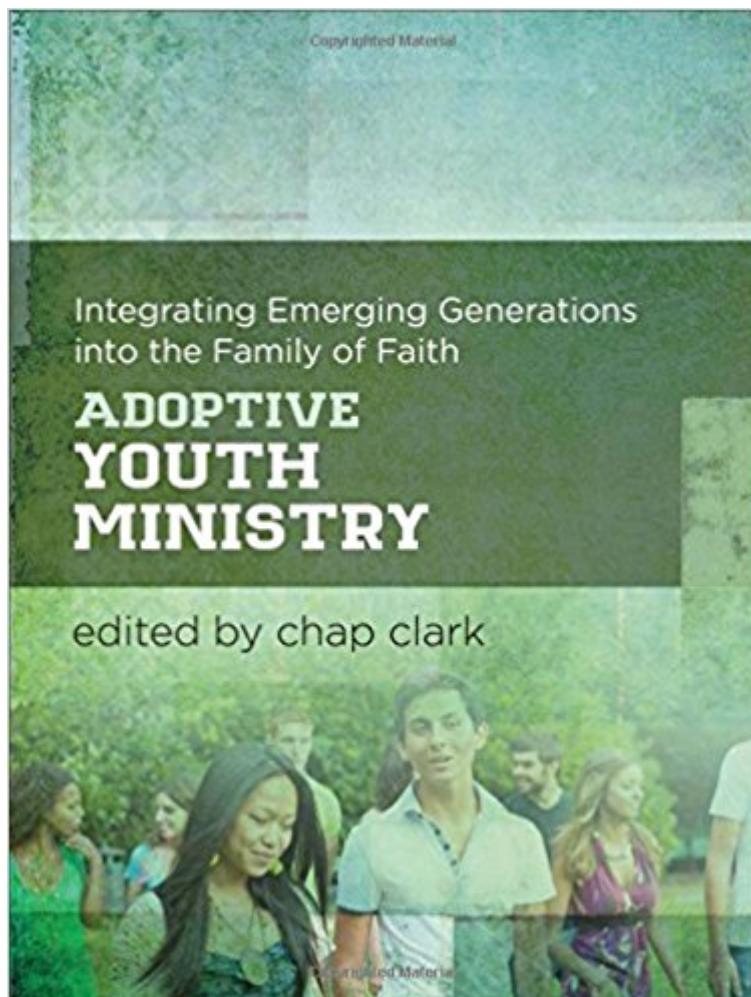


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# Adoptive Youth Ministry: Integrating Emerging Generations Into The Family Of Faith (Youth, Family, And Culture)



## **Synopsis**

Kids desperately need healthy, committed adults who can help them thrive in their faith and become active participants in the life of the church. This requires the efforts of the whole faith community. Chap Clark, one of the leading voices in youth ministry today, brings together twenty-four experts from a variety of denominations and traditions to offer a comprehensive introduction to adoptive youth ministry, a theologically driven, academically grounded, and practical youth ministry model. The book shows readers how to integrate emerging generations into the family of faith, helping young adults become active participants in God's redemptive community.

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What is adoption? What does "Adoptive Youth Ministry" mean? How is it different from conventional youth ministries? According to the editor of this book, to be adopted means becoming a full member of a nonbiological family. When applied to youth ministry, it means one, more, or even all of the following "four foundational premises."1) Recognizing that in every Church and organization, there are insiders as well as outsiders.2) Reminding that we are adopted into God's family as a child with other children.3) We are vulnerable but Jesus has his eyes on us.4) That we as well as outsiders are called to the gathering. Chap Clark, editor of this book of articles compiled from 20 different contributors says: "Adoptive ministry is vital because we are witnessing the fact that in Christ God has invited those who 'believed in his name' to 'become children of God' (John 1:12). This is the message of the good news. Therefore our messageâ "in our lifestyle, service, and wordâ "is

adoption."Why is there a need to change from traditional ways of doing youth ministry? Clark gives three reasons. First, we are losing those who had gone through such youth ministries and if things do not change, it will get worse. Second, many young ones in contemporary culture have written off 'traditional faith.' They are changing but the ministries are not adapting as well. Third, the world we live in are changing, and are often painful, confusing, and abandoning. There is a need to win back trust. There is a need to inculcate hope. A key point from the research in the book "Sticky Faith" is that young people need to feel they are "known, valued, actively engaged, and proactively loved within a community.

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