



Connections

January 2011

Ventures began back in 1972 as a ministry of the Detroit International Stake with the name “Youth Venture for Christ”. After several years of running, it spread to the west side of lower Michigan. Today Ventures covers all of Southern lower Michigan and is expanding to the north.

Venture “huddles” occur once a month in January, February, March and April for weekend long “huddles” at a Michigan Mission Center congregation. Families from the host congregation house the youth and staff for the weekend. When there are not enough houses, they simply sleep at the church and find other facilities in which to shower such as a YMCA or a local school.



At these huddles, the youth learn about the ministry of home visiting. Groups of youth and their leaders go to members’ homes and just talk with them for a short time. Those who have experienced visiting have felt the immense pleasure it brings to those being visited. The ministry provided extends not only to the people who are being visited but the youth and staff who share in the visit also receive ministry.

Youth who attend Venture huddles also learn the elements of worship. They experience firsthand what goes into planning and providing a worship service for the congregation because that is what they do on Saturday and Sunday. They plan and then they provide. The Venture worships are always very unique, spiritual and relaxed. The parts of each worship service are decided by the youth, who really put their heart into the part that they are planning. If you haven’t experienced a Venture worship, you’re really missing out! It is so inspiring to see the love the youth have for Jesus and how they express it in the worship experience that they provide.



It’s not all work though! Venture huddles are a ton of fun too! There is always a fun recreation activity for the youth along with an activity with the congregation such as game night or a talent show. Youth who attend Ventures make some of the best friends they will ever have in their lives!

I encourage all youth in 9th -12th grade to try out Ventures! I also encourage all adult Registered Youth Workers to take a look at volunteering at a Venture

Huddle! We can always use more hands, minds and hearts to make this ministry an even brighter beacon for God!

The Venture leader is Gabri Makowski. Contact her at (616) 617-6650 or gabrielle.makowski@hollandhome.org for more information.

You can also check out our Mission Center youth web page at <http://www.mycofchristmi.org>.

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Upcoming Activities

January

8th Saturday Knights and Saturday Knights Seekers Game Night @ Waterford

14th Friday Knights Sledding Party

21-23 Ventures @ Northview ([Info and Forms](#))

February

4th Friday Knights Random Acts of Kindness & Valentine's Party

12th Saturday Knights and Saturday Knights Seekers Valentine's Dinner Dance Fundraiser @ Troy Oaks

18-20 Ventures @ Kalamazoo

25-27 All Michigan Mission Center SR. HIGH Retreat at Blue Water ([Info and Forms](#))