



YABs Fellowship Week 2022

Worship Materials

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Theme and texts

a. Theme:
Sealed in the Spirit

b. Why this theme was chosen:

This theme ties in with the 2022 Global Youth Summit (GYS) theme: "Life in the Spirit." This topic represents a diversity of experiences within the global body. It gives us the opportunity to learn from each other and to seek the unity of the Spirit together through the bond of peace.

c. Biblical texts:

Romans 5:3,4

Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. (NIV)

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Songs suggestions

1. [We are one in the Spirit](#) (English), Peter Scholtes
2. [O prince of peace / Dhuu Pangeran](#) (English, Javanese), Saptjoadi Sardjono
3. [Wahed / One](#) (Arabic, English and more), Josh Davis, Fadi Alsayar, Rimondy Alsayar, Joy Kim, Becky Thurman, Huaih Boih, Elias Davis (download chord sheet)
4. [Come Holy Spirit / Uthando](#) (English, Zulu), Denise Counihan, Langelihle Mbonambi, Mark Counihan
5. [Holy Spirit](#) (English), Jimmy D Psalmist

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Additional resources in this package

Discussion questions

- discussion questions
- testimonies
- prayer requests





4 Discussion Questions

1. What is a seal and what does it signify?
2. What does it mean to be sealed with the Holy Spirit? Who has the Spirit and when do they receive the Spirit?
3. What is our inheritance as the sons and daughters of God? Use your Bible or an online search to find New Testament verses relating to what kind of inheritance we have in Christ. What jumps out to you about your inheritance?
4. Compare the other verses about being sealed in the Spirit (Ephesians 4:30-31, 2 Corinthians 1:22). What connections are there?
5. What is the Day of Redemption?
6. Read through the whole book of Ephesians. What other things do you notice about “Life in the Spirit”?

5 Additional resources online

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Post your photos, videos and comments as you celebrate YABs Fellowship Week.

6 Share!

Take pictures and share on Facebook and Instagram! #YABs #mwcmm

Also send through FB messenger or email yabs@mwc-cmm.org.

Help us prepare for future fellowship weeks and YABs projects by sending an email to yabs@mwc-cmm.org.

The biblical texts, prayers, song suggestions, sermon ideas, testimonies and other resources in this package have been prepared by members of MWC out of their experience in their local context. The teaching does not necessary represent an official MWC position.



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Prayer Requests

Young Anabaptists from around the world share concerns and joys for communal prayer.

North America

- Pray for the youth and young adults who are seeking Christ in ways other than church services and fellowship. Pray that they would continue to allow the Holy Spirit to arrive in their hearts through encounters and the faith of others. Pray for new faith believers who have come to Christ during the pandemic that they would maintain and sustain their fire for God. (Christen Kong, 28, Canada)

Latin America

- For unity and God's continued guidance in the church body. For the decisions of the leaders to be made for the betterment of the country. (Peta Beddoe, 24, Trinidad & Tobago)

Africa

- Prayer for a peaceful campaign and 2022 general elections in Kenya. Prayer for unity and togetherness, Christian to be prayerful in our churches and for the Holy Spirit to be our guide in all that we do. Prayer for the world's restoration amid the COVID-19 pandemic and that there be a breakthrough during this pandemic. (Valery Otieno, 24, Kenya)
- Please pray that God directs the politics and government in my country, Ecuador. (Samaria, 22, Ecuador)

Asia

- Please pray for students and their teachers at Bible colleges and training institutes across Asia, especially for STAKWW Pati where I am a student. (Tomas, 27, Indonesia)



A YABs celebration with Mennonite and Mennonite Brethren congregations at Dios es Amor de los Hermanos Menonitas in 2016. Photo: Jardely Martínez

Europe

- In this moment in Europe, we live in a state of fear: the war in Ukraine touches all European countries. People in Eastern Europe fear that the war may spread to their countries as well. Also: as churches, we try to help the Ukrainian people as much as possible, especially with food and clothes. Please pray for all European leaders that they make decisions based on humanity and a wish for peace. Please pray for all Ukrainian people: that they may find strength in their faith. Please pray for all Europeans that they try to keep the focus on helping others instead of looking for revenge or living in fear. (Jantine, 31, Netherlands)

If you would like us to pray for your region during YABs Fellowship Week, please share your petitions and praise on Facebook hashtagged #YABs.



Testimonies

Canada

- I am currently a student experiencing the difficulties of virtual classrooms and isolated study sessions. Despite being distanced from other students, the Holy Spirit has inspired and encouraged me to invite to church those who have expressed their longing for fellowship and gathering. Over the course of the semester, God has brought new encounters in my life. The Holy Spirit's confidence motivated me to continue inviting others to church, whether Christians or not. After a few months, our church has welcomed five new members who join us in worship and learning about God each Sunday! Praise God for the courage to invite and to expect nothing less than His will for us and others.

(Christen Kong, 28, Canada)



Youth from Mennonite Church Uganda work on a project for the church and community.

Photo: courtesy of Simon Okoth

Latin America

- My life has been very difficult since the passing of my mother. I haven't had proper guidance for my actions and thoughts as I grew older. I struggle to know what is right and how I should behave, but I can always trust in the Lord for the answers. God guides me with the Word and is always weighing in my heart for me to always seek his guidance and presence in my life. Praise to the Lord!

(Peta Beddoe, 24, Trinidad & Tobago)



A poem about life in the Spirit

Using the five senses, write a poem about life in the Spirit

Living in the Holy Spirit...

Feels like letting go
Smells like a fragrance that drifts on forever
Looks like someone being brave
Tastes like a new food
Sounds like a hymn
C.K.

Feels like fiery, warm, exciting, fresh
Smells like cinnamon, campfire
Tastes like Pop Rocks, fizzy water, spicy, flavourful
Sounds like wind in the trees, a fire rapidly burning
R.M.

Feels like happiness
Smells like lavender on a warm summer's day
Tastes like sweet honey
Sounds like chatter and laughter with the people you love and who love you.
S.S.

Feels like fuzzy sweaters
Smells like vanilla
Looks like joy
Tastes like pho
Sounds like Chopin
F.K.

— Submitted by Canadian YABs

