

# District 8

Best Initiatives since March 2014

# Communication

- ▶ Monthly pastor conference call
    - Includes our District Chair Representative
  - ▶ Emailing pastors directly vs. entire membership in district
  - ▶ Set up an annual directory update with pastors' help
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# 1<sup>st</sup> District Young Adult Retreat

- ▶ First mentioned by a 2<sup>nd</sup> gen. during a district council meeting
- ▶ 1<sup>st</sup> Phase
  - Deciding factor: a district wide survey targeting those 18+ with positive response
  - Follow-up emails were sent out to gather further information: topics of discussion, general desires for the retreat, best dates
- ▶ 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase
  - Organized survey results
  - Gathered ideas by speaking with several people experienced in organizing retreats
  - Found a group of individuals who could speak to topics needed for our district

# 1<sup>st</sup> District Young Adult Retreat Cont.

## ▶ Key Elements

- Staff could not be the usual youth ministers or the regular young volunteers
- Organizing with purpose but no agenda

## ▶ Info Bites

- June 4–7
  - Y Camp near Des Moines, Iowa
  - 18+
  - Speakers: Teresa Ferrete, VP CARP & Micheal Hentrich, Colorado State Pastor
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