



Presence

Encountering God with young people

A day of reflective practice led by Mark Yaconelli

Saturday 1 September 2007

9.00am - 4.30pm

at St Mary's Church,
Putney High Street,
Putney, London,
SW15 1SN

The day is for youth and children's workers, clergy, readers and co-ordinators of work with children and young people

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Individuals: £10

Groups: £7.50 a head, groups of 3 or more

Lunch provided

Jesus' ministry is rooted in his willingness to experience himself as God's beloved. Can we do the same? This retreat is an invitation to become a disciple again. It's an invitation to come away with Jesus. This is a time to set down our ministry roles, our agendas and our high expectations so that God can minister to our minds, bodies, hearts and spirits and teach us how we might create a youth ministry grounded in prayer and presence. Based on ten years of research within the Youth Ministry and Spirituality Project at San Francisco Theological Seminary, this day-long retreat will involve a variety of group and individual reflective exercises, prayer forms, worship, discussion and teaching sessions led by Mark Yaconelli. We hope that the day will be a source of renewal for the work in which we are engaged, a meeting place where we can find support and encouragement for the work we do and an opportunity to venture deeper into the life in God that we seek to share with young people.

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Mark Yaconelli holds an MA in Christian Spirituality from the Graduate Theological Union and a Graduate Diploma in the Art of Spiritual Direction from San Francisco Theological Seminary. He has been a leader in spiritual reformation within the North American church and has led and developed national retreats for pastors, youth pastors, and young people for over ten denominations as well as for organizations like the National Youth Worker's Convention and Zondervan's National Pastors Convention. Mark's research and ministry within the nationally recognized Youth Ministry and Spirituality Project has been ground-breaking in its exploration of spiritual direction, contemplation and ancient spiritual practices as the basis of discipleship with young people. From 1996-2004 Mark was the founder and director of Sabbath a spiritual formation week for people in ministry held in four cities each year.

Mark has contributed chapters to many books including *Way to Live* (2003 Upper Room) and is the author of *Contemplative Youth Ministry: Practising the Presence of Jesus* (SPCK 2006) and *Growing Souls* (SPCK 2007).

Mark lives in Ashland, Oregon with his wife Jill and three children, Noah, Joseph and Grace.