



## NSUC's Grade 12 Program

People go through transitions at various times in their lives, but no transition has quite the same impact as when youth go through their Grade 12 year.

NSUC's Grade 12 program is designed to prepare youth to enter young adulthood. Only youth who are in Grade 12 can join.

The program starts with a one-day "walkabout" that invites questions that are uppermost in young people's mind at this point in their lives.

After the walkabout, NSUC's Youth Program Coordinator meets monthly with the youth in a coffee shop for about two hours.

Through gentle questioning and group participation, youth are encouraged to look at where they've come from, and where they are journeying to.

The program ends with an overnight vigil that breaks the bonds of youth and welcomes the participants into young adulthood.

On both the daylong walkabout and the overnight vigil, the youth are accompanied by adults who have completed the *Mentor Training Program* provided by our congregation.

In the spring, each participant has an opportunity to address the congregation at an annual Sunday Youth Service. This tradition honours the youth in our congregation, and the transitions they are undergoing.

