

# Research Guide

## Youth Minister as Pastor

### SWUcat

#### Finding Reference Sources

- Change the location to just search the reference collection
- Try different keywords, such as youth, adolescents, teenagers, faith, etc.

#### Finding Books

- Type “adolescent faith” into the search box
- Click into the full record of a book that looks interesting
- Use the subjects listed at the bottom of the record to locate other books that fit your topic

### PASCALcat

#### Finding Books

- Use the same search techniques you did for SWUcat—see above

### Periodical Articles/Databases

#### Print

##### Scholarly Journals:

*Journal of Youth Ministry, Christian Education Journal, Youth Worker Journal, etc.*

##### Magazines:

*Christianity Today, Relevant, Campus Life, etc.*

#### Electronic

- ATLA Religion Database
- Christian Periodical Index
- Academic Search Premier
- Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection
- SocINDEX with Full Text

#### ***ATLA Religion Database and Christian Periodical Database:***

Use “youth” and “faith” as subject headings. Because of the scope of the databases, the term “religion or religious” are implied.

#### ***Academic Search Premier, or other secular databases:***

Add “religion\*” to your search terms. The “\*” will allow the database to search all terms that begin with religion--- and any suffixes after that word.

#### **In both databases, you may also want to look at other possible subject search terms such as:**


Youth – Religious Life

Young Adults



Teenagers

Church

**NOTE:** Some of the citations have full-text attached, such as:

29. [The young and the other: students' voices about encounters with faith](#)   
By: Naeslund, Lars. Source: *Religious Education*, 104 no 2 Mr-Apr 2009, p 166-196. Publication Type: Article  
Database: ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials  
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Other citations may not have full text attached but may be “full text” in print journals in Rickman Library such as:

25. [Christian Vocation: Defining relations with identity status, college adjustment, and spirituality](#)   
By: Johnson, Alexander. *Journal of Youth Ministry*, Spring 2009, Vol. 7 Issue 2, p105-108, 4p. (AJ 38605769)  
Database: Academic Search Premier  
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## WEBSITES

National Study of Youth and Religion

<http://www.youthandreligion.org/resources/>

Association of Religion Data Archives

<http://www.thearda.com/>

CIA World Factbook

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>

A New Kind of Youth Ministry- Chris Folmsbee

<http://www.anewkindofyouthministry.com>

## ALWAYS THINK CRITICALLY ABOUT WHAT YOU FIND BY “GOOGLING”!

### Some questions to ask yourself before using a website for research:

- WHO wrote this information?
- WHAT makes them a credible source for this information?
- WHY did they write it?
- WHOM is the intended audience?
- Did they cite their sources? (in other words, if they make a claim, can you follow their research to make sure they can back it up?)

### An example of a credible article you can find by “googling”:

Adolescent Spirituality, What Can We Expect? By Les Parrott III

[http://wacchighschool.com/urbanist/parents/files/adolescent spirituality what can we expect.pdf](http://wacchighschool.com/urbanist/parents/files/adolescent%20spirituality%20what%20can%20we%20expect.pdf)