

## **21/8/2006 - Ministry is Calling**

Are you currently involved or wish to become engaged in youth ministry? Are you looking for an opportunity to learn the ins-and-outs of working with youth, share emerging ideas, and discuss your theology with others? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then we have an excellent opportunity for you! Youth Ministry Institute (YMI) is an informational, practical, and relational training event for anyone interested. It doesn't matter if you are a paid or volunteer youth worker—the role you play in the lives of your students shouldn't be taken for granted. YMI is an opportunity to enable you to deepen relationships and enhance your existing ministry skills. Shari Hickom, North Georgia Conference youth coordinator states, “The connection, networking, and support of YMI is amazing. Most youth workers have so many hats to wear. It can be a hard job sometimes. At YMI, we build each other up, and remind participants that they aren't alone. Just as important, we invite national and local leaders who are skilled in the area of youth ministry to help participants build a strong, effective, and enduring ministry in their church.” When asked who should attend this event, Hickom said, “There seems to be a notion that this event is just for new folks who are getting into youth ministry. This assumption simply isn't true. YMI is an experience where even a veteran youth worker can benefit. Anybody who is intentional and serious about building skills, please come. If you think your current program is in a rut—then really come!” For more information about YMI, please begin by visiting [www.yminstitute.org](http://www.yminstitute.org) . A youth ministry brochure is available here. If you have questions about the October 3rd through October 5th Fall YMI event at Camp Glisson, please contact Shari Hickom at [shickom@ngumc.org](mailto:shickom@ngumc.org) , or at 678.533.1445. The cost for the event is \$500 and includes meals, lodging, and all resources. Limited scholarships are also available. Tim McDaniel