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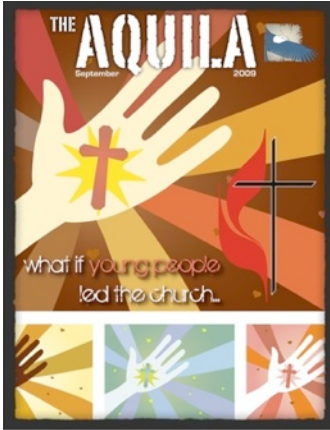
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**EMERGING  
LEADERS**

# C O M M E N T S



“While the word of God and his infinite wisdom does not change, the methodist church must make an effort to reach the youth and the community at large, as it is our obligation to bring people into the kingdom.”

Nia Bailey

## Does the UMC need an upgrade?

YES, we need to upgrade to a new generation 88.2%

No, we are fine the way we are 0%

I don't know 11.8%

Based on 17 responses

## If any, which changes do you see necessary?

“Need to do more outreach to the youth and young adults. Add contemporary worship for youth. **Stop focusing on ourselves (Me generation) and start answering the questions of the "Y" (Why) generation.** To be more incarnational and less institutional. To teach and live the gospel to a generation who has not encountered it not preach at and abandon those who disagree.”  
Rev. David McGlocklin, 42, Faces of Grace

“I [understand] that recently we focus more on Youth. But **I think we are losing many members of late 30's to 50's. They are the one who actually participate by taking active duties for UMC.**

Time like this, we need to support them with faith and spiritual programs and look close [at] their daily life and provide what they need.”  
Esther Park, San Dimas UMC

“I believe we need to reach out to the younger generation by adding updated technology...using Facebook and Twitter to reach out.”

“**Change is inevitable and it is time.** If we want to see the UM Church grow and prosper, than now is the time to make the change!”

“More relevant worship, relevant ministries, more focus on younger people, young families with children, youth and young adult ministries. **We just need to do an overall update and we need to stop watering down the truth.** We need to stay focused and passionate about what Christ is calling us to do.”

“The Methodist Church is such a strange dichotomy because it is more progressive and open minded than any other denomination I'm aware of, however the worship services are typically so traditional that it turns off many young people. Often, there is a more contemporary approach at retreats or camps, but the weekly Sunday service does not have the same appeal to young people.”

“Even just a willingness to change would help—and an openness and acceptance of doing things “unconventionally” and realizing that that's OK too! And **an acceptance and understanding for young people who may like traditional worship too...**”

## October Online Question:

“Do we make our kids act like old people in the church?”

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=gqYMn4TykP4vGIuvFsZK5Q\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=gqYMn4TykP4vGIuvFsZK5Q_3d_3d)

# D I S T R I C T C O N N E C T I O N

An A-Team is an opportunity for District Youth Directors, Leaders, and Ministers to gather to support each other with prayer, accountability and be able to plan district events, leadership training in a community oriented setting. Together we also allow for a cross-pollination of creativity to take place taking Youth and Young Adult Ministry to new levels of excellence and creativity fit for an emerging generation.

Contact your District Coordinator to get connected today!

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And so they did from the star attraction of GREENFEST '09 – a water obstacle course designed by Mike Bain and the youth of Covina UMC! 'They' being the

number of activity booths to choose from, including arts & crafts, self expression, board games, Rock Band, guest book, etc., fellowship and worship came out to be priceless!

Steve Schneeberger, Director of Youth Ministry at First UMC in Orlando, FL challenged his young audience to take risks for Jesus Christ during the service of worship that opened the festival.

Pasadena District Youth Festival  
**Greenfest**  
 wipeout

Artistic talents that participated included the Glendale First UMC Praise Band, Hacienda Praise Band and The Message Movement hip-hop dance crew of First Filipino-American UMC, Generation for Christ of Trinity UMC of San Bernardino, and Mariel & Jace of Wilmington First UMC.

approximately 130 or so young people – not counting adult support staff and chaperones – who came to the Pasadena District's first annual GREENFEST on Saturday, September 19 held at the Covina church.

Billed as an afternoon of music, fun, and fellowship GREENFEST participants came away already looking forward to next year's festival. For the \$5 registration fee each young person paid s/he got a GREENFEST t-shirt and a Chick-fil-A sandwich dinner. But the afternoon of getting to know and be with their larger Pasadena District family for fun – there were a

Providing planning and implementation leadership to GREENFEST are: the Rev. Allison Mark (Pasadena District Youth Ministries Coordinator), Joey Albarracin, Fernando Alcantar, Mike Bain, Hope Hutchison, Demoree Deocales, Katerina DePano, Charli Lighty, Rev. Bob Morley, & Franklyn Shen.



## Back to School Worship Service

## Los Angeles District

The Los Angeles District Back to School Worship Service Event on Saturday, September 19, 2009 at Culver Palms UMC was truly a success, with a nice turn out of people there to bring in the new school year. The three youth speakers, **Ameenah Gamble** (Saint Marks), **Julia Wallace** (Santa Monica 1st), and **Jordan Anderson** (Wesley), were empowering and on fire for the Lord. They shared with us their views on how to rise to higher heights. And rise to higher heights in academics and extra-curricular activities, we know they will. In addition, there was a dramatic skit presented by the young adults illustrating how we should not store the gifts we have been given in fear of losing them, but how we should invest them



and create something wonderful with a greater net worth. **Echoes of Praise** from St. John's UMC and **Grace Dynamic Dancers** from Grace, L.A. provided praise dances. We were also given two basic rules by our **L.A. District Superintendent, Pastor Cedrick Bridgeforth**, to ensure a better relationship with God. We need to make sure we Pray and Praise, any and every chance we get. We cannot let the rocks cry out in our place because He's truly worthy of all our Praise. After worship, school supplies were handed out, and we ate and fellowshiped in the court yard area.

By **Deborah Michelle Perkins**, Young Adult (St. John's UMC)

# WHO ARE YOU emergent

By Fernando Alcántar

Director of Leadership Development for Young People  
Cal-Pac Conference of The UMC



maybe we've forgotten that we were hippies once, that we were punks, that we wore ankle warmers, neon shirts with peace signs on them. that we thought we were 'too legit too quit'. we have endearing camp stories of how well it worked, sweet annual conference tales of how meaningful it was, and touching youth group memories of how we used to be.



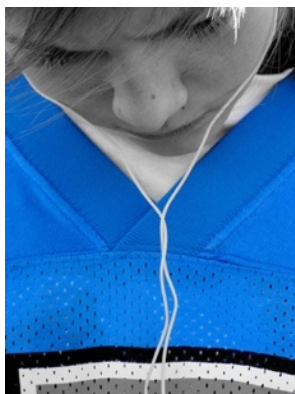
cultural generations play the nostalgia games on us, oh so quickly. but it is not just time, cultural tradition adds their two cents. if we think of a great banquet for a reunion, depending on our background some of us will quickly recommend, "curry!" someone across the table may add, "fried and spicy." To the left someone will add, "let's make sure we have rice". And of course the person on the right will add, "don't forget the ketchup."



**we all speak from a place of knowledge, a place we know very well, what has worked (for us) and what hasn't.**

most of these decisions will be anchored on a deep memory of joy, belonging, and warmth. stories of connections. stories of revelation. stories of friends, God and nature. stories of humanity that we've wrapped with the elements of the time, our time; hymns, liturgy, order, structure, reverence, and tradition. and why wouldn't we want others to experience such joy, belonging, and warmth? it was so good back then... so good.

but look at kids nowadays. they think they know. "cause **we** didn't need all that technology. **we** played board games." "**we** don't need no drums in camp and electric this and that. **we** had guitars and the sounds of nature." "and why do they have to question everything? can't the just believe that **we** know



what is best for them?"

lets face it, if we really had our way kids nowadays would still be wearing neon shirts, ipods would not exist, projection screens would not be needed, and shaggy would still be the hair style of the day. for some of us the immediate reaction would be, "yeah, what's so bad about that?" nothing. but the question here is, **do we want our kids influenced by their time, or by our time? and will they affect their world with their style or with our style?**

times change. just as the fascination when hair starts growing on a man's face, and then reality when it comes down the head and out through the ears, there is also a fascination when we change culturally. things work great for a season, but they may not last through another season. this generation of young people will be telling their children, "you see, back in the day we were skaters, we were metro. we wore ripped pants and fohawks. we had these things called ipods to hear music, and sent one line messages to our friends on our phones. we were cool, dawg" but for now, they are trying to define who is it that they are gonna be telling their kids they were, not

just technologically, fashionably, but spiritually, they find themselves comfortable walking into a mac store, switching to MTV. they see something that looks like how they feel. but what do they feel when they



walk into our churches? somehow in the process of time we've assumed that it was so good for us back when that we haven't sat down with them to ask them the most basic of questions. We have formed a banquet to "serve" them that include a remix of our classics, with camp curry, fried annual conference with ketchup, spicy hymns, sermons served with steamed rice. but we have failed to ask the kid sitting at our table, either because we have assumed they haven't changed, or even worse have repudiated the idea of them changing, the most basic of questions:

**who are you?**

The **emerging church** (sometimes referred to as the **emergent movement**) is a Christian movement of the late 20th and early 21st century that crosses a number of theological boundaries: participants can be described as evangelical, post-evangelical, liberal, post-liberal, charismatic, neocharismatic and post-charismatic. Participants seek to live their faith in what they believe to be a "postmodern" society. Proponents of this movement call it a "conversation" to emphasize its developing and decentralized nature, its vast range of standpoints and its commitment to dialogue. What those involved in the conversation mostly agree on is their disillusionment with the organized and institutional church and their support for the deconstruction of modern Christian worship, modern evangelism, and the nature of modern Christian community.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emerging\\_church](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emerging_church)

**SAVE THE DATES FOR 2010**



**YOUTH ALIVE**  
conference high school event

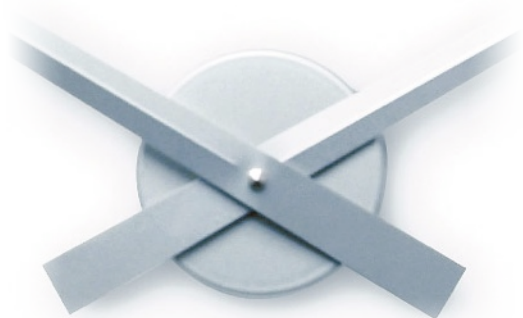
**engage**

february 13 - 15, 2010

Riverside Hotel and  
Convention Center

**SPIRIT QUEST**  
conference junior high event

**time out**



april 23-25, 2010  
Forest Home Camp



**WINTER RETREAT**  
conference young adult event

**summit**

january 8-10, 2010  
Big Bear UMC

so what is...

# emergent

anyways



e·mer·gent |i'mərjənt|

adjective

1 in the process of coming into being or becoming prominent : *the emergent democracies of eastern Europe.*

"It is important to understand that emerging worship is **not simply 'the new thing,' nor is it simply the 'hip, new way to worship.'** As we read the grand story of the Bible, we see that culture and time have changed worship throughout history."  
Dan Kimball (2004), *Emerging Worship*, pp 7-9

revelation 22:3

There will be a day when we will literally worship Jesus face to face!



genesis 4

Able gave God fat portions from the firstborn of his flock and Cain gave God some of the fruits of the soil.



genesis 8:20

Noah worships by building an altar and sacrificing offerings.



genesis 13:18

Abraham builds an altar and sacrifices burnt offering.

genesis 28:22

Jacob takes a stone to set it up as a pillar. He pours oil on top and called it "God's house."

exodus

The tabernacle designed as a sacred space of worship



The temple in Jerusalem presented a more advanced and elaborate worship. **hebrews 8:5**

malachi 1:10-11

Worship emerges not only from the Jerusalem Temple, but from everywhere with offerings to God.



Churches' architecture changes to theater-like, multi-purpose buildings, with multi-media, and innovation.

Worship becomes more organized in the shape of liturgy.



Later church moves from homes into great buildings with great architecture.



1 cor. 16:19, col. 4:15, phil. 2

Gathering of believers moves inside people's homes to share meals, sing and read Scripture.

acts 2

The Spirit dwells inside believers igniting a new form of worship.

john 4:23-24

Worship is not a place, but something done in spirit and truth.



and what is an

# emergent worship service

A popular question... Not a specific answer.

In his book *Emerging Worship: Creating Worship Gatherings for New Generations*, Dan Kimball describes an emergent worship service as one that does not have a pre-set order, style, or structure. It is rather a compilation of elements engaging the senses of creativity, technology, musical diversity, nature, and more centered around Christ to have an interactive worship experience that is different than a more traditional talking head, pre-structured, and expected event.

That said, there is no specific example of what an emergent worship service is. The following elements are some of the ingredients you may find in an emergent service.

## 1. Emerging worship moves away from a spectator type of gathering.

These are times for community and worship offerings, not for performances followed by clapping.

## 2. There is an organic design to the worship gathering.

They are not so over-planned that the Spirit isn't allowed to work in people or change things. By organic it means that people are not following a linear schedule of things to happen, but that they are able to participate in it. Its more than sitting!

People may move around the room for stations of prayer, painting, or journaling. The gathering is participatory.

## 3. A sacred space is created for the worship gathering.

Emerging worship generations are very visual. They crave a sense of mystery and wonder of God as they worship. You will see ancient and Celtic crosses,

artwork, prayer stations, Bible verses in creative ways, lighting, curtains and dividers, visuals on screens, props, candles, and many more elements to create a living room-like feel.

## 4. A multisensory approach to the worship gathering.

Multisensory worship involves seeing, hearing, tasting, smelling, touching, and experiencing.

## 5. Freedom of movement in worship.

In most gatherings people aren't forced to remain stationary in their seats. Music leads the speed. At any time people may pray with a brother or sister, dance, journal, or be on their face before God.

## 6. A different focal point.

Emerging worship is not a one or two person show of music leader and preacher. All the other elements and leaders play a role in ushering the gathering in worship to God.

## 7. A revival of liturgy, ancient disciplines, Christian seasons, and Jewish roots.

In modern emerging generations there is a desire to seek the ancient. There is also a desire to engage the older traditions with contemporary styles of worship.

## 8. An emphasis on prayer.

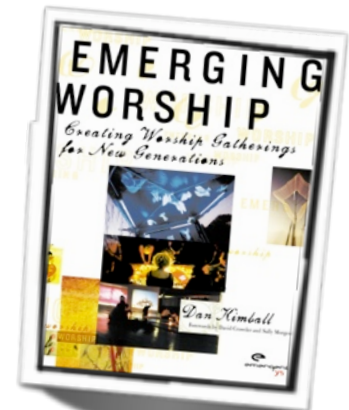
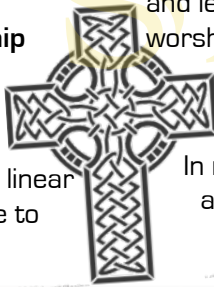
Prayer is elevated. People are given time to slow down, quiet their hearts, and pray around the room and with others.

## 9. Communion as a central part of emerging worship.

Many emerging congregations take communion weekly, though not in a routine manner.

## 10. Jesus as the centerpiece of worship.

Emerging worship leaves no doubt that Jesus is the center piece of the gathering.



To purchase *Emerging Worship* follow the link: [http://www.amazon.com/Emerging-Worship-Creating-Gatherings-Generations/dp/0310256445/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1255553230&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.com/Emerging-Worship-Creating-Gatherings-Generations/dp/0310256445/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1255553230&sr=1-1)

# AWAY: MÉXICO

Young Adult Ministries

Thanksgiving: November 25 - 29, 2009

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A **powerful** and **unordinary** way to spend Thanksgiving break.

Location: Mexicali, México

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+ team transportation & supplies

**Deadline: October 21, 2009**

Heads up: You will need valid travel documentation\*

"Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." UMC Mission Statement



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## YOUNG ADULT FALL RETREAT



This year we are doing something a little different. We are combining our Fall Retreat with the Lazy-W BBQ! We will be participating throughout the weekend and having our own times to gather and fellowship with each other. Our keynote speaker for the weekend is Bob Rhodes. He will be bringing a upbeat and invigorating message to all of us!

**OCT. 16TH-18TH, 2009**  
**\$ 42.00**

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## LOS ANGELES DISTRICT

### L.A. DISTRICT YOUTH & ADULT BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Saturday, OCTOBER 17, 2009,  
5pm-7:30pm.,  
Gable House Bowl, Torrance

Contact Val Boyd  
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## RIVERSIDE DISTRICT

### NOVEMBER DANCE

Saturday, November 7,  
7:00--10:00,  
Yucaipa UMC.  
The dance will have a  
Disco theme.  
Cost is \$5.

Contact Val Weise @  
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### DISTRICT YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT WORKERS GATHERING

The next A-Team meeting will be Saturday, November 21, 10:00am-11:00am at Corona UMC. All youth workers, pastors and youth are invited to this meeting. We'll be planning a December event and begin planning spring events.

## THE I HEART FILM

*Hillsong United* began in suburban Sydney, Australia, as a bunch of teenagers playing music in a local church youth band. Over a decade later they find themselves traveling the world playing to crowds numbering in the tens of thousands representing different nations, different cultures, and different challenges.

As United crisscross the globe they are confronted and ultimately overwhelmed by the stories of remarkable individuals facing injustice and the uncomfortable paradox of being united in worship yet divided in circumstance. If their entire focus is directed only to what happens on stage, then maybe they have missed the point altogether.

Filmed over a period of 2 years, *The I Heart Revolution: We're all in this Together* follows the worship band, Hillsong United, as they travel across 6 continents 42 nations and 93 cities in a cross-cultural journey of music, animation, interviews and live action documentary as they realize every story of hope, love, loss and sacrifice ultimately points to the one story.



<http://www.theiheartfilm.com>

# EXCITING SERIES AVAILABLE

By Leah Gallardo Switzer

As the director of the Media Center I have the task of previewing and watching many new DVDs and programs. One of the programs that I am excited about is the Nooma Series. This series is a revolutionary program that's changing the way people experience spirituality. Each DVD uses experiences of our lives to teach about the fullness of life through Jesus by tackling issues like forgiveness and unconditional love. Each film is hosted by Rob Bell. Rob is an incredible storyteller who gets you involved in the story.



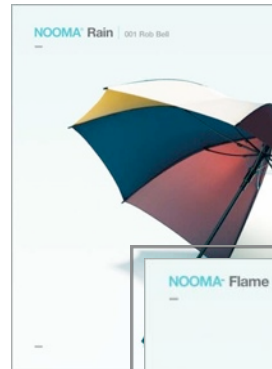
# NOOMA®



One of my favorite stories is Shells. Shells deals with the busyness of life. As leaders, do you often find yourself saying, "I'm so busy" or "I just have so much to do". It's easy to get overwhelmed with appointments, gatherings, to-do lists. But what are we really doing with our time? We are running from place to place trying to catch our breath. But most of us find it hard to say no. We feel obligated. There are so many good things to do. But while we're busy doing all these things, are we missing out on something great. Maybe we need to focus on the few things God has for us. And become like Jesus, who was able to say no, because He had already said "yes."

Each of these Nooma DVDs includes subtitles in English, French, German, Korean, Mandarin and Spanish. They also come with an excellent study guide.

For more information on this series, please call me at 626.568-7366 or 800.748.5855. I look forward to hearing from you.



## Frances Jones says farewell



After 20 years serving in our Conference office, Frances Jones has announced that she is ready for retirement effective January 1st, 2010. Frances has served faithfully as the administrative assistant for Young People Ministries, and now as part of the Cal-Pac Center for Leadership.

Please join us in thanking Frances for her many years of dedication and wish her the very best in this new season of her life.

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