

THOUGHTS & VISIONS * RE:KINDLE 2012

Overview:

re:kindle 2012 was a weekend that will not be forgotten for a long time. YALT set out to create an environment where healing, challenge, camaraderie and shared vision could be formed out of a launch-pad event. The experience was phenomenal and attendees were blessed in ways we didn't even expect. There was a palpable feeling of *movement* in the room and we could not be more thankful for that.

Some of our favorite quotes following re:kindle 2012:

@jolenerekman: "Had an awesome three days. So wish it could have been longer so that we could have discussed even more. Can't wait for #2."

@rootedradical: "Wrapping things up @ re:kindle 2012 - what a blessing it's been - worship, small groups, break outs, hanging out with Synod, healing and hope."

@chrisBtimmons: "1st service back from re:kindle 2012. I thank God for the time with people devoted to one goal within the CRC."

@pastormary2u: "Was a delight to be at re:kindle 2012! Our young adults love Jesus and love his bride, the church. Cheering you on!"

@jcdykxho: "Last morning of re:kindle 2012 already. I wish there was more time, more learning, more conversation. Hope has been found again."

@rachbrouwer: "Encouraged & refreshed after a weekend at re:kindle 2012. There is a passionate generation of young adults who want to lead in the CRC!"

Jenica Groot-Nibbelink (via The Banner): "I wasn't expecting the honesty and transparency that they've had, but I was really grateful for hearing other people voicing that frustration, too."

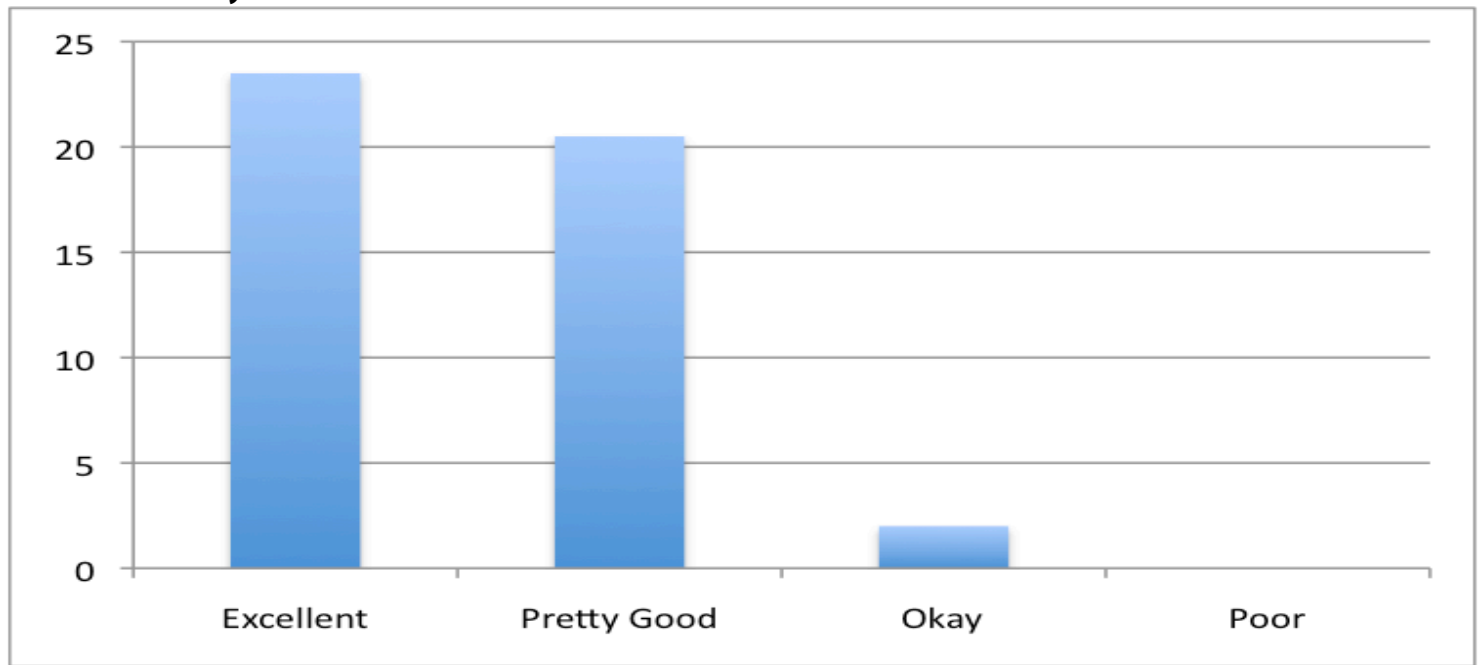
Holly Dekkema (via The Banner): "What I've really gotten out of this weekend is to not give up on your church just because you don't feel like it's convenient for you."

Laura Vandervliet (via The Banner): "God showed up this weekend and did amazing things. There are so many young adults who didn't have this experience and are still struggling with the church. I want them to know what is going on—and that we are starting to have a voice."

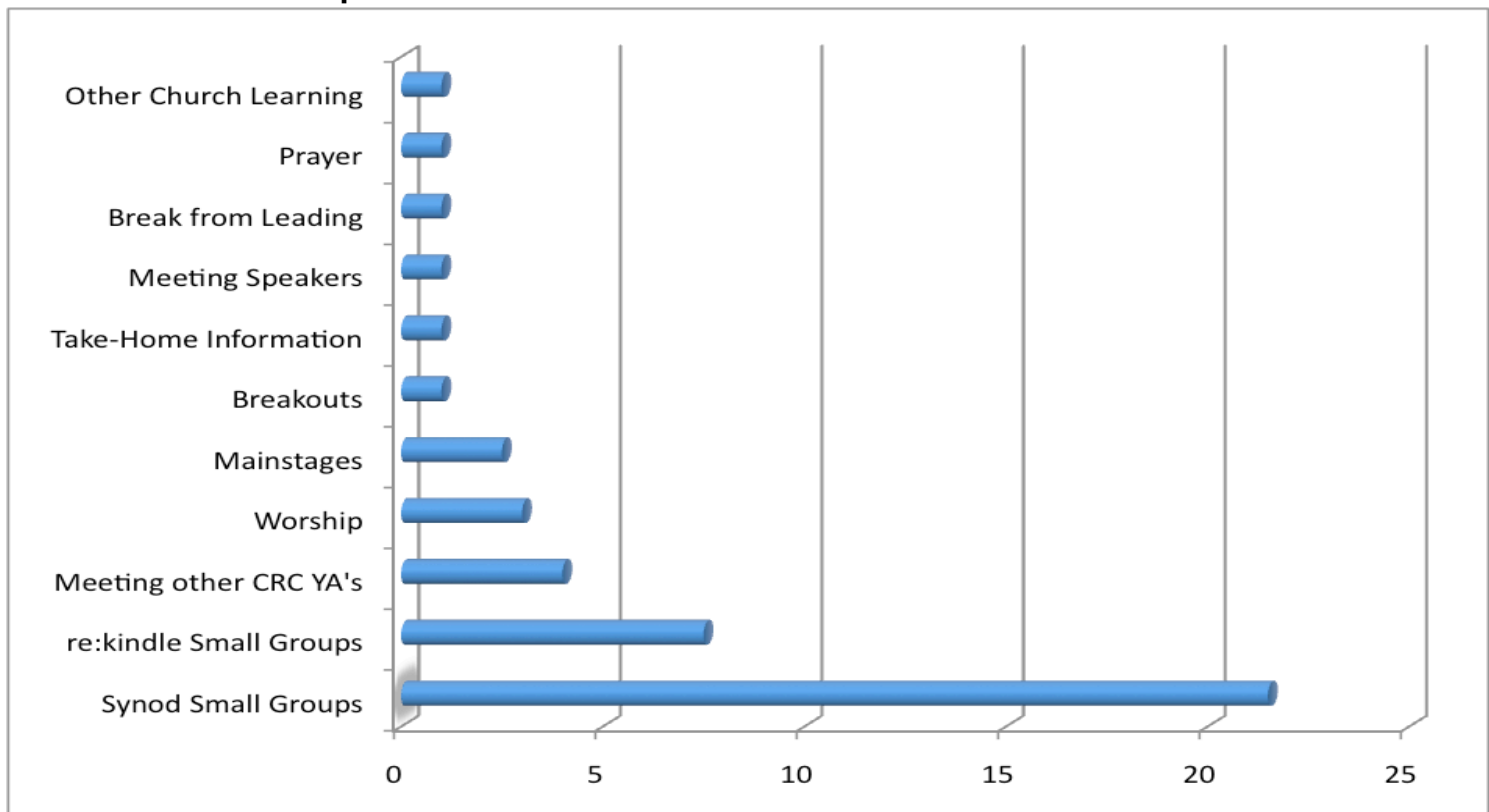
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Individual Evaluations of re:kindle 2012:

1. How would you rate re:kindle 2012 overall?



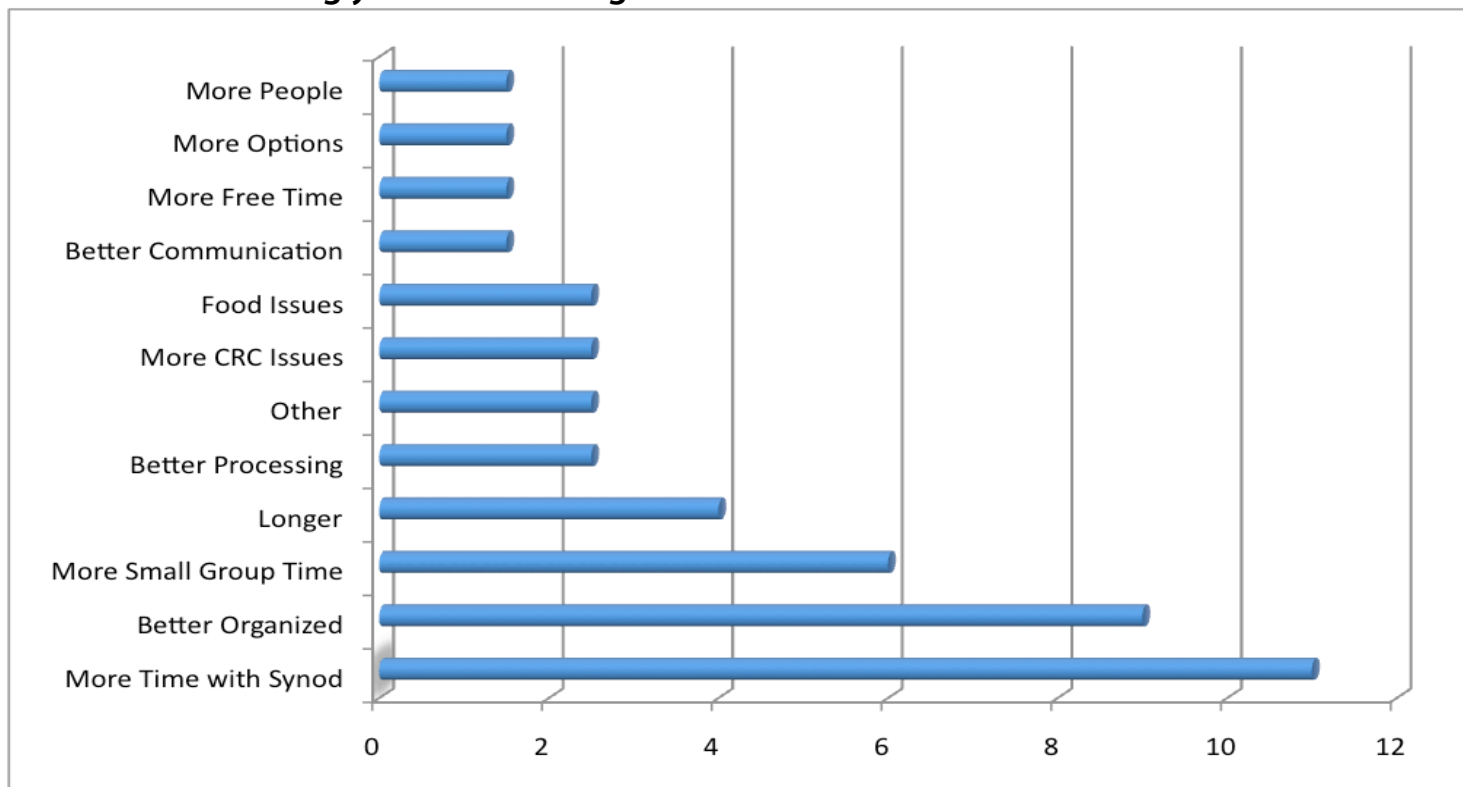
2. What was the best part of re:kindle 2012?



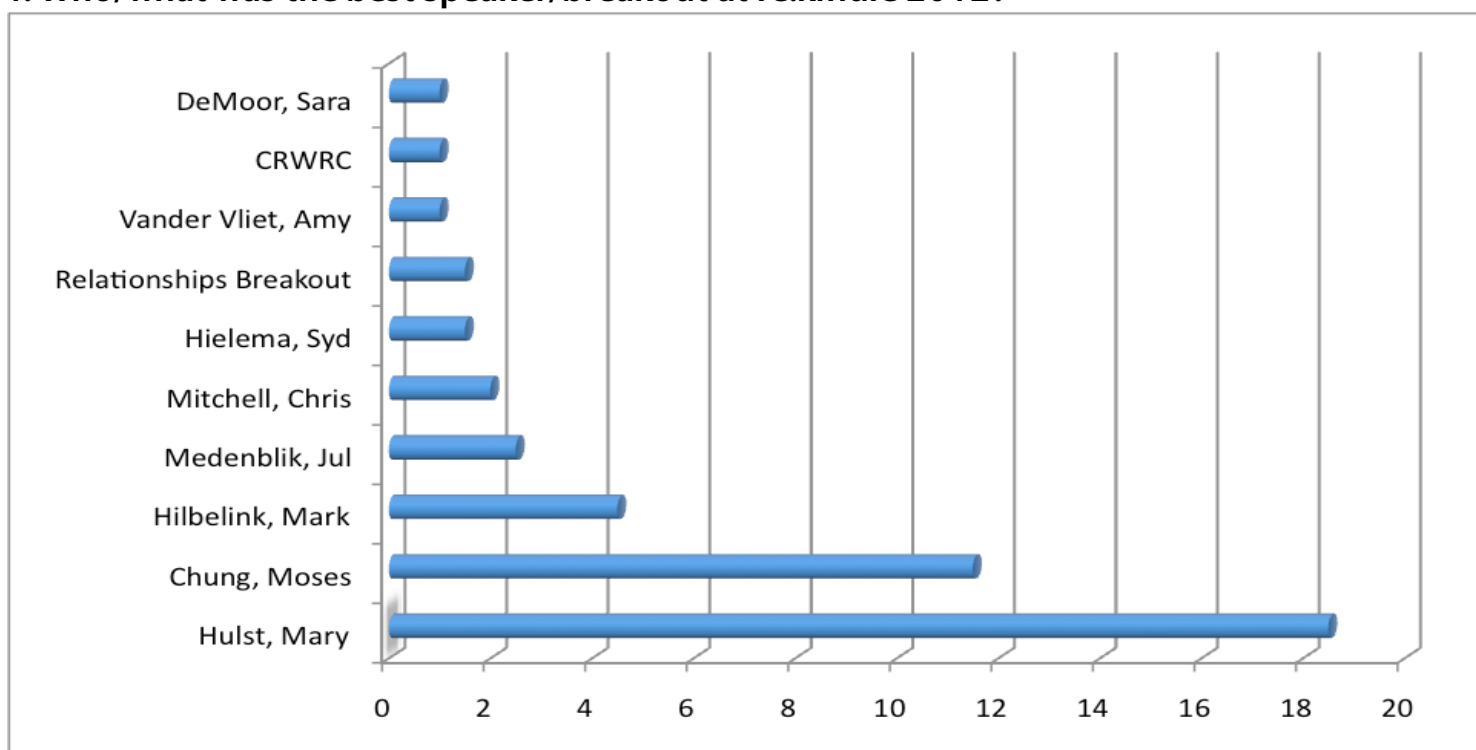
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3. What is something you would change for next time?



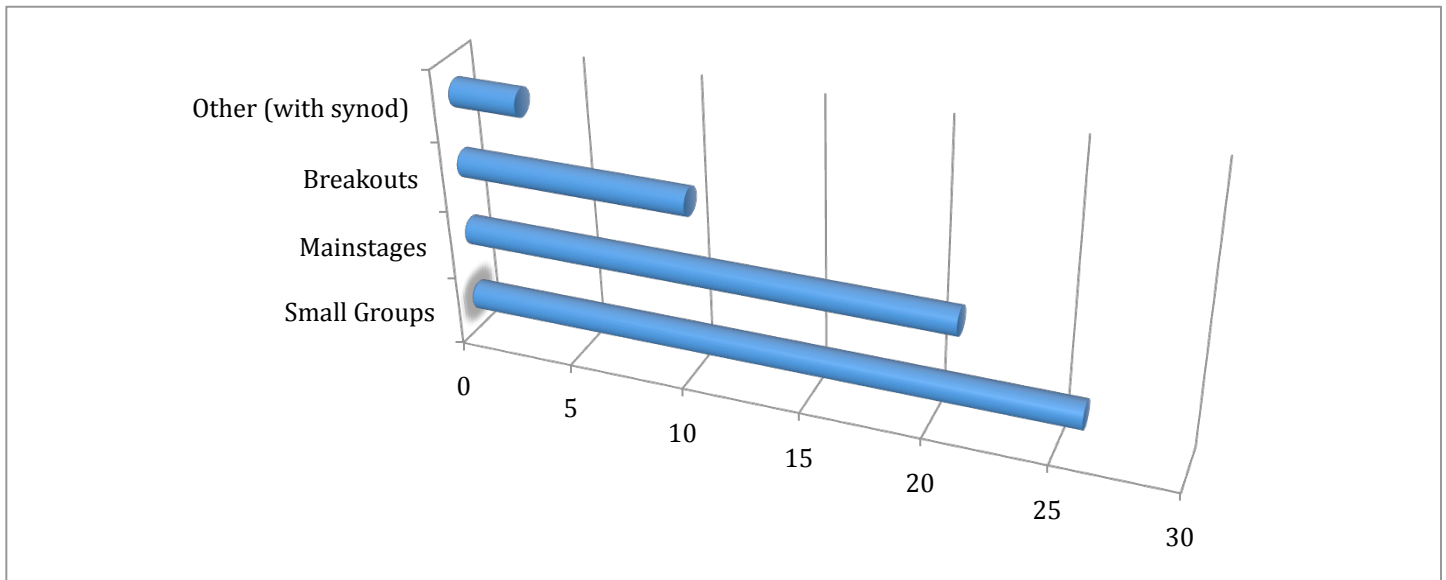
4. Who/what was the best speaker/breakout at re:kindle 2012?



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5. The best processing for me during re:kindle happened when?



6. I've been encouraged or inspired at re:kindle 2012: Yes – 100% No – 0%

7. I've got good ideas to take home and try in my home church: Yes – 100% No – 0%

Scope:

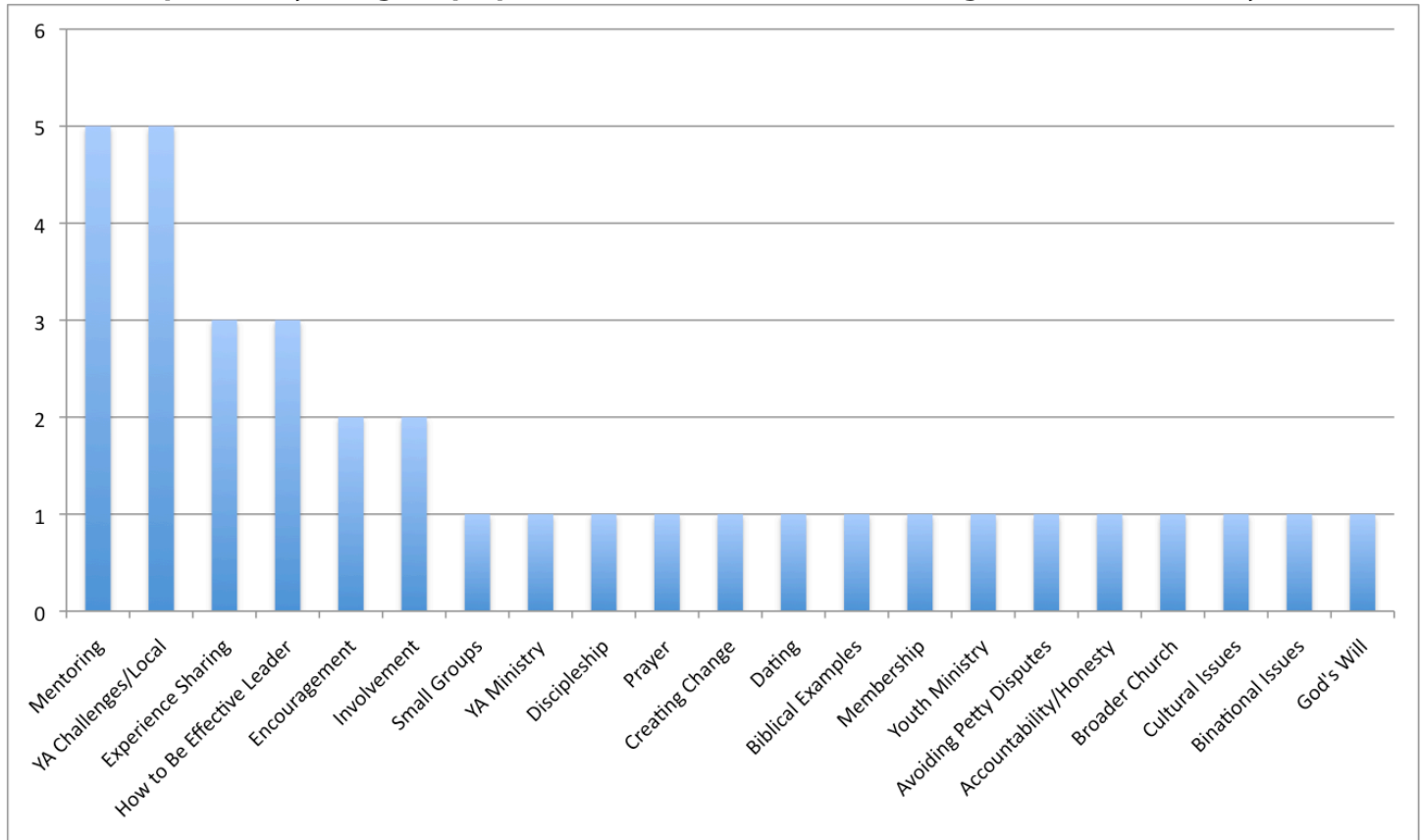
"We had 70 people registered/paid, 66 actual participants (plus the YALT team) and received 48 individual evaluations, as well as group reflection forms from each of the re:kindle small groups (12 total). We got feedback forms from 18 re:kindle/synod discussion groups."

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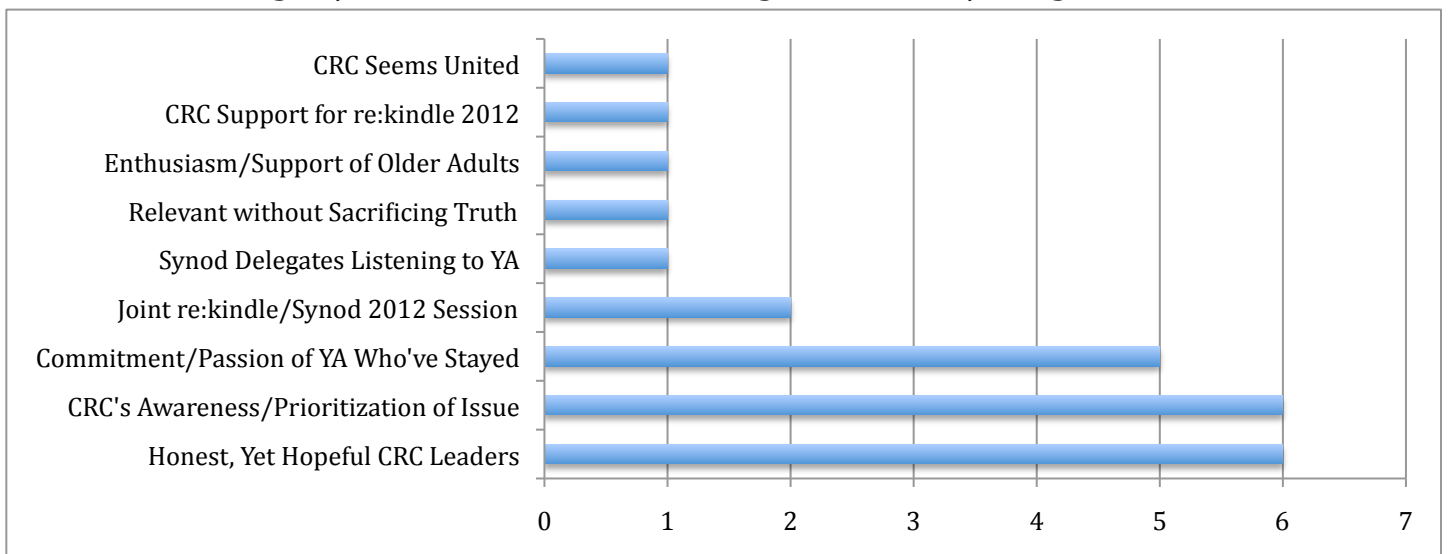


re:kindle Group Learnings

1. What topics did your group spend the most time discussing the last three days?



2. What encourages you most about the CRC right now as a young adult?



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3. What is the top lesson?

- Perseverance/Don't give up on God's plans for us/CRC (x2)
- Hope
- Camaraderie with other CRC Young Adults
- How being missional helps churches be effective
- Change starts with us
- Every church has struggles – we're not alone
- Step out of safety, speak up at your church
- Need for listening to each other
- Current CRC leaders and young adults are working together toward the future
- Get a mentor and be a mentor
- Good discussions on free will & truth

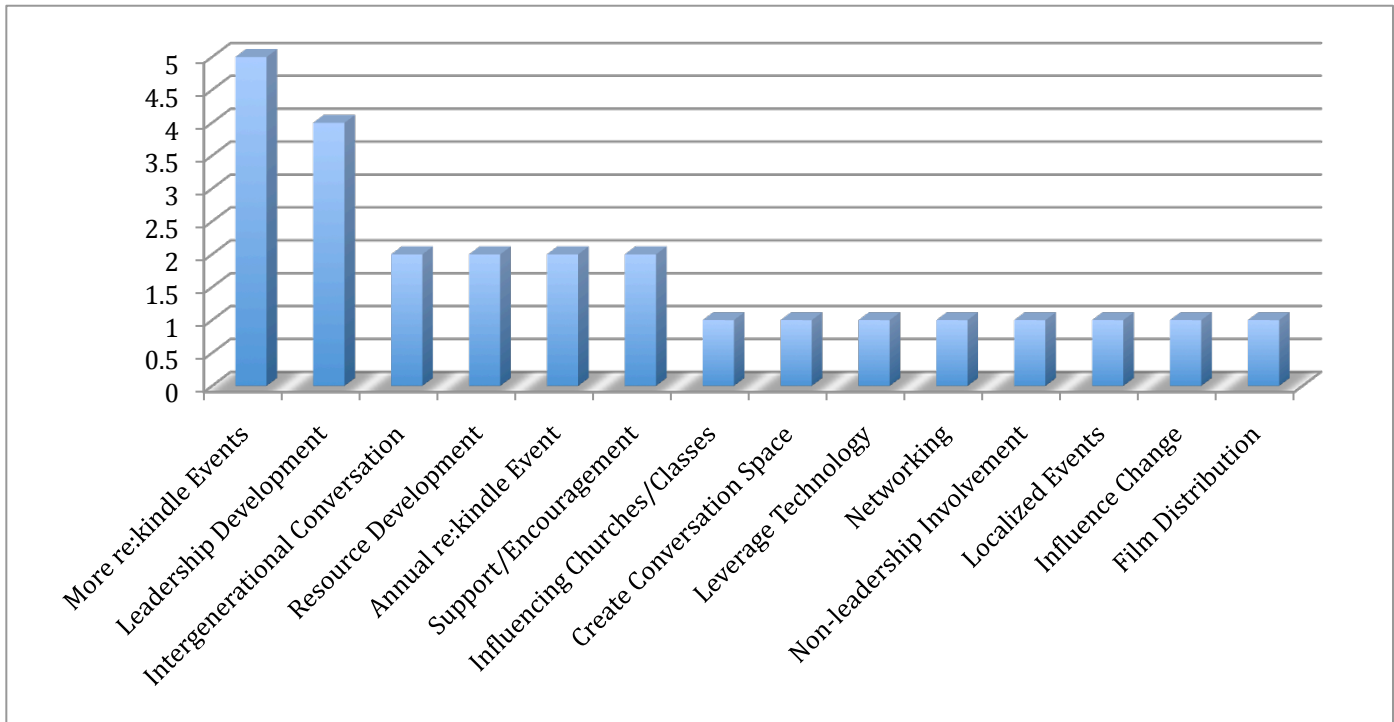
4. What is the #1 challenge for young adults in the CRC

- Not losing hope/giving up (x2)
- Translating knowledge to action (x2)
- Busyness/lack of action by young adults (x2)
- Commitment issues (x2)
- Listening to/trusting God
- Fighting indifference to find significance
- Willingness to step up
- Healing/bringing back young adults who've left
- Fear of vulnerability & unpreparedness
- Staying positive
- Engaging local church in discussions

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5. What ideas do you have for YALT?

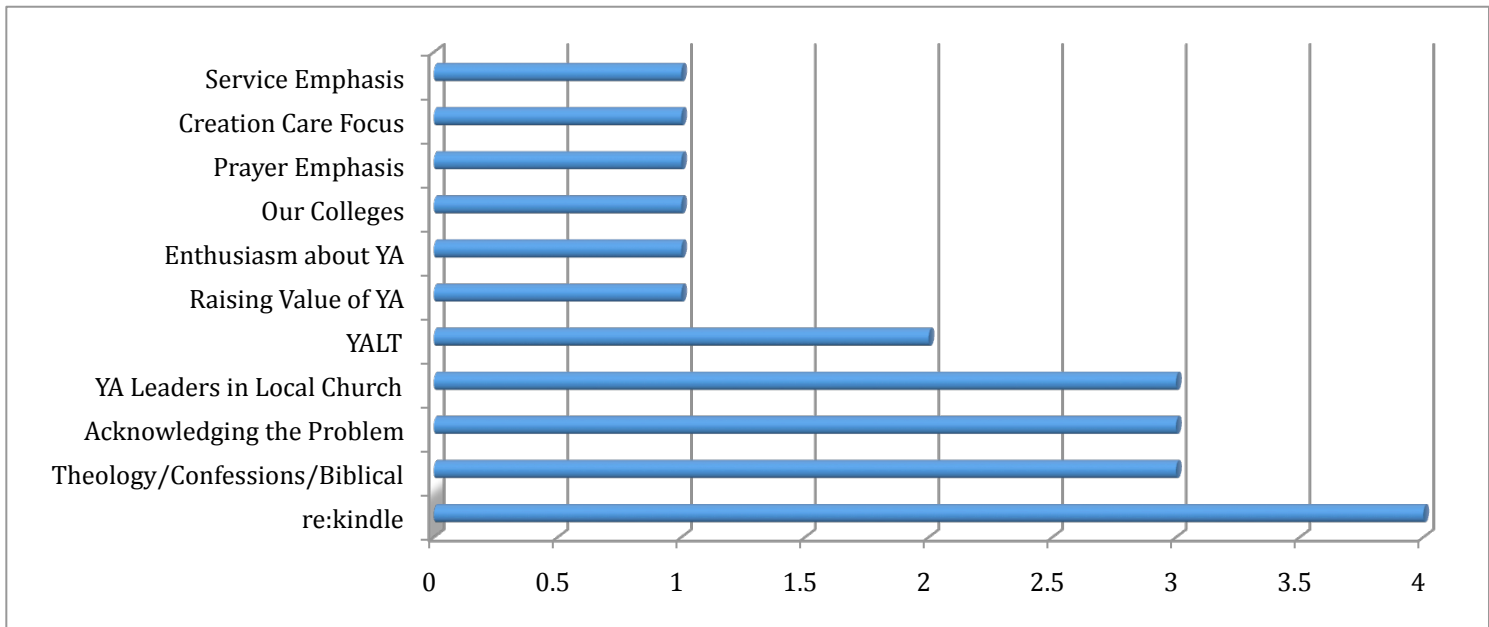


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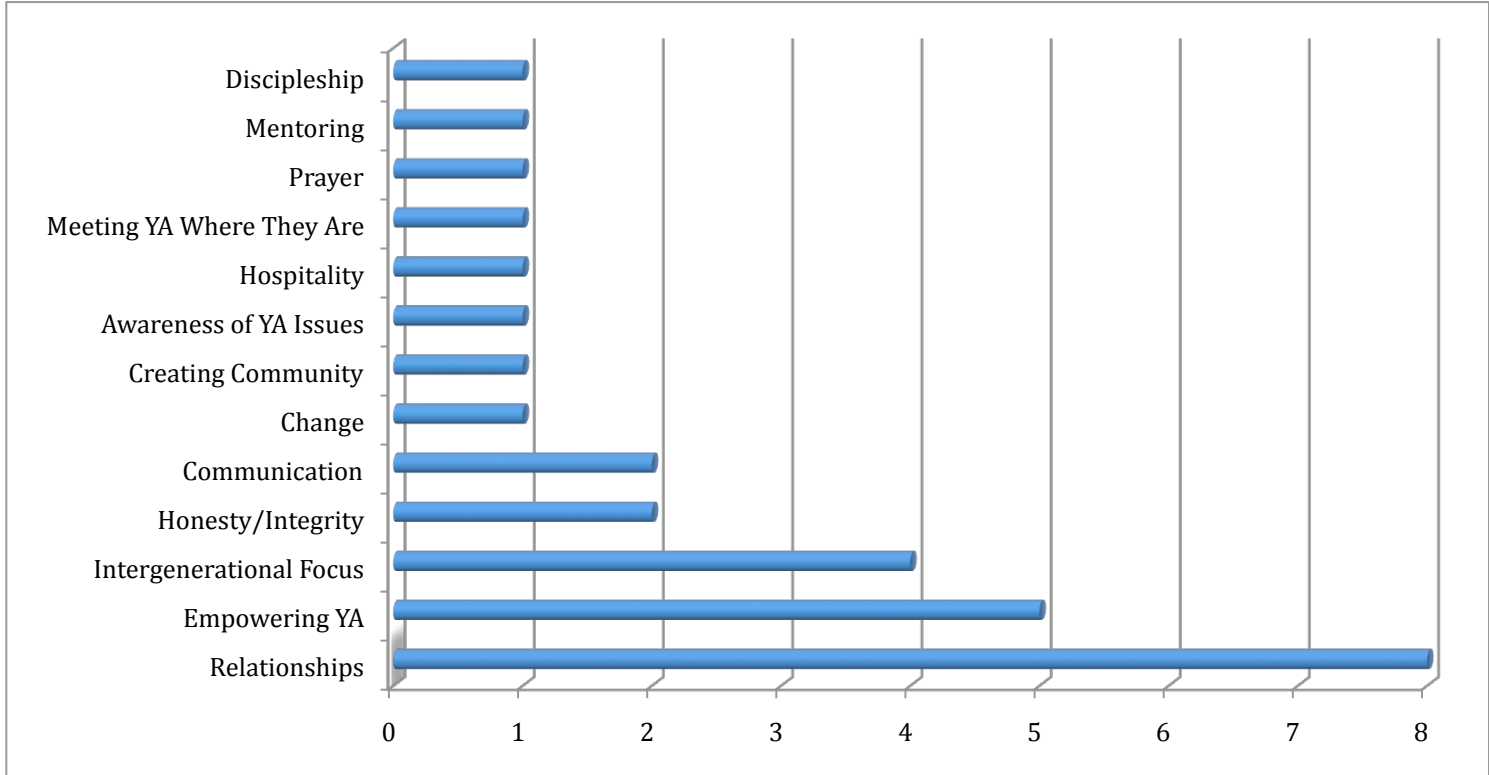


Synod/re:kindle Group Reflections:

1. What is the best thing the CRC is doing now with young adults?



2. What are some areas we can improve in the CRC with respect to young adults?



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3. What great idea does your group have to improve young adult ministry in the CRC?

- Intergenerational small groups (x3)
- Intergenerational service projects (x2)
- Mentoring (x2)
- We need to rally around a project or a tragedy
- Involve young adults in leading worship & other ministries
- Meeting with young adults left to discuss issues
- Praying for wisdom/resolution
- Be substantive & relational
- Adopt-a-Grandparent program
- Older generation sharing life stories
- Building relationships between generations
- Showing more investment in young adults
- Insist on invitations to participate in ministry
- Intergenerational prayer partners
- Discipleship
- Listening group for college/post-college young adults
- Showing interest in the lives of young adults

4. What is your #1 takeaway from the joint Synod/re:kindle session?

