

Youth Committee Report

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Good morning! Grace and peace in Jesus name. Many things happened during the past five years. It is tradition in the Youth Committee that some of those who started got married during the time. So a few of us are happily married and also one of us was visited by a stork. As I said, many things happened during this time. Timothy and Sara left the Committee and Janet and Chris joined us later.

In 1998, we took part of ICYCE in St. Simons Island, GA, organized by World Evangelism and last week we could organize our own seminar for young leaders of the Methodist Church in London, England. We want to thank you all those who supported and still support our work through time, prayers and gifts.

Over the last five years the Youth Committee has drawn up a Mission Statement and also a Statement of Purpose which I am going to read to you now.

MISSION STATEMENT:

(taken from I Timothy 4:12 and Ephesians 4:12-13)

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love in faith and in purity. To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the son of God, to maturity, to the measure to the full stature of Christ."

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

To empower young people to change the world by changing the church through witnessing, worshiping, connecting, and strengthening belief in God the Creator, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

We also aim, throughout our work, to provide communication to young people throughout the world and one of our main aims in these last five years has been to develop young leaders events every five years to bring young Christian leaders together from around the world so that they may continue Christ's work in their regions.

As I said a few minutes ago, the first International Methodist Young Leaders seminar was organized by the Youth Committee of the World Methodist Council. It was held at Wesley's Chapel in London, England from the 19th to the 23rd of July, 2001 and we came up with the following resolution:

The Resolution Adopted by the First International Methodist Young Leaders Seminar was:

Multiplying true disciples of Jesus Christ by encouraging and em-

establish cultural relevance discipleship programs, establishing communications to encourage and promote and share discipleship to all resources and providing and promoting an international youth event, planned and led by youth to equip and empower young people in discipleship.

From yesterday's seminars we came up with the following resolution:

As disciples of Christ who are committed to do justice by fighting justly through our Christ like actions; therefore, creating a more just society, to show constant love by turning the other cheek and still love despite being confronted by evil, love is also to accept that we are different, but like a rainbow, different colors that looks beautiful together, to walk humbly with God, recognizing that we are God's creation and giving him all the glory and honor. All of us are called to be a FROG, Fully Reliant On God.

As the work of this Youth Committee comes to an end, we hope we will have left some foundations for future Youth Committees to build upon. Over the next five years, we would welcome the opportunity to work more closely with other committees of the Council as young people represent such a large proportion of society. We believe there is a need for youth involvement in all areas of the church. We would like to ask all of you for your continued support, for your knowledge, your experience and your prayers for the new Youth Committee as they continue their work in the future.