



**Church of the Redeemer
Visions of Ministry
Open Space Report**

Topic: **Secularized Youth**
Especially those in 20's and those brought up in this community

Summary of Key Discussion Points:

- Once youth get to university God and church are gone from their lives. Some back later when they have children.
- Our youth are growing up and becoming “dechurched”. They do not believe in God.
- Atheism is rampant among this demographic.
- How can we make church relevant?
- Theism seems very anti-intellectual to this group. How can we help?
- How can we keep in touch with our youth who are away from home at university or work term?
- Outreach to the U of T community – huge opportunity?

Next Steps:

- Sub-team of Outreach Committee focused on this demographic.
- Social Media (Facebook, Twitter): we need to develop social media tools.

Ideas:

- Postcards from Redeemer to youth at University.
- “CARE packages” to kids at university.
- Events focused on this demographic, especially intellectual defense of Christianity.
- Volunteer opportunities – integrate youth/20’s into lunch program.
- Other volunteer opportunities focused on university/20’s group.
- Events outside the church.
- Webcasts/live streaming of services.
- Avoid labels like “mission trip” that may be alienating and use language such as “community projects” instead.