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Captured in the pages of this book are experiences of the Seventh-day Adventist youth ministry leaders from different parts of the world and diversity of cultures. Listening to their voices through the lenses of the "Lived experience" approach to the study, one hears their concerns, aspirations, and desire to serve with passion and commitment in the complexity of contemporary life. These youth ministers share a visionary aim – to shape the spiritual pathway for future leaders and in doing so, help make tomorrow's church today.

MAKING TOMORROW'S CHURCH TODAY: THE LIVED EXPERIENCE OF YOUTH MINISTRY is refreshingly not a prescriptive Youth Ministry 'How to'; nor is it a piece of 'Theology and Philosophy' that affords the reader the luxury of evaluation and even criticism. The authors of this work have chosen the Lived Experience approach in documenting the intimate youth ministry journey of a number of youth professionals and volunteers from across the globe and across cultures. It is the raw account of their circumstances, commitment, joys, challenges, aspirations, frustrations and above all, their absolute belief in our youth and their conviction of a better future for our church if we are prepared for some 'Holy Listening'. It is well worth a read.

DR GILBERT CANGY, FORMER GENERAL CONFERENCE YOUTH DIRECTOR

The records of the youth ministers' experiences, motivations and inspirations gained in the study provide valuable insights into their work and its context. One must admire their commitment when reading about their experiences and concerns. A pivotal part of the book is documenting what motivates and sustains them—a fascinating and thought-provoking read.

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This book will inspire as it grew out of the "Lived Experience" of youth ministers from diverse backgrounds. The energy within its covers is found in the 15 themes that directly relate to youth ministers' experiences, challenges, triumphs, and, most importantly, their connection with God. The multiple success stories will feed the heart and soul of all youth ministers.

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