

## Outcomes based spiritual development?

How can we “*teach our children in the way they should go*” if we do not have a clear idea as to what to teach and how to teach it? Is this why there is still a big falloff rate after Confirmation? Is this why teachers and youth leaders are still crying out for help to lead those under their care? Is this why our youth are unresponsive to life issues and unwilling to take initiative on societal challenges?

We need new approaches to the ministry of the young. We need to think a whole lot more differently about this ministry if we are going to make a reasonable impact.

Some considerations :

1. We have to move this ministry into the centre of the mission of the church.
2. We need to look at the ministry more holistically



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and continuous – It's more than just Bible stories and camps. It's a life long learning experience.

3. We need to move from teachers and instructors to *life facilitators*.
4. Spiritual development should start from at least age 3 years.
5. Outcomes based spiritual development is needed – we need to aim at tangible outcomes (knowledge, understanding, behaviour, practice, achievement, etc.)

6. A few sessions on Baptism preparation for parents, is not enough.

7. Children and youth ministries require well trained facilitators using well equipped facilities.

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## Diocesan Youth embarks on a Readiness Campaign

One of the clear outcomes of the PYC Consultation, which took place in Lesotho in July this year, is the development of a Readiness Campaign in anticipation of the implementation of Project2013. The key areas of actions, are:

1. To develop an integrated ministry in the Diocese incorporating

ALL children and young people related ministries, organizations and guilds.

2. Ensuring that the ministry covers ALL the children and young people (active or inactive Baptised members of our church).
3. To do research to determine how many

young people are represented by existing organizations.

4. Developing effective communication processes.

A follow-on campaign being anticipated, is to determine the readiness of the rest of the Church. So, how open and ready are we for change?

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These may sound like high ideals, but it is nothing short of what Christ would expect if we are going to make great disciples of our young ones.

### So what have we done about this?

The Provincial Youth Council in the Province of Southern Africa has just launched a project to put a Development Team of experts



together to develop a more outcomes based curriculum and training programme for the spiritual formation and development of children from age 3 to 18+. It seeks to define the outcomes expected of any age as well as produce a teaching/training curriculum which provides tools, guidelines and materials to help the facilitators (Sunday School Teachers, youth leaders, instructors, etc.) achieve the outcomes. In

addition, a facilitator training programme will be developed for all those involved in children and youth ministries.

### Our immediate needs :

We need volunteers who have experience in curricula development, child and youth theology experts, learning methodology experts, children and youth ministry experts, and others, who, in a Development Team, have a value contribution to make.

We also need funding for this (once off) project and it is estimated that it will take about R100000.00 to complete.

The Youth web site ([www.aysa.org.za](http://www.aysa.org.za)) contains more details about Project2013 including a downloadable project document and Powerpoint presentation. For all enquiries, please email : [info@aysa.org.za](mailto:info@aysa.org.za).

## What would young people say to Provincial Synod?

Our question on Facebook : Assuming you had the platform at Provincial Synod, what would you say to the house?

Answer from Luvuyiso Mxunyelwa : "Lot's of things have to change in the way the church is conducting itself. People need to be taught Christianity and not preached."

Linda Makgathe says: "In 1988 Lambeth Conference called on Anglicans around the world to prepare for a 'Decade of Evangelism' from 1999 to 2000. I have spent a

considerable amount of time investigating whether the Church responded to that call. I have since come to the conclusion that there hasn't been any significant shift in the Church regarding the latter. I have also come to realise that generally, talk of evangelism often makes Anglicans feel uncomfortable. I have heard some people say; "it isn't part of our style of doing things", others say; "we don't want to force our religion on other people" and so on...

We need to start asking ourselves

some tough questions; What is evangelism? . . . . "

Read the rest of Linda's response and his suggestions on the Youth web site at [www.aysa.org.za](http://www.aysa.org.za).



Linda and his wife.

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PYC has set in place a number of key initiatives:

1. A fully informative web site which includes news, discussions, events and stories from around the Province. Please support our on-line **Shop**.
2. Great programmes for children and youth development.
3. Diocesan Youth Leadership Seminar for key leaders in any Diocese.
4. An annual Consultation consisting of representatives of all the Dioceses.
5. Key relationships with local and international partners (e.g. Operation Hope, SACC Youth Forum, Kairos, ThinkTwice, and others. Internally, we work with all minis-

tries and organizations.

6. And much more.

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