

Education Beyond the Walls

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The research is in and it's conclusive—the single most influential figure in faith formation for adolescents is the parent. For many of us, this calls for a significant ministry refocus: we must include parents, stepparents, and other caregivers in our ministry efforts if we want to make a lasting impact on youth.

Calling Parents & Caregivers as Essential Partners in Youth Ministry



2017 Keynote Speaker

Dr. Rodger Nishioka serves as the director of adult educational ministries at the Village Presbyterian Church in Prairie Village, Kansas. Prior to his joining the pastoral staff at Village, he served for fifteen years as the Benton Family Professor of Christian Education at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. Rodger has been the keynote speaker and preacher at the Montreat Youth Conferences, the Presbyterian Youth Triennium, and various youth and young adult conferences at Mo-Ranch. Born and raised in Honolulu and Seattle, he is more than intrigued that God has now called him to be a midwesterner.

If you are a church leader who works with youth and are interested in participating, please contact Erica Knisely, director of programs, Education Beyond the Walls: eknisely@austinseminary.edu.

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