THE METHODIST CHURCH IN IRELAND'S YOUTH AND CHILDREN’S STRATEGY
4 in 10 Children are 'very' or 'quite' worried about the environment.

In 2019 the most desired job for a 14 year old was to be a 'YouTuber'.

The top concern for 1000 young people surveyed in Ireland was Mental Health.

1 in 9 Children have low well-being.
YOUNG PEOPLE ARE ASKING...

WHERE DO I FIT IN?

WHAT'S MY PURPOSE?

WHAT DIFFERENCE CAN I ACTUALLY MAKE?

WHERE DO I BELONG?

IS THERE SPACE FOR ME?
IRELAND DEMOGRAPHICS

1,301,211
TOTAL POPULATION
(10-24 YEAR OLDS)

410
TOTAL NUMBER OF YOUTH WORKERS

5,664
TOTAL NUMBER OF CHURCHES

1 Youth Worker
FOR EVERY 82 CHURCHES
PROVINCIAL POPULATION (10-24 YRS) PER CHURCH-BASED YOUTH WORKER

ULSTER
- 417,507 Young People
- Church Based YW: 1 YW to 2,821 Youth

LEINSTER
- 521,224 Young People
- Church Based YW: 1 YW to 22,662 Youth

CONNACHT
- 109,036 Young People
- Church Based YW: 1 YW to 15,577 Youth

MUNSTER
- 253,444 Young People
- Church Based YW: 1 YW to 21,120 Youth
84% of young people who choose to follow Jesus do so before the age of 25.
"Children and Young People matter. We love them, we have a heart for them and we carry a mission imperative to engage them."
"By 2028 there will be a substantial increase in the numbers of young people who are wholehearted followers of Jesus for the transformation of the world."
Accompanying every circuit as they develop a strategy to enable them to be intentionally discipling and actively reaching young people and their families.

Pioneering new faith communities, whose primary goal is to reach young people and their families.

Intentional passing on of leadership, engaging and releasing the under 25's into leadership that shapes the Methodist Church in Ireland.

We will be a church that is engaging and informing on cultural issues, so that young people have safe spaces to process the issues and questions relevant to their world and stage of development.
This part of God's mission requires us all.
HOLY SPIRIT, WHO SPEAKS GREAT TRUTH THROUGH THOSE YOU MEET.

YOU'VE USED YOUNG PEOPLE TO BRING YOUR WORD TO RICH AND POOR, YOUNG AND OLD, PRINCES, PRIESTS AND PROPHETS.

THE SERVANT GIRL SPOKE OF YOUR HEALING POWER TO NAAMAN AND BECAUSE HE LISTENED TO HER HE WAS HEALED.
SAMUEL HEARD YOUR VOICE IN THE NIGHT AND HID NOTHING OF THE TRUTH TO ELI.

THE APOSTLE PAUL ENTRUSTED TIMOTHY TO SPEAK TO YOUR PEOPLE AND LEAD THE CHURCH FORWARD.

HELP US TO LISTEN TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR LIVES WHOSE FAITH IS OFTEN MORE COURAGEOUS THAN OUR OWN.

MAY YOU INTERVENE IN OUR LIVES THROUGH THE VOICES OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

MAY WE TOO SEEK TO AMPLIFY THE VOICES OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR CHURCHES, OUR SCHOOLS, OUR DROP-INS.

GIVE YOUNG PEOPLE THE WORDS YOU WISH FOR US TO HEAR AND GIVE US ATTENTIVE EARS TO RECEIVE THEM.
BECAUSE YOU SPEAK AND WE WANT TO LISTEN.

AMEN
• WHAT EXCITES YOU ABOUT THIS?

• WHAT DO YOU THINK WILL BE CHALLENGING?