

The Greatest Stories Ever Told

YOUTH PROGRAM

The Youth Program, which runs concurrently with the programs for children and adults, is an integral part of “The Greatest Stores Ever Told” conference. Our goal is to include youth (Grades 6 to 12) in the large group experiences when possible (the three *Gatherings* on Thursday afternoon, Friday and Saturday mornings; the dinner program on Friday evening; and the closing program and Eucharist on Saturday afternoon.) There will be a special program for youth during the plenaries and workshop times, although the youth are welcome to attend these parts of the conference if they so wish. The Youth Program is described below:

Thursday afternoon – 3:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Stephen Bentley, creator of the syndicated comic strip, “Herb and Jamaal” will lead the youth in a cartooning workshop. You can find out more about Steve’s superb gifts as a cartoonist by going to www.gocomics.com or www.creators.com. Steve is also the youth director of St. Anne’s Episcopal Church in Stockton, CA, where he has developed a combined youth ministry with Methodist and Congregational congregations.

During the rest of the Youth Program times, (Friday, 9:30 to noon, 2:00-5:00 p.m., Saturday 9-noon, 1:00-2:15 p.m.) Steve will be working with David Champion, a youth minister at All Saints Church in Portland and the Metro-East Youth Coordinator for the Diocese of Oregon and Catherine Healy, Missioner for Youth, Young Adults and Higher Education for the Diocese of Oregon.. The youth will be working on developing a short video which will be shared at the closing ceremonies of the conference and used in future marketing and educational ventures for the Province VIII congregations. Youth will have opportunities to share their gifts and interests in developing this video by doing artwork, cartooning, interviewing, script-writing, on-camera and behind-camera work, and editing the final product.