

**Stewardship Calling – 5TH Sunday Series on Ancient Faith Radio
Programs on Youth and Emerging Adults and their
Religious Education, Church Engagement and Stewardship
(July 30, 2017 (part II) and April 30, 2017 (part I))**

You can find the archived July 30, 2017 and April 30, 2017 Stewardship Calling programs here: <http://stewardshipcalling.com/internet-radio/>

In those programs, we discussed the following insightful videos, studies, books, materials and other resources you can review if you are interested in the topics of Youth and Emerging Adult Religious Education, Church Engagement and Stewardship:

1. The National Study of Youth and Religion information can be found here: <http://youthandreligion.nd.edu/>

2. A great presentation on the National Study of Youth and Religion by Dr Smith is his 2008 Marjorie Pay Hinckley Lecture on "Soul Searching: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers" that can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iRCaQlr9ooU>

3. A wonderful summary on the National Study of Youth and Religion was created in 2011 by The Center For Youth Ministry Training and can be downloaded here: assets.ngin.com/attachments/document/0042/5177/NationalStudyYout_Religion.pdf

4. The Science of Generosity study information can be found here: <https://generosityresearch.nd.edu/>

5. Dr Christian Smith 12th Annual Thomas Lake Lecture at the University of Indiana the explains the research on generosity can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-VwLZZTPCt0&t=160s>

6. This is a great book on generosity **Passing the Plate: Why American Christians Don't Give Away More Money** - Dr Christian Smith

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0054ID9YC/ref=dp-kindle-redirect?_encoding=UTF8&btkr=1

7. Courtesy of the Science of Generosity studies, if you want to find an easy place to see some of the best surveys containing questions dealing with generosity and their publicly available data, click here: <http://generosityresearch.nd.edu/other-resources/survey-data-sets/>

8. Elissa Bjeletich's powerful talk at the Youth and Camp Workers Conference 2017 regarding how to do religious education better can be viewed here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IB0RZRssr28>

9. For insightful research and insights in the perspectives of youth and emerging adults, check out David Kinnaman's great book, **You Lost Me: Why Young People Are Leaving the Church...and Rethinking Faith**

https://www.amazon.com/You-Lost-Me-Christians-Rethinking/dp/0801015898/ref=sr_1_1?s=digital-text&ie=UTF8&qid=1493322060&sr=8-1&keywords=You+Lost+Me%3A+Why+Young+People+Are+Leaving+the+Church%E2%80%A6and+Rethinking+Faith

10. For other perspectives on the religious beliefs of youth and emerging adults, check out Jonathon Hill's book **Emerging Adulthood and Faith**

https://www.amazon.com/Emerging-Adulthood-Faith-Jonathan-Hill-ebook/dp/B00Y3VWZY/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1493322103&sr=8-1&keywords=Emerging+Adulthood+and+Faith

11. A great talk about the importance of a Youth Minister was offered by Jacob Saylor at the Youth and Camp Workers Conference 2017 entitled: "Kids Come Second: Building Parish Ministry by Developing Young Adults." It can be found here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hOxY8_7T2m4&t=5s

12. From my guest on the July 30, 2017 Stewardship Calling 5th Sunday program, Steven Christoforou, the Director of Y2AM (the Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries) and the Office of Camping Ministries of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America offered the following invaluable resources:

(i) Y2AM website: y2am.org

(ii) Y2AM Facebook: [facebook.com/GOAYouth](https://www.facebook.com/GOAYouth)

(iii) Y2AM YouTube: [youtube.com/y2am](https://www.youtube.com/y2am)

(iv) How to Make Ministry Better and More Christ-Centered (a short ministry video we made): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iygRtkEfQ6c>

(v) Y2AM Ministry Plan (new parish and family resources):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zGsHo9ZqGnQ>

(vi) How (Not) to Be Secular: https://www.amazon.com/How-Not-Be-Secular-Reading/dp/0802867618/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1500479102&sr=8-1&keywords=how+not+to+be+secular

(vii) You Are What You Love: https://www.amazon.com/You-Are-What-Love-Spiritual/dp/158743380X/ref=sr_1_2?ie=UTF8&qid=1500479102&sr=8-2&keywords=how+not+to+be+secular

(viii) Growing Young: 6 Essential Strategies to Help Young People Discover and Love Your Church: <https://www.amazon.com/Growing-Young-Essential-Strategies-Discover/dp/0801019257>

13. From my guest on the April 30, 2017 Stewardship Calling 5th Sunday program, information about the dynamic Office of Vocation & Ministry at Hellenic College – Holy Cross under the direction of Dr. Ann Mitsakos Bezzerides can be found here: <http://www.hchc.edu/studentlife/vocation>

In addition, Dr. Bezzerides recommends anyone interested in these topics review the following websites and great materials:

http://www.hchc.edu/studentlife/vocation/octev_resources/

<http://www.teloscommunity.org/resources/recommended-reading>

<http://www.crossroadinstitute.org/classroom/crossroad-classroom-resources>

14. Here are sources for enormously valuable data about religion in America and other related topics:

a. Pew Research Center: <http://www.pewforum.org/> and particularly their:

(i) Religious Landscape Study: <http://www.pewforum.org/religious-landscape-study/>

(ii) Religion Among Millennials Study: <http://www.pewforum.org/2010/02/17/religion-among-the-millennials/>

(iii) America's Changing Religious Landscape: <http://www.pewforum.org/2015/05/12/americas-changing-religious-landscape/>

b. **Barna Research Group:** <https://www.barna.com/category/faith-christianity/> and particularly their 2016 State of the Church <https://www.barna.com/research/state-church-2016/>

15. You can find a full array of resources on the Effective Church Model, Engaged Disciples, True Stewardship, Church Strategic Planning, Religious Freedom, Church Leadership Development, all of the Ancient Faith Radio and Orthodox Christian Network podcasts and internet radios programs, as well as a whole host of other videos, presentations, and resources at the always free resource that “helps people and parishes discover and live their stewardship calling”:
www.stewardshipcalling.com

