

# THOUGHT-STARTER: IS CHRISTIANITY SEEING A RESURGENCE AMONG THE YOUTH?

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*Foresight writer Holly Friend explores how the aesthetic, rituals and values of Christianity are being re-assessed and redefined by a younger, more socially conscious generation.*

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As we explored in our microtrend **Alternative Spirituality**, young people may be finding solace in spirituality and ancient folk religions, but that doesn't mean they're turning away from traditional religion altogether.

In fact, **20%** of young people in the US attend organised spaces for religion, and Christianity remains the world's largest religion (sources: Vice and Virtue, Pew Research Center). The traditional, conservative values of Christianity, however, are increasingly at odds with Generation Z's more fluid, socially conscious mindset.

In response, new churches are forming that aim to counteract the belief held by some that Christianity is an unprogressive or otherwise restrictive religion. **The Block Church** aims to break down economic, religious and political walls by regularly hosting a diverse congregation of black, white and Latino evangelicals in Philadelphia. For its 2019 Easter Sunday service, the church even contributed to attendees' Uber fares. At the same time, rapper Kanye West has become increasingly vocal about his faith. Fuelling rumours that he is launching his own church, West recently hosted the Sunday Service series of pop-up church experiences.

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