

**We the participants of the Second Youth Sobor recognize that there is a large number of marginal youth within our parishes, that are in jeopardy of leaving the church. To help aid in bringing them into the fullness of Christ's Church we suggest the following:**

• **What we can do as an individual:**

- Befriend them and actually care about their lives
- Call them
- Talk to them
- Have carpools available for kids who don't have rides (or a bus if you have a lot of kids)
- Have your parents talk to their parents to encourage them to come and bring their children too
- Create a relationship with their parents, even if only by saying "Hello, how are you?" whenever you see them.
- Find out their interests
- Invite them over for a sleepover at your house Saturday night and then take them to church on Sunday with you
- love them and pray for them, by name, on a regular basis
- encourage camping programs on a personal level
- Give hugs

• **What can be done as a parish:**

- If your parish does not have one already, start a church school program
- Have classes for new parents and parent support groups
- Have adult education classes
- Be aware of the people around you and create an environment so all feel welcome and appreciated.
- Be sure that services start on time
- Offer multiple services per week, so that scheduling issues are not an excuse
- Invite/ask them, through one-on-one contact, to participate
  - Offer to do it with them
  - Make them feel your love
  - Ask them to do things that they have a talent for
- Promote concerts of Ukrainian and/or Christian artists and encourage participation from the choir and all other church members
- Encourage camping programs through parish social events
- Give hugs

• **What we can do on a National level:**

- Hold regional sport leagues
- Encourage and sponsor retreats
- Have grants and scholarships available to youth
- Visit different churches and greet every kid you meet, whether you know them or not
- Encourage camping programs
- Give hugs

• **When in doubt, give hugs!**

**The Participants of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Youth Sobor believe that we should preserve our Ukrainian Culture within Parish life, yet include parishioners and potential parishioners of other heritages. We suggest that this can be accomplished by the following:**

- **How we can preserve our Ukrainian Heritage:**

- Have the Gospel reading in both languages
- Have Bibles in the pews in different languages
- Have Ukrainian dancing available
- Encourage parishioners to participate and attend Ukrainian school or lessons.
- Keep customs but invite people to join
  - Pysanky
  - Pyrohy
- Greet Hierarchs traditionally (with the bread and salt)
- Go caroling around Christmas time (sing in Ukrainian)
- Celebrate holidays according to the Orthodox and Ukrainian traditions.
- Dress in your traditional Ukrainian costumes outside of Ukrainian events

- **How we can include non-Ukrainians**

- Teach them our customs and traditions
- Hold nationality fairs
- Hold nationality coffee hours (in which one nationality could provide a small luncheon and their ethnicity could be celebrated)
- Sing the Litany responses in different languages