



# UNITED WE GO

GLOBAL YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONVOCATION  
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## Topics for Small Group Discussion

As part of the registration process before GYPC, delegates chose three (3) topics in which they are interested. All topics for discussion are listed below. The following questions are meant as a guide for discussion, but each small group is free to explore other aspects and related topics to the main topics listed below.

### **UMC Theology and Spirituality.**

- How did you become involved with the United Methodist Church?
- What do you love most about the United Methodist Church?
- What do you believe is God's preferred future for the United Methodist Church?

### **Poverty / Economy.**

- Do you know of young people in your church or community who are affected by poverty?
- How does poverty affect young people in your church, community, and country?
- In your personal context what are some concrete ways the church could address poverty?

### **Human Trafficking / Arranged Marriages**

- Are you aware of incidents of human trafficking in your community or country?
- What are some concrete ways that the church could address human trafficking and arranged marriages in your setting?

### **Migration / Immigration and Refugees**

- Are there migrants and refugees in your community or country? What do you notice about the treatment of immigrants/migrants and refugees in your country?
- What do you think causes migration/immigration and the increase in the number of refugees?
- How is the church responding to migrants and refugees in your country or community?
- How can the church/young people address these issues?

### **Racism / Nationalism**

- When is it good to affirm nationalism? What are the dangers when it is taken to extreme?
- Are there cases in your community/country where people are treated differently because of their race/skin color?
- How can young people and the church help in racial reconciliation?



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## **Sexism / Feminism**

- In your setting, what are some of the issues that people face because of their gender?
- As young people of the church, how can we affirm the sacred worth of everyone regardless of sex or gender?

## **Politics in your context**

- How would you describe politics in your context--the leaders of your community and country; the people who participate (or not) in the electoral process?
- In your community how involved and engaged are young people in politics?
- What are the positive ways in which the church (and its young people) engage with the government and other political forces in your setting?

## **Climate Change**

- Has there been a noticeable change in the weather patterns and climate in your community and country?
- What do you think is the role of humans in the changing climate of our planet?
- God calls us to be stewards of our natural resources. What are concrete ways that young people and the church can address climate.

## **Drug Crisis**

- Is drug addiction a problem in your community or country? How is it affecting young people and adults?
- How do families, friends, and government authorities deal with this matter?
- What other issues arise because of dependence on drugs?
- What are concrete ways that the church could address the problem of drug addiction and the drug crisis?