

A Vision for Young People and the Presbyterian Church (USA)

The 219th General Assembly approved and recommended for use the following Vision Statement for Youth in the Church:

In the midst of a beautiful and broken world, we have a vision for ministry with young people that unites youth in Christ with all other generations and proclaims the love of God without end. This vision gives us hope for a Church that:

Is authentic, made up of communities of faith that live what they proclaim;

Participates in, and pays witness to, the lively, joyful reality of the grace of God for the whole world;

Helps young people to understand what it means to be saved by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that they will, as God does, view all people with love and possibility;

Expresses God's boundless love by embracing young people as they are, where they are, and where they could be, inspiring them to share their ideas, dreams and unique gifts with the world and the church;

Acknowledges and celebrates youth as the keepers of God's world, capable of serving as agents of healing, friends to the friendless, and leaders along the path of Jesus;

Encourages young people to live and lead with humility, but also with confidence and joy;

Accepts that it may be changed, even re-made, through the power of the Spirit and by youth's energy, freshness, and vitality.

