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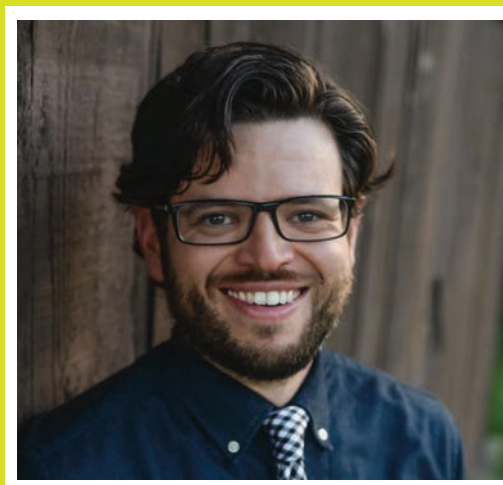


Free Lunch and Lecture • April 5, 2017 • 12:00 PM

Yale Greenberg Center • 391 Prospect Street • New Haven, CT

SELF-EMPTYING LOVE AND ADOLESCENT JOY:

Nurturing Relationships that Truly Transform



Dr. Andrew Root & Christian Gonzalez

In this presentation, we will explore how faith is passed on through wrestling with young people's deep questions of meaning. We will ask specifically, what exactly does it mean to take a theological turn in youth ministry? Looking at the biblical concept of kenosis, we'll turn away from a technological perspective that sees youth ministry as providing solutions, or faith-formation as getting the knowledge of theology in young people's heads. Instead we will explore how faith-formation, theology, and ministry are held together as a deep experience of joy. Drawing particularly from the life and youth work of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, we'll see how questions of meaning, humility, and joy come together in ministry.

Andrew Root is the Olson Baalson Associate Professor of Youth and Family Ministry at Luther Seminary. He is most recently the author of *Christopraxis: A Practical Theology of the Cross and Bonhoeffer as Youth Worker*. He has also written *The Relational Pastor* as well as a four book series called *A Theological Journey Through Youth Ministry*. In 2012, his book *The Theological Turn in Youth Ministry* (with Kenda Creasy Dean) received Christianity Today's Award of Merit.

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