrase for "image of God," referring to God's creating all people in God's likeness (Genesis 1:26-28). Today's adolescents live in a world where the search for identity has become increasingly complex. It is our hope and prayer to remind one another that God has already given us an identity, the *imago Dei*, which we are called to live into as individuals and a community. As we seek to love, serve, and reflect God's story in our neighborhoods and the world, our youth ministry reminds students over and over again that we and all those around us bear the *imago Dei*.

### OUR PURPOSE



### OUR MISSION

- I. To disciple youth into an *on-going* relationship with Jesus Christ and a new way of being in the world.
- II. To enjoy being together as a youth community through the life, activity, and service of the ministry.
- III. To minister to the lives of youth- their circumstances, relationships, and families are important now.
- IV. To teach youth about Scripture and the story God has called us into.
- V. To encourage giftedness and creativity of youth in a way that allows youth to minister to youth.
- VI. To connect youth to the local church community.
- VII. To serve God by serving alongside others through local and global partnerships.
- VIII. To invite new and regularly involved youth into the ministry community and a life of worship.

# OUR VISION

## A WORKSHEET FOR DISCERNMENT AND INNOVATION

Student Discipleship	
Volunteer Commitment	
Parent Involvement	
Community and Missional Connections	

**“We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us.”  
---1 Thessalonians 2:8---**

## Ministry Program and Mission Goals

<b>Program</b>	<b>Targeted Ministry</b>	<b>Program Goal</b>
Sunday Night Youth Group	High School & Middle School	I, II, III, IV, V, VIII
Sunday School/ Café Eucharistia	High School & Middle School	I, II, IV
CREDO Confirmation	Middle School (high school)	I, IV, VI
Ski Trip	High School & Middle School	II, VI, VIII
Concerts	High School	II, VI, VIII
Broad Street Ministry	High School & Middle School	I, II, V, VII, VIII
Honduras Youth Partnership	High School	I, II, V, VII, VIII
Pittsburgh Project	Middle School	I, II, V, VII, VIII
Masanetta Springs Camp	Middle School	I, II, III, IV, V, VIII
High School Retreat w/ Donegal	High School	I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VIII
Middle School Fall Retreat	Middle School	I, II, III, IV, V, VIII
Spring Beach Retreat	High School & Middle School	I, II, III, IV, V, VIII
Tuesdays in Town	High School	I, II, III, VIII
Rock Climbing	High School & Middle School	II, VI, VIII
Open Gym	High School & Middle School	II, VI, VIII
Girls Day Away	High School & Middle School	II, VI, VIII
Youth Benefit Dinner	High School & Middle School	II, VI
Hershey Park	High School & Middle School	II, VI, VIII
Summer of Missional Engagement	High School & Middle School	I, VII, VIII
Crab Feast	High School & Middle School	II, VI, VIII
ParentCONNECTIONS	Parents	III
Youth Choir	High School & Middle School	II, V, VI, VIII