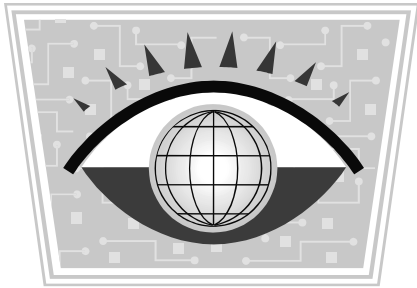


DISTINCTIVES



The SC WMU growth plan will focus on several areas. Through these specific areas we will try to encourage leaders and members of WMU to look for new ways to be involved and to involve others in missions. The distinctives of this growth plan are:

- Mission Action
- Witnessing
- Age-Level Focus
- Family Emphasis
- Ministers' Spouse Encouragers
- Associational Growth Consultants
- WMU Growth Specialists
- Technology

More Youth on Mission Ideas:

Send text messages, e-mails, post cards, and letters to prospects.

Make sure your active youth participate in planning and preparing for Youth on Mission events and activities.

Plan a missions project that will be interesting to "first-timers" who have not been involved in missions before. Make sure it is something in which they can participate but would not need to have special training to attend.

Invite a missionary to share with your Youth on Mission group and invite all the youth in your church and surrounding area.

Design a Youth on Mission web page for your church. Place information about meeting times, special events and missions projects. Post articles about how you are involved in doing missions. Include the web site in all your e-mails, publicity and publications.

"OFF THE CHART" YOUTH ON MISSION PROJECT

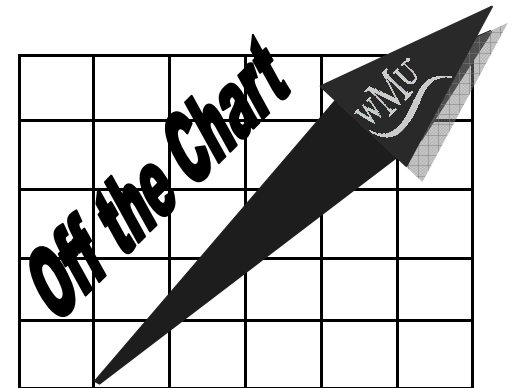
Divide your Youth on Mission Group into teams of two or three. Assign the teams a Scavenger Hunt list of youth with specific qualities, abilities or talents they must find and bring to Youth on Mission during a four-six month period. Team points are awarded for each individual meeting the criteria. Invite those who are brought to join the team who brought them for the duration of the hunt. Have a celebration event at the end and award prizes to the winning team(s) and to the team with the most team members present. Be sure to invite new team members to join your Youth on Mission Group. Remember growth includes quantity and quality.



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INGREDIENTS

Principles for Growth

Growth is to be undergirded with prayer.

To accomplish WMU growth, one must be true to the vision and purpose.

People use their spiritual gifts and strengths through involvement in WMU/missions education.

There must be a commitment to grow that leads to an expectancy of growth.

Growth includes enlistment and enlargement.

Organizations must meet at times and places that people can attend and offer many avenues of missions involvement.

Growth requires adequate resources and appropriate number of leaders.

Growth requires trained leadership.

Growth demands effective communication.

Networking/Linking is important in starting new organizations.

All churches need missions education.

Key Elements

Each church and association are asked to use these key elements in planning their work for WMU. These elements will help us to become better leaders and encourage us to involve more people in missions.

Define Missions Education to the Church

Communicate the Heart of WMU

Leadership Development

Qualitative Growth

Numerical Growth

People

Units/Organizations/Groups

Coaching

Mentoring

Customization-WMU is different in different churches



Plan a special event (rally, after game party, concert, retreat, etc.), sponsored by your Youth on Mission group. Create an attractive invitation and have your youth give them out at school. Schedule time at the event to share about your Youth on Mission group meeting times and invite all to come.

Team up with a nearby church that does not have a Youth on Mission group and encourage them to start a group or invite them to participate in a missions project with your Youth on Mission group.

Have your group design a logo for their Youth on Mission group. Have the logo printed on T-shirts that they can wear to school and promote Youth on Mission.

Video and photograph Youth on Mission events and mission action activities to create a promotional DVD. Use it to show to the church and potential Youth on Mission participants (uninvolved youth & 5-6th graders) during Children in Action or Sunday School activities.

Host a Sunday night Youth Service and highlight your Youth on Mission's purpose and strategy.

Post enlarged *Youth on Mission Posters and a Youth on Mission Calendar of Events* in strategic places in the church.

Mail a Youth on Mission newsletter out to potential participants with the upcoming schedule of activities.