

## What is Growing Young?

Growing Young is a resource that explores 6 Core Characteristics of Jesus-Centered communities that are actively involving and retaining people of all ages, especially 15-29 year olds.

Growing Young cannot help you personally look or feel younger; it will not get rid of your wrinkles. But these strategies can help your congregation feel and be younger by reigniting energy in your members and attracting new younger worshipers that will reverse the effects of aging within our congregations.

Through listening, reflection, discernment and experimentation, Growing Young gives us the framework and support to make lasting and life-giving changes within our congregations so that we don't get in the way of what God is already up to in our communities.

## Start a Book Club!

For more information about Growing Young, read the book "Growing Young: Six Essential Strategies to Help Young People Discover and Love Your Church"

by Kara Powell, Jake Mulder and Brad M. Griffin from Fuller Youth Institute. Books available at the Lutheran Center as well as FullerYouthInstitute.org, Kindle and Audiobook.



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# GROWING YOUNG



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# Context

Instead of condemning the world outside your walls, *enable young people to neighbor well locally and globally.*

Instead of centralizing authority, *empower others—especially young people.*

**Best Neighbors**



**Keychain Leadership**



Instead of judging or criticizing, *step into the shoes of this generation.*

## 6 Core Commitments

# JESUS-CENTERED COMMUNITY

## GROWING YOUNG WHEEL

Instead of giving lip service to how much young people matter, *look for creative ways to tangibly support, resource, and involve them in all facets of your congregation.*

**Prioritize Everywhere**



**Empathy Today**



**Warm Relationships**

Instead of focusing on cool worship or programs, *aim for warm peer and intergenerational friendships.*



**Jesus' Message**

Instead of asserting formulaic gospel claims, *welcome young people into a Jesus-centered way of life.*