

I. Divide kids into small groups. Present these lists to the entire group. (Have each list on one piece of newsprint with room at the bottom for more.) Have each group think of a few more they'd like to add. Add them to the lists.

I want our MYF to be a place where we....

- can bring tough questions
- all feel like we belong
- are welcoming
- really get to know each other
- reach out to teens who don't go to church
- like to be with one another
- respect each other in spite of differences
- can be open without fear of gossip or ridicule
- can depend on each other
- are forgiven when we mess up
- discuss and even debate important issues

supplies:  
sticky dots  
lists on newsprint  
markers

collect cell phone  
numbers and emails

Our MYF should help me.....

- express what I believe
- understand the Bible
- connect with God
- think deeply about my faith
- understand Anabaptist theology
- know how to pray
- discover and develop my gifts
- feel more connected to West Union
- understand Jesus' teachings
- live out my faith
- serve others

II. Same procedure as before: present list and allow groups to suggest additions.

Our MYF meetings should include:

- sharing
- prayer
- in-depth Bible Study
- brief devotional
- singing
- visiting with each other
- guest speakers
- small group discussions
- music
- refreshments
- service to others
- large group discussions

- meeting needs in our community

III. Consolidate like items on each list.

IV. Give kids time to decide individually what their top three choices are in each list. Have them put one mark next to each of their top three. Now we have a visual of what the group wants our priorities to be.

Tell kids that the sponsors will meet on Sept. 19 and take all their responses and bring a set of goals/ideas for this year to the parent/youth meeting on Sept. 23.