



YABs Fellowship Week 2020 Worship Resources

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Theme and texts

**a. Theme:
Purpose:
God's
and ours**

**b. Why this theme
was chosen:**

Finding our calling in life is a significant part of young adulthood. Some of us are confused by too many options; others of us feel our options are limited or nonexistent. In the Global North it may be a question of having many options to choose from, and in the Global South, the issue may be having no or limited options. Together, let's explore the relationship between God's purpose for our lives and our journeys of discovering it personally.

c. Biblical texts:

2 Timothy 1:6–14

For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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Songs

- A. [Satisfy](#) – UK /chords/
- B. [Who You Say I Am](#) – French, German, Indonesian, Xhosa, Zulu, Italian, Portugese, Spanish, Afrikaans, Russian, Korean, Mandarin /lyrics/
- C. [Here For a Reason](#) – USA
- D. [Imela](#) – Nigeria /chords/
- E. [Love is Calling/Somlandela](#) – South Africa /chords/
- F. [Allah Sumber Kuatku](#) – Indonesia /chords/
- G. [Gantimpala ko Musikatha](#) – Philippines /chords/
- H. [Thrive](#) – USA
- I. [Eyesus](#) – Ethiopia /chords/
- J. [Jesus ist Kommen](#) – Germany
- K. [El Señor Cumplirá](#) – Colombia
- L. [Sang Tere](#) – India /chords/

Please check your church's copyright protocols before using these songs in public gatherings.

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Additional resources in this package

- Discussion questions
- Testimonies:
Read testimonies about how young Anabaptists around the world seek God's purpose in their lives.
- Prayer requests:
Young Anabaptists from around the world share concerns and joys for communal prayers.





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Discussion Questions

1. Where do you go to ask questions regarding the meaning of life? What determines whether you feel safe to ask those questions?
2. What do you think is your purpose in life? How did you arrive at that conclusion? What is God's purpose for you according to the text? What other Scripture passages help you understand God's purpose for your life? Share a verse or experience that has contributed to your journey.
3. In light of verse 9 ("who...called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace"), what does calling mean and how does it relate to life purpose discussed in question 2?
4. What are some obstacles that prevent you from fully living out your purpose? How do you understand purpose in light of unexpected changes and difficulties?
5. What is the relationship between calling and suffering in this passage?
6. Why do you think God has placed you in your specific context and given you the opportunities and abilities you have? (There is no right or wrong answer.)



Sae Jin Lee leads worship singing at a special YABs Fellowship Week chapel service at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana, USA. Photo: Perdian Tumanan

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Additional resources online

www.mwc-cmm.org/yabs

Watch our [Facebook \(@younganabaptists\)](#) and [Instagram \(@younganabaptists\)](#) for updates during YABs Fellowship Week!



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Prayer Requests

Young Anabaptists from around the world share concerns and joys for communal prayer.

Africa

Tanzania

- Please pray that our church leaders may lead with a clear vision and know how to prepare new young servants to whom they will hand over the ministry so that it will keep going.
- Please pray that Kanisa Mennonite Tanzania church will grow quickly. Pray that members will keep the work of Lord real and visible to all people through the love of God.



Ghana Mennonite Church celebrated YABs Fellowship Week in 2019 in Accra, Adansi, Somanya, Suhum, Lower Volta and North Volta District. Pictured is the Accra district congregation. Photo: Edward Aryeetey

Asia

- Pray for the Lord’s mercy regarding the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and healing for all those affected.
- Pray for the Malaysian government that is in crisis right now and for the voices of the minorities not to be overruled. Pray for a peaceful resolution.
- Religious and racial tension in India have increased under the current government. Pray for the church in India to be a vehicle of the Lord’s peace in their country.

Europe

Switzerland

- In Switzerland (and Europe), it seems to be increasingly “outdated” to be a Christian and a committed member of the church. Pray that believers don’t become discouraged by society and that we learn new ways to show the world that the gospel has something to teach us now just as it always has.
- Let’s also pray that we may be encouraged to remind our governments and society in Switzerland and Europe of Christian values like loving enemies, welcoming strangers and taking care of the creation.

Germany

- Please pray for the young generation in German churches that they discover who God really is and that they would follow Jesus with a passion that inspires and spreads across the nation.



Students from around the world at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary organized a chapel service to celebrate YABs Fellowship Week. Each continent was represented by international students who shared songs and prayers. Photo: Perdian Tumanan



Joint worship service with the churches in Santa Cruz de la Sierra for YABs Fellowship week 2019.
Photo: Marcos Salas

David, Marta, Luisa, Aino, Elkin of Iglesia Manantial de Paz, a Mennonite Brethren congregation in Medellin, Colombia.
Photo: courtesy of Iglesia Manantial

Latin America

- Pray for the Anabaptist Latin American Youth Gathering (ELJA) in Colombia 20–24 July 2020. It will be the first time that young people from all Latin American countries will be together to reflect about the Anabaptist identity in our contexts.
- For the Central American migrant caravans that are moving from Honduras to the USA. People are dying looking for a better future for their families.
- Please pray for wisdom to keep dialogues going in Mexico and in the communities. So often there is inequality that we do not want to combat. We worry about the violence,

but we do not concern ourselves with one another’s well being. Also, we either blame the government for everything or expect the government to save everyone.

North America

- Pray for the election in the USA this year (November) and for Christians to be unified and not further divided by politics.

If you would like us to pray for your region during YABs Fellowship Week, please share your petitions and praise on Facebook hashtagged #YABs.



Testimonies

Lukas Sägesser (Switzerland)

I believe that we as Christians are called to be followers of Jesus Christ, a living testimony of the unconditional love of Jesus, and instruments of God's peace. This is a fundamental part of my faith.

However, often it's not easy to see what all of this means in everyday life. Sure, it might serve as guidance in some questions of how to behave in society and politics, but, still, based on the same premise, people may reach very different or even opposing conclusions.

Also, how do you use these principles to answer big life questions like "what profession should I take up"? Considering that I don't feel like I've heard God's voice clearly giving me an answer, I'm studying in a field that I'm interested in and that I have talents for. I still don't know for sure if that's what God has in mind for me.



Pictured (left-right): Brandon, Rubén (standing), Beto, Marcos, Mike and Evelyn at Blumenau Menoniten Gemeinde in Chihuahua, Mexico. Photo: Crisol Gonzalez



Young people shared testimonies of cross-cultural encounter, speakers presented on the theme, and a band led singing at Blumenau Menoniten Gemeinde in Chihuahua, Mexico, for YABs Fellowship Week in 2019. Photo: Crisol Gonzalez

Veronika Klinger (Germany)

After my first talk at my student group in 2016, I had the feeling that God spoke to me and said what he wanted me to do: God wanted me to share with people about my faith and help them understand more of God and his Word and to get inspired. Since I know that this is part of my calling, I gladly say yes to opportunities where I can share about my faith without feeling I'm doing it out of pride or to make others like me.

6 Share!

Take pictures and share on Facebook and Instagram! #YABs #mwcmm

Also send through FB messenger or email yabs@mwc-cmm.org.

Help us prepare for future fellowship weeks and YABs projects by filling out the feedback form online. Give input on how the YABs Committee can better serve you!

Find our feedback form [here](#) in English and Spanish.

