

The Valuegenesis Project: Three Decades of Understanding Adventist Youth



The Valuegenesis Project has been a cornerstone in understanding the lives and faith of Seventh-day Adventist youth for over thirty years. This collaboration, involving the North American Division Office of Education, La Sierra University, and a team of researchers, has embarked on its fourth study, Valuegenesis 4 (VG4), as of 2021–22. Through decades-long research, including previous studies in 1990, 2000, and 2010, Valuegenesis offers invaluable insights into the spiritual growth, challenges, and changing dynamics within our youth community.

VG4 aims to deepen our understanding of Adventist youth today, building on questions of faith development, community engagement, and personal challenges that have been part of the project's fabric since its inception. It maintains a core set of 209 survey questions, covering crucial areas such as personal spirituality, church involvement, family and educational influences, and pressing issues like mental health and lifestyle choices. Additionally, VG4 introduces new areas of inquiry to reflect emerging societal trends and concerns, including online activity, mental well-being, and global awareness.

The insights gained from VG4 are precious for church leaders and members. They offer a mirror reflecting our youth's current state and guide us in shaping more engaging, supportive, and relevant educational, spiritual, and family environments. The project underscores the importance of our collective role in fostering a faith community where young people feel understood, valued, and inspired.

An official website has been launched, giving church members direct access to the project's findings. The team is actively publishing the results online and is preparing a detailed report to be released soon. This report will offer an in-depth analysis of the current state of our youth's faith and lifestyle, highlighting how these have evolved over the last thirty years.

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