

Thank you for responding to the YFM survey. Your input was valuable. It is being used to guide the services provided. Continue reading for the initial results.

A good number of respondents serve in an active YFM or in one in the process of relaunching. The most common issues encountered are: reaching youth and their families and staffing & recruiting volunteers. The topics many want to learn about or discuss are:

- Innovations in YFM - what others are doing
- Ministering to Families
- Launching/Relaunching a YFM

Those wanting Hybrid/Online Skills & Tools, not one of the top topics emerging from this survey, may want to attend the virtual Technology Conference on March 29-31, 2022 organized by Unity worldwide Ministries. Check it out at <https://www.unityworldwideministries.org/technology-conference>.

Watching Leveling Up to Gen Z Level of YFM, a 2021 training facilitated by Rev. Chase, and joining the March Ministering to Families zoom session is recommended for those interested in Innovations in YFM, Ministering to Families or are wondering how to reach youth and their families. Contact Rev. Chase for more information.

The model of delivering YFM most respondents are engaged in or are planning for is weekly in-person lessons. This is the model known not necessarily the one working. New ways are desired. To spark new ideas read about [YFM Wednesday Night Dinners](#).

The most preferred way of receiving training is on-line. There is not sufficient support for an overnight training event this year.

There was not consensus on the ideal frequency for YFM practitioners to meet on-line for connecting and networking with colleagues. Even so, there will be such events throughout the year. I anticipate monthly online gatherings to include connection/check-ins, trainings events, and YOU/Uniteen Virtual serves. These events will be announced via email, the preferred by far, communication path of the survey respondents.

Thank you for your response to the survey. Surveys will be among the tools used to gather your input as the service to the children, teens, families and the ministries in the Great Lake Regions evolves.