

# 180° Symposium Potential Writing Topics

Those writing a paper for the 180° Symposium May 10-12, 2022, at Andrews University must get clearance from Steve Case *before* writing the paper. This is so we will have a breadth of topics rather than loads of duplication. Listed below are some potential topics from which you could choose to write a paper. Pick one of these or let it spur your own topic. Then run that by Steve. You might have an idea already in mind. Go for it by first typing a 1-page proposal with the topic and ideas behind it, and then sending Steve an email at [Steve@involveyouth.org](mailto:Steve@involveyouth.org). When you get your approval, dig right in!

The overall topic for the 180° Symposium May 10-12, 2022 is: “**A New Opportunity:** Youth and Young Adult Ministry Through COVID and Beyond.”

## Some Options for Writing Topics

God and the pandemic  
Death, suffering and loss in a pandemic  
Ministry in a pandemic  
The politicalization of a pandemic  
The politicalization of a pandemic in religion  
Healing physically, mentally, emotionally, socially, and spiritually  
Front line workers and lost work  
Mental health in the short term and the long term  
Youth as resilient or forgotten  
The financial impact of a pandemic, church, and ministry  
Missions during a pandemic  
To mask or not to mask; to vaccinate or not to vaccinate  
Church and family conflict during a pandemic  
Faith during a pandemic  
Loss of key life markers and experiences (graduations, weddings, funerals, holiday celebrations, etc.)  
The COVID Generation  
Technology through a pandemic  
Killing ministries that already needed to die  
Moving forward or returning to the past  
Virtual ministry

Planning when everything keeps changing  
Winners and losers during and after a pandemic  
Visions for the future  
Short-term vs. chronic crisis  
A new eschatology  
Persecution  
Reimagining youth ministry  
Reimagining young adult ministry  
Reimagining children's ministry  
Getting over it  
Church structure for today's world  
How to do education for different ages  
Will there ever be another camporee (or summer camp, or . . .)?