

# RESOURCES FOR EXPLORING A CALL TO MINISTRY

**For denominational support and information through Nazarene Clergy Development:**

<http://nazarene.org/global-clergy-development>

<http://nazarene.org/resources/clergy>

**For a podcast highlighting young clergy and their ministries:**

This Nazarene Life:

<http://thisnazlife.com/>

**For a great book for someone sensing a call to ministry, exploring everything from discerning and exploring a call, education, different areas of ministry, and ordination:**

*The Call of a Lifetime*, by Keith Drury. Wesleyan Publishing House, 2013.

**For websites and articles regarding women in ministry:**

Empowering the Women in your Youth Ministry: by Jen Willard

<http://nyiconnect.com/empowering-the-women-in-your-youth-ministry/>

Engaging the Conversation: Women in Ministry

<http://nyiconnect.com/engaging-the-conversation-women-in-ministry/>

Wesleyan Holiness Digital Library/ Wynkoop Center for Women in Ministry:

<https://www.whdl.org/collections/wynkoop-center-women-ministry>

## *Are YOU Called?*

Every Christian is called to follow in the footsteps of Christ, finding ways to serve God with the gifts that you were specifically given.

There are many gifts and talents that we can serve the Lord with, as we choose what we will do in our lifetime and we know that God will use us to bless others through what we are called to do.

For some that calling will take a specific direction as they will be called into a full-time vocational service to the ministry. That means, believing that God has called you to a lifetime of serving as a pastor, chaplain, missionary, compassionate ministry and other creative ministries.

Your calling may have come very clearly to you, or it may be something you're still trying to figure out. As you seek to explore this calling the following steps can be helpful:

1. Pray and ask God for direction.
2. Ground yourself through Reading God's word.
3. Share with someone you trust.
4. Talk with your family, pastor, and youth leader.
5. Explore opportunities to serve.
6. Look into resources such as blogs, websites and books that can help you learn more about the area you feel called to serve.
7. Be open to feedback and mentoring.

Exploring a call can be an exciting thing and it can also be a bit scary. It's all ok!! We want to help you discover where God is calling you in life!

**SAVE THE DATE!!** A special gathering of students exploring a call to ministry will be held October 27th, at Mitchell Church of the Nazarene. We hope you'll join us!

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## *Are You a Mentor?*

Working with students and young adults can be an exciting thing. You are getting a front row seat to watching God's great plan unfold in their lives, and seeing their faith grow and develop. You also get the opportunity to help students explore what it means to follow God's call on their life as they begin to explore how to use their gifts and talents for God.

As you work with your students, allow them to serve and lead in areas that their gifts can be used. Be encouraging of the specific gifts and qualities that you see them expressing. It is through these experiences that they may find more clarification on what God is calling them to in life.

If you have a student that is expressing a specific call to ministry, consider being a mentor, or connecting your student to a mentor as they discover their call.

### **As you mentor a student, consider these things:**

Touch base with your student on a regular basis.

Pray with your student

Discuss spiritual and personal accountability

Help the student reflect about God's presence in their life and experiences.

Give advice and guidance from a spiritual perspective

Speak with honesty and love.

Provide times for the student to experience ministry, job shadow, serve, and create expressions of the ministry God is calling them to. Getting the chance to "dig in" to ministry is great way for a student to gain a deeper understanding of life in ministry.

Need more help or suggestions? Email: [Pastorkarolyn@gmail.com](mailto:Pastorkarolyn@gmail.com)

