

SOLDout

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What is SoldOut?

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SoldOut Youth Conference in Lancaster, PA, is a time where youth from many different backgrounds gather to worship, fellowship, and learn from solid, Biblical teaching. We meet at Lancaster Mennonite School where more than one thousand youth squeeze into their main auditorium. The energy of the youth is high as they begin gathering. The passion and excitement of youth to be gathered with their friends who desire to worship God and learn more about Him is visible.

Our evenings begin with a time of worship. It is an amazing experience to hear one thousand youth singing at the top of their lungs in worship to the Lord. Worship can happen individually, but there is something unique and special when a large group with a shared vision and dream gathers to worship God. It gives me goosebumps. After the time of worship, Ricks shares the first session. Each youth gets their own printed study guide to help them engage with the topics and to take home to remember what they have learned. After the first session, we give the opportunity for three different ministries to share what God is doing through their work. This is a good time for the youth to see immediate needs and opportunities to serve. Next, comes another time of worship followed by the last session. Depending on the message we will have a time for people to respond. This is a beautiful time of confession and commitment. We don't want this response to be an emotional whim but a deep surrender and public commitment. There are people ready to pray and talk with each person who responds. After the service there is a constant buzz of talking and fellowship. People often hang around for as long as they can.

Our goal at SoldOut is that people would hear solid biblical teaching. Through the teaching of God's Word, we would have authentic worship, deep fellowship, and lives changed for the glory of God. ♦



First SoldOut Youth Conference at Parkview Mennonite Church in January 2014.

The SoldOut Youth Conference 2024 theme is Missions. God's call for laborers is for everyone. We will be addressing how to prepare and serve locally in the present while being willing to go and serve globally in the future.



SoldOut Youth Conference Testimony

I grew up as a very insecure, rebellious child. I often wondered what my purpose in life was. I wondered why God even created me. At a very young age I went through some hurtful things; things that made me lose trust in a lot of people. I always wanted to be accepted, so, to do so I would hang out with the wrong friends, listen to the wrong music, and laugh at the wrong jokes. I just wanted to fit in and be accepted. At a very young age I was headed down a very dark path. I was carrying a lot of shame because of things I had done and addictions that I thought I would never be free from.

A year ago, at SoldOut I was really struggling with why I was even here. What was my purpose in this life? The one session was based off the story of Esther. I realized that God has me right here, right now for a reason. And even though I may not totally understand what all he wants of me; I know that if I am open to his will, he will show me.

The greatest experience of the weekend was during the altar call. For the first time in 17 years, I felt the presence of God. I felt washed clean from my past sins! It was awesome. But it wasn't an easy road after that, I had to change my whole lifestyle. And that was, still is, and always will be a work in progress. But I wouldn't go back! It is worth every sacrifice and God is always there to go alongside of us. ♦

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Rick's Speaking Schedule

**January – June
2024**

January 12 & 13
SOLDOUT, Lancaster, PA

January 22-26
Youth Bible School, Rexford, MT

February 5-8
IMPAC Communication
Conference, Lancaster, PA

February 23 & 24
SOLDOUT, Sugarcreek, OH

March 10-12
Faith Christian Fellowship, Catlett,
VA

March 22 & 23
SOLDOUT, Wallenstein, Ontario

April 3-7
East Union Revivals, OH

April 9
LTO, Mission Training Center,
NYC

April 26-27
SOLDOUT, Goshen, IN

May 31- June 2
SOLDOUT, Fairfield, MT

June 26-29
IMPAC Communication
Conference Lancaster, PA

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