

## YouthQuest - Q & A

**1. Does the location of YQ change each time?**

*Yes. As of 2002, YQ moves to different cities in either Canada or the United States.*

**2. What age group can attend YQ?**

*All students in high school are welcome to come to YQ.*

**3. Who plans YQ?**

*A consistent group of 4 directors along with representatives from every conference plan YQ. New conference representatives join the planning team each YouthQuest.*

**4. Is YQ just for Christian youth?**

*No! Many groups bring students who are at different stages of spiritual development. The program definitely targets Christians but YQ always has students make first time commitments to Christ and has been inspirational and challenging to new believers.*

**5. Are there discounts for groups who have to travel extremely far?**

*Yes! A \$100 discount is available for those who have to travel more than 1500 miles.*

**6. What does YQ have to offer my leadership students?**

*YQ offers a specific super seminar for student leaders to receive training and resourcing on leadership. Also, there are places where leaders can get involved in discussion groups or display their talent on stage. Students will have a unique opportunity to hang out with our Bishops, Pastors and Youth Leaders from all over North America.*

**7. Will my students get a chance to see the city where YQ is held?**

*Yes! Each student will have the opportunity to choose an off-site trip that allows them to see or experience a part of the city.*

**8. Why is YQ so expensive?**

*YQ does appear to be more expensive than most retreats you take your students to. However, if you take into account that the registration cost covers...3 nights in a 5 star hotel, breakfast and supper each day, the full program including off-site trips and experiences...it really is quite a deal!*

## Making it to YouthQuest

**START TO PLAN NOW!**

*Begin to talk about YQ at your church now! Remember, the event is during Christmas holidays and the more notice your parents and teens get...the easier it is to make it a priority.*

**LOOK FOR CREATIVE WAYS TO ASSIST STUDENTS WITH THE COST.**

*Many of our BIC churches do specific fund raisers to generate extra money to off-set the cost of registration. Some find individuals in the church who will sponsor a specific student attending YQ. No matter what your approach is...we have found that adults are very supportive and willing to help students attend this event. Some families give YouthQuest to their kids as part of their Christmas gift...whatever works for you!*

**PLAN TO SEND STUDENTS!**

*Many of our BIC churches do not have organized youth ministries with paid staff who can more easily handle the administration and leadership of participating in YQ. This situation does not eliminate your church from sending even a couple of students. Some churches budget money specifically so they can send some student representatives to YQ to be inspired and encouraged. Others join up with another BIC church that has more leaders and a support base to depend on.*

For more information check out  
[www.yqbic.org](http://www.yqbic.org)



*the inside story*



# YouthQuest History

*Since its inception in 1978, YouthQuest, the Brethren in Christ Youth Conference, has grown to be a core event for students across North America. Over the years, the conference has drawn students from regions like California all the way to Alberta. Starting at French Lick, Indiana with an approximate attendance of 400, the event was eventually moved to the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania. The Tamiment Resort served us well until 1999, when, with an attendance of 815, we stretched the facility beyond its comfortable capacity. Knowing that we needed to find a new facility for 2002, the YQ planning team changed the venue to the Sheraton Parkway Hotel & Convention Center in Richmond Hill, Ontario.*

**YouthQuest now moves to a new location each time**

*Our desire was to allow YQ to grow numerically and also give students the opportunity to see the many diverse places where our BIC churches are*

*located. In the back of our minds, some of us dared to dream that we might reach 1000 registrants. So, you can imagine how excited we were when we not only exceeded our goal of 900, but also exceeded our dream goal in 2002. Our most recent YQ 2006 in Niagara Falls, Ontario was an awesome experience and the event continues to grow and change.*

*Taking feedback from church leaders and denominational staff, we struck out on a new direction to make YQ a biennial event. The desire to meet together more regularly was strongly felt throughout the planning team and the General Conference. So, starting 2004, we meet on a biennial schedule for YouthQuest. This has helped YQ stay a more regular part of a church's schedule and give students an opportunity to attend YQ twice in their high school career.*

**YouthQuest happens between Christmas and New Years...December 27th to the 30th**



# Students Speak

**CONNECTED ME!** - Relationships and friendships established at YQ have exposed students to the diversity of race and culture that defines who we are as BIC and the common values and beliefs we have as a brotherhood.

**INSPIRED ME!** - From the worship experiences to the teaching times...students have incredible opportunities to passionately connect with Jesus and allow Him to speak to them.

**INFLUENCED ME!** - Many of our top-notch leaders come to YQ and have a direct influence on the youth. Their lives and obedience to God's direction impacts the students. Significant decisions by students to follow God's call to serve Him are made at YQ.



# Leaders Speak

**ENCOURAGED ME!** - YQ surrounds leaders with other great leaders from all over North America. Ideas and inspiration come through hearing how others are directing and leading in their youth ministries.

**RESTORED ME!** - Over and over we hear stories of how youth leaders came to YQ spiritually tapped out and left inspired to continue serving Jesus and experiencing Him more fully. The sessions, seminars, worship and conversations over a coffee breathe new life into our leaders.

**EDUCATED ME!** - A growing number of our youth leaders are coming to the BIC from other denominational backgrounds. YQ is another way we can tangibly show what being BIC is all about. We work hard to meet together and foster shared values.