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TODAY'S
TEENS
CONFERENCE **2023**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2023

SOMETHING

EXTRAORDINARY

A UNIQUE ONE-DAY
PROVINCIAL GATHERING
FOCUSED ON EQUIPPING
AND INSPIRING YOUTH
WORKERS & YOUTH TO
EFFECTIVELY REACH
AND DISCIPLE THE NEXT
GENERATION WITH THE
MESSAGE OF JESUS.

FEATURING



Laura
Bronson



Meisha
Watson



Herbie
Kuhn



Finu
Iype



WELCOME

A MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR MATT WILKINSON

Today's Teens Conference 2023 is BACK IN PERSON, and going "RETRO" as we celebrate our 40th year back where the conference was hosted in its early years (Bayview Glen Church, Markham, ON). This annual "Ontario Youth Ministry Gathering" is a one-day experience designed to train youth pastors, parents, camp leaders, community workers and volunteer ministry team leaders, alongside their youth, back into their communities equipped, encouraged and inspired to lead the next generation towards FOLLOWING Jesus.

We are proud to emphasize 100% CANADIAN content and communicators as we all look to rethink and adjust how we minister to youth, both inside and outside of the church, and see how ministering to and with youth is truly "SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY". Through this conference, we will see that the EXTRAORDINARY is actually found right in front of us every day through what is often seen as simply ordinary – the chance to invest into students, to share the message of Jesus, to be a listening ear, to love faithfully, to seek justice, to live out the word of God.

We have 30 practical workshops, 4 keynote speakers, special guest appearances, an amazing worship band and lots of time to network with others while accessing the latest resources for ministry.

OVER 45,000 YOUTH & YOUTH WORKERS HAVE BEEN EQUIPPED THROUGH THE ANNUAL TODAY'S TEENS CONFERENCE OVER THE LAST 39 YEARS – JOIN WITH OVER 900 YOUTH WORKERS & STUDENT LEADERS FOR OUR 40TH ANNIVERSARY ON FEB 25, 2023

Keynote Speakers



Meisha Watson; creator of HEY MEISHA! – is an England native, with the heart of a Canuck. She and her family made the move over to Canada when she was just 14 years old. She had a dream to make it in showbiz; and in Toronto is where it all began.

She has been a host on YTV's The Zone and The Zone Weekend, presented at the Canadian Screen Awards, interviewed celebrities on the WE DAY blue carpet and performing in almost every province in Canada.

Her mission is to ensure that young people across the nation know that they can have a personal relationship with the God of the UNIVERSE!



Finu Iupe is the Regional Director (Ontario) for Village Church. He also has served as founder and president of Passion to Reach Ministries, a global mission, evangelism, and church development ministry, for the past 15 years. Finu has worldwide speaking ministry experience having spoken at Pastor's conferences, mass evangelism campaigns, and leadership development events across more than 20 nations.

In the Greater Toronto Area, Finu's ministry has involved coaching Pastors and consulting on church revitalization, with a focus on community outreach and discipleship systems. He also leads annual gospel training events like GO Conference, GO United YA Conference, and GO Lead Pastor workshops.



Laura Bronson is a passionate, creative and entrepreneurial leader who travels across Canada and the world as a missionary inspiring young people to be real in their faith.

Laura is the founder and director of the skateboard and speaking ministry known as "Keep It Real", a ministry of Youth For Christ Canada, because she believes it is a powerful message that the younger generation needs to hear the gospel in a relevant way. Laura is also on staff with the Billy Graham Evangelical Association.

Ultimately, Laura is a unique individual who loves to minister to the next generation and point youth to Jesus through the use of graffiti art, music, skateboarding, social media & fashion.



Herbie Kuhn is the voice of the Toronto Raptors NBA basketball team. He has served as the arena voice of the Raptors since the team's inception in 1995.

He is co-chaplain to the Toronto Raptors and is also the chaplain of Toronto's CFL Football team, the Argonauts.



WORKSHOP SPEAKERS



MARIANNE DEEKS



DIANE JOHNSTONE



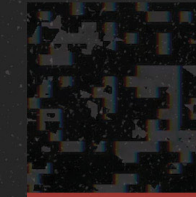
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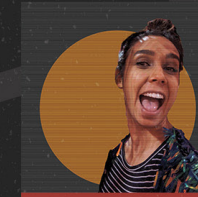
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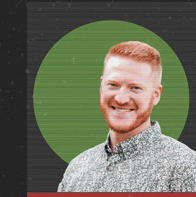
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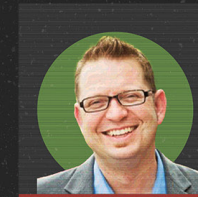
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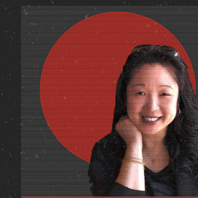
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February 25, 2023

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FAQ's

WHAT CAN I AS YOUTH WORKER/PASTOR EXPECT FROM THIS ONE DAY EXPERIENCE?

- o Internationally recognized speakers and workshop leaders
- o 10 fresh & engaging workshops for practical ministry
- o Free resources and giveaways
- o An opportunity to network with 600+ youth workers
- o Encouragement for the work you do with youth
- o A time to refresh, refuel, renew and be connected
- o Powerful and Engaging musical worship with Sanctus Church Worship

WHAT CAN I AS YOUTH EXPECT FROM THIS ONE DAY EXPERIENCE?

- o Engaging, humorous, and challenging speakers
- o 10 workshops designed to equip you to share your faith
- o Free resources and giveaways
- o An empowering interactive, multi-media experience
- o Gathering with hundreds of other teens
- o Powerful and engaging musical worship with Sanctus Church Worship

HOW DO YOU KEEP COST SO LOW AND EXPERIENCE SO HIGH?

We've intentionally kept the cost low to ensure every youth worker, either paid or volunteer, will be able to receive the high quality training and encouragement they deserve. For us, it is about continuing to equip as many youth workers, volunteers, parents, camp staff, community workers and youth to effectively reach and disciple the next generation.

We have worked to serve volunteer youth workers, youth pastors, and student leaders for 40 years. It is through our relationships that others have invested into this ministry to ensure we are providing an incredible experience and quality content that fits the budget of both large and small youth ministries and youth-based organizations.

HOW CAN I MAXIMIZE THE IMPACT OF THE CONFERENCE FOR MY MINISTRY?

1. Register Early

Over the last 5 in-person Today's Teens conferences, we sold out every one. Register your group by December 31st to secure your spot and save

2. Divide & Conquer

Many workshops are being offered, so bring your whole volunteer team and students with the plan to each attend different workshops and then share your learnings together

3. Make it a Full Weekend

You can check out the ONLINE National Change Conference for free for an activity to do with your Youth on the Friday Night. Do an overnight at the church or at a venue close to the Today's Teens Venue and then all come together for the full day on Saturday. If you can, stick around the city on Sunday to check out a local youth ministry.

4. Pick up Resources & Network

Now that we are back in person, you can network with key leaders and reconnect with ministry friends. At the same time the latest resources for youth ministry will be available for easy purchase.

REGISTER YOUR GROUP EARLY. LIMITED SPACE MEANS ONLY 900 SPOTS ARE AVAILABLE!

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YOUTH WORKER SCHEDULE

8:00	Registration Opens & Exhibits
9:00	"Extraordinary" Kickoff & Worship
9:30	General Session with Finu Iyep
10:30	Break, Activity Stations & Exhibits
11:00	Morning Workshops
12:15	Lunch (Head Out or Bring a Bag)
1:35	"SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY" Interactive Experience for Youth & Youth Workers
2:30	Afternoon Workshops
3:45	Break, Activity Stations & Exhibits
4:05	General Session with Laura Bronson
5:05	"EXTRAORDINARY" Celebration Worship with Youth Workers
6:00	Head Home

MORNING WORKSHOP OPTIONS

Digital First Discipleship	JOANNA LA FLEUR
How to Recruit and Develop a Volunteer Team in our post-COVID challenging times	MATTHEW WILKS
Building Effective Ministry to and with youth with Ethnocultural inclusion	TIMOTHY TANG
Help! It's My Week to Speak	MIKE GORDON
4 Core Responsibilities for Building Your Culture in your Ministry	SID KOOP
Building Spiritual Depth and Biblical Engagement in Youth Today	DAVE OVERHOLT
How to make our ministries safer places for youth as they navigate loneliness and isolation	AUBREY NORONHA
Working with Parents to Disciple their Teens	NATALIE FRISK
G.R.I.T - new paradigms of culture, evangelism, discipleship, and ministry influence	JASON PERSAUD

AFTERNOON WORKSHOP OPTIONS

"Did You Read That Post?": Responding to the noise of the news as Christfollowers	CHRIS CHASE
Navigating the World of Mental Health with Teens	MARIANNE DEEKS
How to do MORE with less; and still be effective in Youth ministry!	MARK MOWBRAY
Mentoring to Empower the Next Generation	KAARINA HSIEH
Media: Navigating Everything	BRETT ULLMAN
Resilience, Stamina and Longevity in Ministry	TIM MCCOY
How to understand and effectively minister to youth at-risk	PAUL BARTLEY
The Open Generation - Exploring the Church's Role in Mentoring the Rising Generation	CHRIS SCHROEDER
Building student leaders that influence their peers and build your ministry impact	MELISSA WILLIAMS

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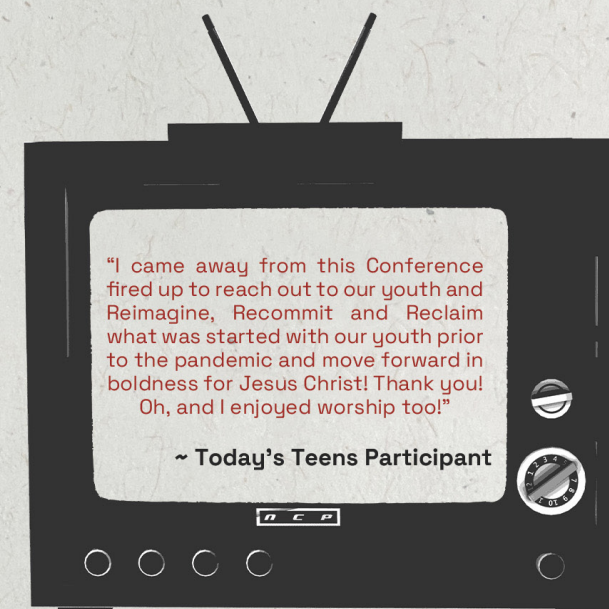
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Best way to live out Jesus - JUST BE YOU!	DIANE JOHNSTONE
Generation Revolutionary - Teenagers change the church	DUANE JUKEMA
Mind the Gap & How to Bridge it with those we are trying to reach	SARAH JANE ELISHA
TBD	OJ THE DJ
Engaging Our Neighbourhoods With Jesus	JON NIP
How to live out Jesus to my peers as we are navigating loneliness and isolation post COVID	AUBREY NORONHA

AFTERNOON WORKSHOP OPTIONS

The Way of the World vs. The Way of Jesus	KAITLYN HUBER
How to live out your faith in a world that doesn't seem to want it	SID KOOP
Fearless friends - 5 ways to share your faith with your non-Christian friends	DENIEL SEWELL
Toward a Biblical Worldview	JOEY MOLLOY
Deconstruction and Devotion: Why Jesus is Someone Worth Losing Everything For	LUKE CRAWFORD
Quest Adventure: Wanna Join?	CHRISTIE CHAN



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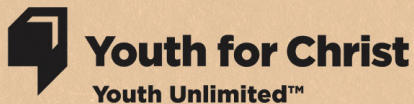
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