July 16th-20th

Equipping our Youth to Serve the Present Age.

A presentation of the Synod of Living Waters
Youth today face pressures unique to their era. Sweeping technological advancements have changed the way cultures express themselves. From "selfies" to social media, the millennial generation has matured in the Information Age and therefore experience the world of Christianity in ways radically dissimilar to their predecessors. Christianity’s goals and focus must be contemporaneous with the concerns of the modern era.

This year’s youth conference takes aim at equipping our youth to serve the present age. From predatory capitalism, racial inequality and the use of technology in ministry, together we’ll confront issues that matter most.

As youth and youth leaders converge on the campus of Alabama A&M, conference attendees will learn what ministry means in a contemporary context. Participants will engage in exciting seminars which sharpen their understanding of the gospel. Youth leaders will learn how to incorporate strategies to bolster interest in their local congregation’s youth ministries. Talented speakers from all over the region are coming to share their insights, inspiring our young people to embrace the responsibilities of Christian leadership.

Many youth view the church as a hostile place, resistant to change and a constraint to creativity. The church must set out to demonstrate otherwise. If Christianity is to be a game changer in the lives of youth, Christians must invite them into a faith alive with vibrant innovation, not force them into a tradition of repression and apathetic disinterest. Take a walk in their shoes. What type of religion would you like to inherit? This July let’s give our youth a faith which inspires.
It is our sincere pleasure to host this year's youth conference. Our hope is that each participant, youth and youth leader will enjoy engaging in dialogue concerning the state of society and the church's role within it, learning new ways to express Christianity and visiting some of Huntsville's many landmarks.
Workshops and Descriptions

Students will be involved in an exciting series of discussions. Seminars include the following:

- "The Block is Hot" - A survey of America’s legal system and its problems and deficiencies.
- "Do it for the Vine" - A workshop describing how social media can and is being used to affect great change in the world.
- "Drunk in Love" - An exposé on the war on drugs and its effects on the community.
- "Worst Behavior" - A presentation of biblical exemplars of justice and social change.
- "Fight the Power" - Discussions detailing the relationship between education, opportunity, power and how the church relates.
- Social Media Poll: Send us a topic you think is important via social media (Facebook, IG, Twitter) and we’ll turn the most popular choice into its own workshop.