

FFWPU USA: WCLC and YCLC team up for: The Youth Great Awakening

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WCLC and YCLC leaders teamed up Oct. 26 to present a special virtual program, "The Youth Great Awakening," which discussed the decline of religion in America and how to reignite faith among the nation's young people.

True Mother, who founded WCLC in 2019, noted the world's clergy "are the righteous leaders prepared by God in this age" who can, by example, guide the next generation. Pastor Antonio Bowen and Minister Joshua Holmes, national co-directors of YCLC, shared messages of inspiration with more than a hundred participants online through

Zoom and social media.

"We are here for a task, and truly here with a purpose," said Pastor Bowen, as he called on Christian leaders to apologize and repent as the first step to bringing young people back to God. "We have shown [the youth] too much discourse, and we have shown them unattractive, unGodly things inside the Body of Christ," he said. "Once we get a fresh start with our youth, then we can move forward and do great things."

Righting the wrongs that have occurred in the church and its leadership will show "we can do better," said Pastor Bowen. "We can't keep doing the same things as before and expect new results. To reach this new generation, we have to truly think outside the box and in a different way."

Min. Holmes emphasized that a powerful youth awakening is what the world needs at this time. "God is working through unity and humility and inheritance from our [elder] leadership," he said before quoting Acts 2:17-18, "the Spirit will be poured over all flesh."

The urgency for spiritual revival and unity among Christians comes at a time when much of America and the world is experiencing great turmoil. Key findings from a Pew Research study reveal that today's youth in America are less religious than their parents and more likely to say they are religiously unaffiliated. The [report](#) shows some 63 percent of teens in the U.S. identify as Christian versus 72 percent of parents surveyed. Still, many U.S. teens reported having religious or spiritual experiences at least once or twice a month - with half feeling a deep sense of spiritual peace and well-being at least monthly.

"I see YCLC on the verge of taking America by storm," said Min. Holmes, "and therefore, I hope, [taking] the world with WCLC ... We have been in the Last Days, and certainly the time is here."

He continued, "[The youth] are the ones coming with this incredible vision, excitement, passion and joy; and a willingness to go where even our predecessors may not have been willing to go - to cross barriers. This is a generation of people who are willing to marry people of a different race, denomination, and ethnic background where [previously] that was frowned upon."

Min. Holmes said young faith leaders have to focus on the world or they will lose sight of God's vision. "I think we're beginning to walk that course," he said, "and one of the ways that we're doing that is through music, culture, and arts."

Musical collaboration among Christian artists and other entertainers can reinforce the beauty of different people coming together before God, said Min. Holmes, as the program featured a collaborative song with award-winning gospel singer and pastor Deitrick Haddon of Hill City Church in Los Angeles.

WCLC Chairman Dr. Ki Hoon Kim, Prophetess Juliana Talabi, and Min. Yuka Shimada were also among the program speakers who shared words of hope and encouragement as young faith leaders continue to learn and take the reins from elder clergy.

"Let's amaze people," said Pastor Bowen. "Let's show them that we can work together and come together as one body and one unit."

The joint program, available [here](#), is part of WCLC's ongoing monthly webinar series. You can learn more about the WCLC [here](#), and YCLC [here](#).

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10 key findings about the religious lives of U.S. teens and their parents

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Parents have a lot of influence over their teenagers – including when it comes to religion. But while teens in the United States take after their parents religiously in many ways, they stand out in some others, according to [a new Pew Research Center report](#).

The report looks at U.S. teens’ religious lives and the ways these reflect – or don’t reflect – the religious lives of their parents. It is based on a survey of 1,811 pairs of teens ages 13 to 17 and their parents, with one teen and one parent from each household. Each person answered questions not only about their own religious affiliation, beliefs and practices, but also about the role *they think* religion plays in the life of the other person taking the survey.

Here are 10 key findings from the report.

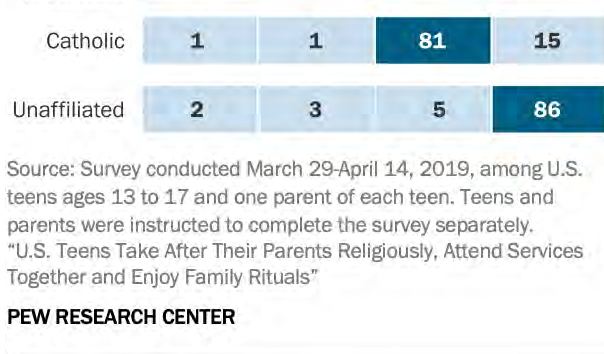
How we did this

1 Most teens share the religion of their parents or legal guardians. Protestant parents are likely to have teens who identify as Protestants, while Catholic parents mostly have teens who consider themselves Catholics. The vast majority of religiously unaffiliated parents have teens who also describe their religion as atheist, agnostic or “nothing in particular.”

Most parents and teens share a religious identity

Among parents of teens in each religious group, % whose teen identifies as ...

PARENT	TEEN			
	Evangelical Protestant	Mainline Protestant	Catholic	Unaffiliated
Evangelical Protestant	80%	6%	1%	12%
Mainline Protestant	12	55	4	24



Within the broad Protestant category, however, there are stark differences. Eight-in-ten parents who affiliate with an *evangelical* Protestant denomination have a teen who also identifies as an evangelical Protestant. But among parents who belong to *mainline* Protestant denominations, 55% have a teen who identifies in the same way, while 24% have a teen who is religiously unaffiliated.

Overall, teens are somewhat less likely than their parents to identify as Christian (63% vs. 72%), and somewhat more likely to say they are religiously unaffiliated (32% vs. 24%).

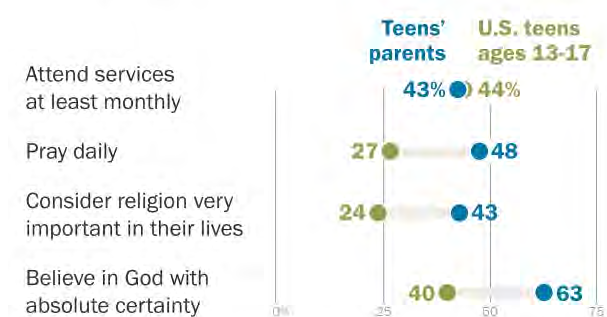
Though the survey included parents and teens from many religious backgrounds, the sample did not include enough people from smaller groups – including historically Black Protestant denominations, Orthodox Christian churches and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, as well as Jews, Muslims and other non-Christian faiths – to allow their views to be reported separately.

2 **Approximately half of teens (48%) say they have “all the same” religious beliefs as their parent.** Among the other half of teens – those who say they share “some of the same” beliefs or have “quite different” beliefs from their parent – about one-third (34%) say their parent doesn’t know that they differ religiously. And 17% say this difference causes at least some conflict in their household.

Overall, most parents and teens have a good read of how important religion is in the other’s life. For instance, 73% of teens give the same answer as their parent about how important religion is to the parent, and 68% of parents give the same answer as their teen about how important religion is to their teen. When parents and teens do *not* give the same answer, it is generally because parents are overestimating the importance of religion in their teen’s life, rather than underestimating it.

Teens less religious than their parents by some measures, but not worship attendance

% who say they ...



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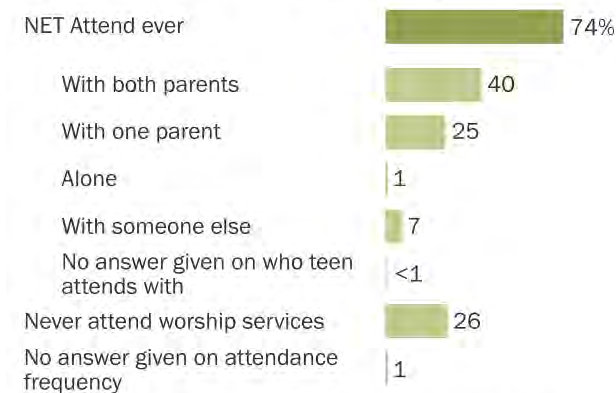
3 **Teens are just as likely as their parents to say they regularly go to religious services, but when it comes to more personal forms of religious expression, teens appear less religious than their parents.** Around four-in-ten teens *and* parents say they attend services at least once or twice a month. And perhaps because attendance at religious services tends to be a family activity, the vast majority (88%) of parents who say they regularly attend religious services also have a teen who reports attending that often. (The survey was conducted before the coronavirus outbreak, which has [shifted many people’s attendance habits.](#))

However, teens are less likely than their parents to pray daily (27% vs. 48%), to believe in God with absolute certainty (40% vs. 63%) and to consider religion “very important” in their lives (24% vs. 43%).

Most teens attend religious services

Most teens attend religious services with at least one parent

% of U.S. teens who say they attend religious services ...



Note: Figures may not add to 100% or to subtotals indicated due to rounding.

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4 Most teens report attending religious services with either both (40%) or one (25%) of their parents. Another 7% say they generally attend with other people, such as grandparents, other family members or friends. Just 1% say they attend worship services alone. Roughly one-quarter say they never attend religious services or declined to answer the question.

Many teens and their parents engage in religious practices as a family in other ways as well. About six-in-ten teens (59%) say they "often" or "sometimes" talk about religion with their family, while about half of teens (48%) report saying grace – a prayer or blessing before a meal – with their family at least sometimes. A smaller share of teens (25%) say they commonly read religious scripture as a family.

5 Teens are about as likely to say they go to religious services mainly because their parents want them to (38%) as to say they go mainly because they themselves want to go (35%). When it comes to religious activities in general, about two-thirds of teens who do religious things with their family say they do so partly or mostly because their parents want them to. But even if teens are participating to please their parents, they seem to be getting something out of it: Around three-quarters of teens who engage in religious activities with their family say these pursuits bring them "a lot" of enjoyment (27%) or "some" enjoyment (51%). And many teens express both sentiments: Among teens who say they participate because their parents want them to, 79% also say they get at least some enjoyment from it.

6 Religious education is relatively common. Six-in-ten teens say they have participated in a religious education program, such as Sunday school or Hebrew school, including 29% who say they continue to participate often or sometimes and 31% who say they rarely participate or used to but no longer do so. And about half (51%) say they have been part of a religious youth group. Most religiously unaffiliated teens say they have *not* participated in these activities, though 32% say that they have received religious education at some point and 27% say they have participated in a religious youth group, even if they no longer do so.

Teens with Republican parents are more religiously engaged by some measures

Among U.S. teens ages 13-17 whose parents identify with or lean toward each major political party, % who say they ...

	Rep./ lean Rep. %	Dem./ lean Dem. %
Attend religious services at least weekly	43	25
Ever been in a religious education program	69	52
Ever been in a religious youth group	61	43
Talk about religion with their family often/sometimes	65	54
Say grace before meals with family often/sometimes	57	40
Read religious scriptures with their family often/sometimes	30	20

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7 By some measures, teens whose parents identify with or lean toward the Republican Party seem to be more religiously engaged than those whose parents are Democratic or lean to the Democratic Party. For example, teens with Republican parents are more likely to say they attend religious services weekly or more often, participate in religious education programs often or sometimes, and go to a religious youth group at least sometimes. They also are more likely to talk to their family about religion, say grace and read scripture with their family at least sometimes. These patterns hold even when the analysis is limited to teens who are religiously affiliated.

8 Evangelical Protestant teens are more religious than other teens by traditional measures, and also are more likely to say they at least sometimes engage in religious education or religious youth groups. Religion appears to be more deeply embedded in their lives in other ways, too: Evangelical teens are more likely than teens in other religious groups to say they regularly feel a deep sense of spiritual peace and well-being (at least once or twice a month). Seven-in-ten say this, compared with roughly half or fewer Catholic, mainline Protestant and unaffiliated teens. Evangelical teens also are more likely than these other groups to look to religious teachings and beliefs when making ethical decisions. As for evangelical parents, they are more likely than other parents to say it is very important that their teen is raised in their religion (71%) and that their teen marries someone in their religion (53%). Overall, 55% of parents with a religious affiliation say it is very important to raise their teen in their religion, while about a third (36%) say it is important that their child eventually marries within their faith.

Plurality of teens, parents say there may be truth in many religions

% of U.S. teens and their parents who say ...

	U.S. teens ages 13-17	Teens' parents
	%	%
Only one religion is true	31	33
Many religions may be true	45	47
There is little truth in any religion	15	13
There is no truth in any religion	8	6
No answer	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
	100	100

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9 Teenagers tend to be open to the possibility that there may be truth in multiple faiths and that people can be moral without believing in God. A plurality of teens (45%) express the belief that many religions may be true, while 31% say that only one religion is true. Fewer teens say there is little or no truth in any religion.

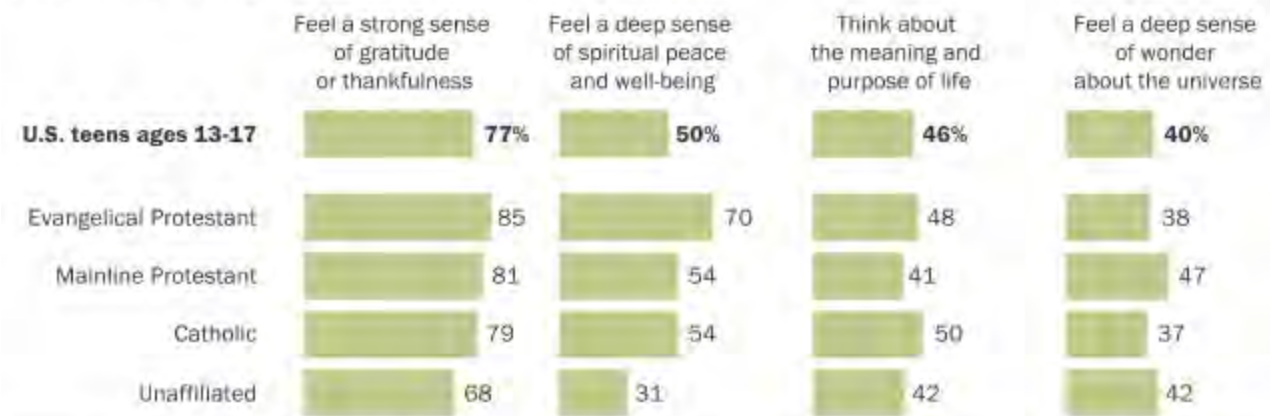
A majority of teens (61%) say it is not necessary to believe in God to be moral and have good values, while 38% say it is necessary to believe in God to be moral. The pattern among parents on these questions is largely similar.

10 Many U.S. teens report having religious or spiritual experiences at least once or twice a month. Half feel a deep sense of spiritual peace and well-being at least monthly, while 46% say they think about the meaning and purpose of life and 40% report feeling a deep sense of wonder about the universe. The most common experience is a strong feeling of gratitude or thankfulness, reported by 77% of teens in the survey.

While religiously unaffiliated teens are just as likely as others to say they feel a deep sense of wonder about the universe, they are much less likely than teens in other religious groups to report feeling spiritual peace at least once or twice a month.

Religious ‘nones’ as likely as other teens to report feeling a deep sense of wonder about the universe

% of U.S. teens who say they _____ at least once or twice a month



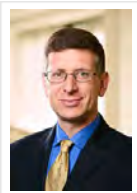
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Note: Here are [the questions used](#) for this report, along with responses, and its [methodology](#).

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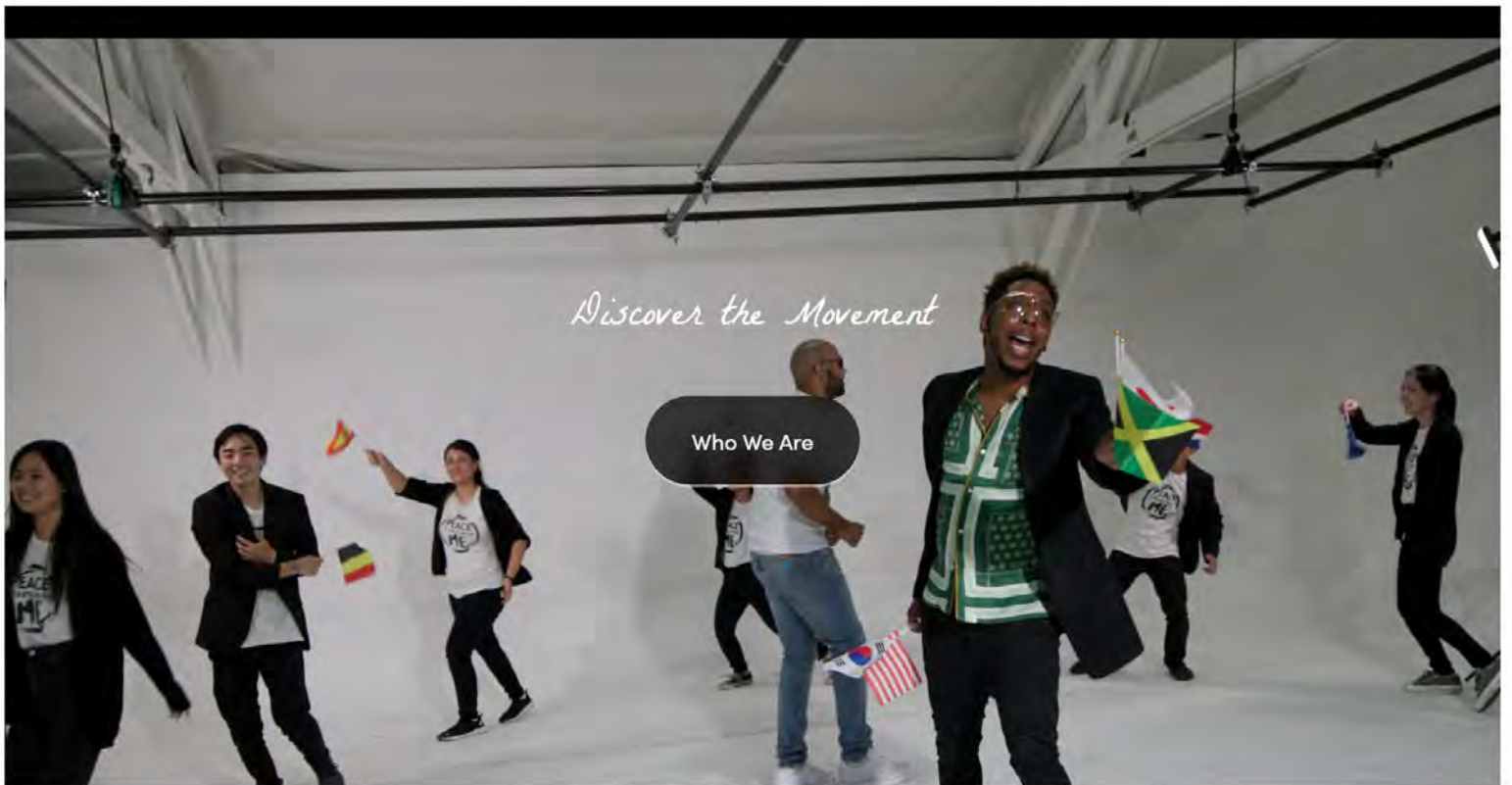


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