

## **Workshop 1B | Tu Kahikatea for Experienced Practitioners | Facilitated by Dan Siave**

### **Te Wa | The Journey**

Summary: As a youth Minister we are given the opportunity to lead young people to encounter Jesus Christ throughout their lives.

Practical use: To introduce Youth Ministry to priests, youth ministers, parish councils so that they might be active participants on the journeys.

Standing tall on the shoulders of YM past. Ripple effect – start with something small and it will grow.

### **Nga Wawata | Goals of Catholic Youth Ministry**

Summary: The three goals are a framework which focuses on involving young people in their Catholic faith community. The essence of the goals is to empower young people and draw them into the life and mission of the Church, while fostering growth to live as disciples of Jesus Christ.

These goals provide a foundation for working with young people and gives them something to work towards. Tells you exactly where you are starting from and where you are striving towards.

Practical use: Link activities/programmes back to the goals. Important to help the young people understand WHY we do certain things. Their activities in youth will take them into adult life. Use as justification for what we do.

### **Nga Tikanga | Themes of a Comprehensive Vision**

Summary: Bringing the gospel message and involving all people no matter who they are or where they're from.

Practical application: Putting this into action making holistic community.

Translation: Creating a culture of respect and openness starting within the youth community - with the needs of our youth communities. This needs to be practical, open and ethnically diverse. So for example in a Samoan group you would might invite a palangi speaker. No matter who walks in the door the youth and leaders should be open and respectful of this person.

### **Nga Kaupapa | The Components (The Complete Package)**

Summary: The practical and holistic checklist that enables young people to share their gifts with the larger community.

Practical Uses:

- In a leadership programme for young leaders make a matrix to show their strengths and weaknesses of what their group covers currently. They take one component where they are not strong in and do a small project with their young people that helps to strengthen or give a taster of that component.
- Take a youth leader out to coffee and use the eight components as the agenda.

### **Nga Kawenga | Conclusion**

Summary: To find young people where they are, help them grow in who they are, with the love of Jesus so they can share it with others. Be not afraid.

Practical use:

- Taking Church songs or gospel stories and helping them to understand these eg having the young people express the way they want to or feel.
- Taking a hymn/prayer/apostles creed and use it in their liturgical prayer/culture
- Finding something that is common in the youth and celebrating it. Celebrate who you are.

Example/way to teach it:

LIVE IT | WITNESS IT | SHARE IT | LOVE IT

Remember we do Catholic ministry with young people. We do not do youth ministry with young Catholic people. Our ministry is to ALL young people. We are sent to minister to whoever is in front of us. It is our role to be authentically Catholic.

If you are using this document purely as a checklist then you are using it wrong. When you try to do everything you won't necessarily achieve anything. Do be aware of the other elements. Celebrate what you do well.