

[Connecting and communicating to a visual generation](#)

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During the elective Tom and Peter shared perspectives on connecting and communicating to a visual generation. Participants 'put into practice' their own cultural insight and learning and developed their own multi media presentation. Some helpful resources were "screened" which are listed below amongst this extensive resource listing.

Multimedia is a powerful multi sensory tool but it does not replace the value of relationships, participants were encouraged to tap into the resource of the young people in their lives.

Resources

- * **Songshow Plus** is very popular in churches. It has an ample supply of preloaded CCLI songs, so you can pull them up without typing. You can, of course, add custom backgrounds. The primary distributor for Songshow Plus is a Christian company called Fowler, Inc. You can download a free preview of the program from www.fowlerinc.com
- * **Media Shout** is extremely popular with the youth ministry crowd. Among its helpful features is the ability to add video easily. You can learn more about the program at www.media shout.com
- * Prologue's **Sunday Plus** is another program that is getting some positive buzz. They claim that their software is created for right-brained postmoderns. You can check out Sunday Plus at www.sundayplus.com
- * **Church Media** provides a range of backgrounds and some multimedia clips for your use in worship. They also provide some reviews of software and other articles of interest <http://www.churchmedia.net/home/>
- * **Lumicon** is a top of the line provider of multimedia content for worship services. They offer, background images, creative service outlines, song suggestions, movie clip suggestions as well as multimedia clips as theme grabs. You will pay a premium for their resources. <http://www.lumicon.org>
- * **Meanrabbit** is a sound effects site which has hundreds of free sound effects for you to download. This is helpful in adding something extra special into your multimedia <http://www.meanrabbit.com/index.htm>
- * **Swish** is a cheap and easy to use multimedia creation program. If you have wanted to animate text, images and mix in music to make flash files or video files to add to your presentation then Swish is the place to start. You can be a complete novice and with a couple of hours of experimenting you will have mastered the basics. www.swishzone.com
- * **Globe** – want to know how to market to skate boarders, then try <http://www.globeinternationaltd.com/>
- * **NGM** – A church plant organisation in the UK focused on planting churches relevant and appealing to various youth cultures. An interesting idea developed by a group of people from a YFC background. They use lots of multimedia and youth culture to communicate. <http://www.ngm.org.uk>

- * **Top ???? –** Want to know what's the top of the charts in music then go to <http://www.aria.com.au/ariaa.htm>
- * **Take40 –** Another Australian music site which has some interesting interviews and sound samples. <http://www.take40.com/>
- * **Youth Cultural trends –** You can find out what's hot and what's not at <http://www.look-look.com> . You have to pay if you want access to all of their info but there is some free stuff to keep you up to date.
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- * <http://shootthemessenger.com.au> – Reviews and articles regarding multi-media and spirituality
- * <http://hollywoodjesus.com> – reviews of current movies, music from theological perspective (Source of 'Interactive Presentations' as screened)
- * <http://www.embody.co.uk> – interactive alternate worship site
- * <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/paradigm> – A Site using a Labyrinth as the basis for it's worship.
- * <http://www.cafechurch.cjb.net/> - Café Church in Glebe Sydney
- * <http://www.zeta.org.au/~lorien/prodigo/default.html> – Prodigal project are at the forefront of using multi-media and multi-sensory experiences in worship
- * www.ginghamsburg.org – a US Methodist Church (uses multi-media in large church setting)
- * www.theooze.com – lots of resources and links
- * <http://www.digistry.org> - developed Enhance

To order Enhance Volume II as screened (\$195) which contains 219 digital video clips contact Peter Eckermann peter.eckermann@sa.lca.org.au Enhance follows the lectionary years b & c, bible readings and themes such as call to worship, blessings, prayers reflections and parables.

- * Damaris Culture Watch film review index at www.damaris.org Damaris helps people relate Christian faith and contemporary culture. They have a study guide, rating and discussion information.
- * Spirituality & Health website, film review index at www.spiritualityhealth.com
- * Christian spotlight on the movies at www.christiananswers.net/spotlight/movies Christian answers is a worldwide evangelism, education and discipleship ministry of Films for Christ (also known as Eden Communications).
- * Focus on the Family film reviews at www.family.org/pplace/pi/films/
- * Pastor John Schuurman`s movie reviews at www.wheatoncrc.org/movies.html Movie reviews from a Reformed perspective - Wheaton Christian Reformed Church, USA.
- * Screen it! Entertainment reviews at www.screenit.com A small (2 person), husband and wife team who provide reviews to allow parents and others to decide whether a movie/video/CD is appropriate for them and/or their kids based on THEIR values.
- * Kids for Truth at www.k4t.com

They provide some Christian flash animations. The imagery is very powerful and relates to adults. They don't have many but it is free or you can send them a donation.

* Archive of movie discussion sheets as a PDF at:

[www.sa.uca.org.au/files/links/movie_sheets\(1\).pdf](http://www.sa.uca.org.au/files/links/movie_sheets(1).pdf)

This PDF file is 350k - save it to your computer first, before opening it, to help make downloading quicker. You will need Acrobat Reader to view the file, freely available from www.adobe.com.

* www.osbd.org lots of visual resources

* www.damah.org Christian Short Films –source of 'Light of Darkness' as screened.

* **FREE ONLINE IMAGES** If you are preparing Power point presentations, you might like to know about these websites which have free online photos:

www.freeFoto.com

www.imageafter.com

<http://openphoto.net/>

http://art.net/%7Ejeremy/photo/public_texture/index.html

<http://www.picstyle.de/>

<http://kepek.creat.hu/>

<http://www.freemediagoo.com/>

<http://www.freeimages.co.uk/>

<http://stock.d2.hu/>

<http://www.morguefile.com/>

<http://www.intuitivmedia.de/>

<http://www.getthepixel.com/>

<http://stock.kriegsnet.com/>