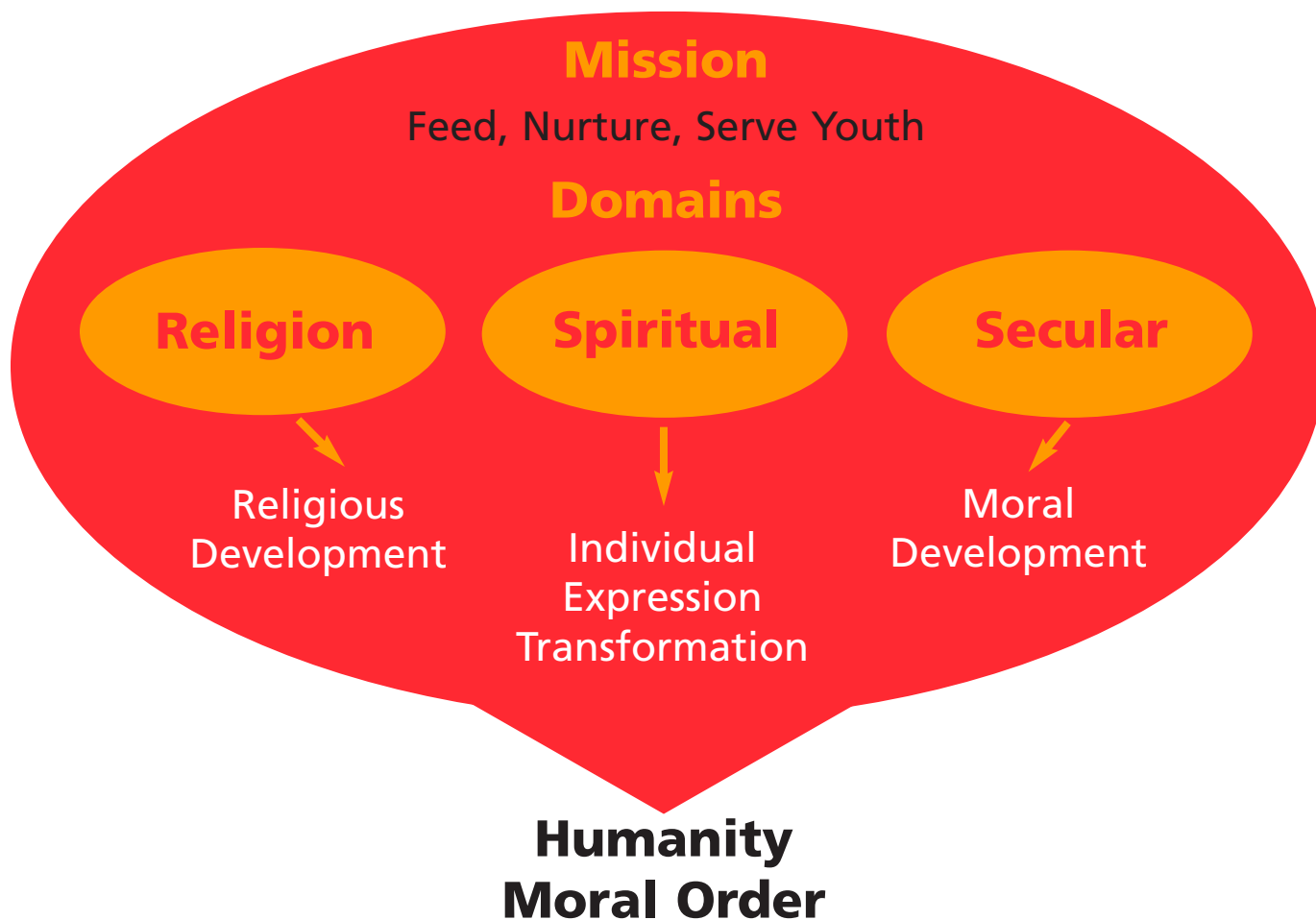




# Framework for Moral and Spiritual Development

## Faith and Expression of Service (Ministry)



### COMMON ELEMENTS:

*People* – Belief Systems ■ *Place* – Community ■ *Space* – Learning

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# Preliminary Reading List for Youth Workers

One of the requests from participants in the national consultation of thought leaders was to compile a reading list that would introduce youth workers in each sector to the foundational texts for their work with youth. Below is a preliminary list of titles that surfaced through nominations from consultation participants as well as the editors' knowledge of the fields. This list is only a starting point; additional efforts to establish criteria and build some consensus would be needed to develop a reading list that is not limited by the knowledge and perspectives of the creators.

## General Youth Development

Benson, P. L. (2006). *All kids are our kids: What communities must do to raise caring and responsible children and adolescents (rev. ed.)*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.

Brown, B. B., Larson, R. W., & Sarawathi, T. S. (Eds.) (2002). *The world's youth: Adolescence in eight regions of the globe*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.

Hamilton, S., & Hamilton, M. A (2004). *The youth development handbook: Coming of age in American communities*. Thousand Oaks, California: Sage Publications.

National Research Council and Institute of Medicine. (2002). *Community programs to promote youth development: Committee on community-level programs for youth* (J. Eccles & J. A. Gootman, Eds.) [Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education, Board on Children, Youth and Families]. Washington, DC: National Academy Press.

Villarruel, F. A., Perkins, D. F., Borden, L. M., & Keith, J. G. (2003) *Community youth development: Programs, policies, practices*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

## Adolescent Spiritual Development

Roehlkepartain, E. C., King, P. E., Wagener, L. M., & Benson, P. L. (Eds.) (2006). *The handbook of spiritual development in childhood and adolescence*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

Smith, C., with Denton, M. L. (2005). *Soul searching: The religious and spiritual lives of American teenagers*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Wilson, M. (2004). *A part of you so deep: What vulnerable adolescents have to say about spirituality*. Burlington, VT: New England Network for Child, Youth & Family Services.

## Faith-Based Youth Work

### *Multi-Faith Perspectives*

Patel, E., & Brodeur, P. (Eds.) (2006). Building the interfaith youth movement: Beyond dialogue to action. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield.

Roehlkepartain, E. C. (1998). Building assets in congregations: A practical guide to helping youth grow up healthy. Minneapolis: Search Institute.

### *Christian Perspectives*

Clark, C. (2004). Hurt: Inside the world of today's teenagers. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic.

Dean, K. C., & Foster, R. (1998). The Godbearing life: The art of soul tending for youth ministry. Nashville, TN: Upper Room.

McCarty, R. J., Delgatto, L., & Dunne, T. (2005). The vision of Catholic youth ministry: Fundamentals, theory, and practice. Winona, MN: Saint Mary's Press.

Wimberly, A. S. (2005). Keep it real: Working with today's Black youth. Nashville: Abingdon, 2005.

### *Jewish Perspectives*

Kadushin, C., Kelner, S., & Saxe, L. (2000). Being a Jewish teenager in America: Trying to make it. Waltham, MA: Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies, Brandeis University.