

Schedule for Class Meetings and Retreats

First YMI Class Session for Youth Workers and Pastors

Saturday - At the Conference Office (1st Sat in Sept)

- 8:30 am - Registration for Participants and Pastors
- 9:00 am - Morning Prayer
- 9:15 am - Welcome, Mixers, Orientation, Course Overview,
- 10:30 am - Starting Right
- 12:30 pm - Lunch
- 1:15 pm - Becoming a Sustainable Youth Ministry
- 3:30 pm - Coach and Ministry Team Time
- 4:30 pm - Closing Prayer

Retreat Schedule for Youth Workers (Oct, Jan, April)

Friday Evening

- 5:30 pm - Arrival at Retreat Center
- 6:00 pm - Welcome/Opening Prayer/Dinner
- 7:00 pm - Group Building Activities
- 7:30 pm - Instructional Session
- 9:30 pm - Worship Service

Saturday

- 8:00 am - Breakfast
- 9:00 am - Morning Prayer
- 9:30 am - Instructional Session
- 11:30 am - Lunch
- 12:15 pm - Announcements
- 1:00 pm - Instructional Session
- 2:45 pm - Instructional Session
- 4:30 pm - Closing Worship

YMI One day class session for Youth Workers

Saturday (Nov, Dec, Feb, Mar, May)

- 8:30 am - Arrival at class meeting site
- 9:00 am - Morning Prayer
- 9:15 am - Instructional Session 1
- 11:15 am - Lunch
- 12:00 pm - Announcements
- 12:15 pm - Instructional Session 2
- 2:30 pm - Instructional Session 3
- 4:30 pm - Closing Prayer

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Youth Ministry Institute

The mission of Youth Ministry Institute is to provide local youth ministries and its leaders with practical tools and theology necessary for the development of sustainable youth ministries.

Application Due by August 1st.

For more information or to apply contact:

Youth Ministries of the Tennessee Conference

The United Methodist Church

304 South Perimeter Park Drive

Nashville, TN 37211

(615)327-1533

What is the purpose of Youth Ministry Institute?

This institute is an in-depth time for study about Youth Ministry. It will strengthen a person's call to ministry as well as give hands-on ideas and support for ongoing ministry. It will be inspirational as well as practical and relevant to where youth and youth ministry is today.

What is the time commitment?

It requires a serious time commitment. Class time is mandatory and will be held one Saturday a month. In addition, there will be three retreats throughout the course of the class. Saturday classes will have 6 hours of instructional time, while retreats will have 8 hours of instructional time as well as time for relaxation and fellowship.

Who serves as instructors at the Institute?

The faculty will consist of college professors, clergy, and exemplary youth workers serving in the Tennessee Conference and from across the country.

What is the benefit to the youth worker?

In addition to practical tools and theology to strengthen their local ministry. Youth Ministry Institute will provide the youth worker with opportunities to connect with other youth workers participating in the program. Many who have completed YMI say that this aspect has been as valuable as the knowledge gained during the course. In addition, throughout the course the youth worker will receive a library of books and resources to enhance and serve as a reference for their ministry.

Will the youth worker have a coach or a mentor?

Yes. Those participating in the class will have a coach to help guide them through the course and answer questions about their local ministry. The coach will be an exemplary youth worker from the Conference who will initiate contact and offer support to the youth workers in their YMI Ministry Team.

Course Curriculum

Practical Theology

- United Methodist History and Theology
- The People of the Bible
- Intentional Faith Development
- Selection and utilization of Curriculum Resources
- Christ Centered Youth Ministry
- Reaching youth in today's culture
- Empowering youth to lead Worship

Leadership

- Hearing and Understanding the Call
- Utilizing your Spiritual Gifts
- Know yourself as a Leader
- Youth Ministry Teams/Youth on Committees
- Recruitment and Care of Volunteers
- Working as a Team
- Keeping our Ministry Safe

Skill Sets

- Group Building
- Organization Skills
- Communications
- Creating and Preparing a budget
- Taking and Leaving a job

More Information

Cost for the course will be \$1,200.00.

This includes all books and materials needed for class, three overnight retreats, lunch on class days and Ministry Coach reimbursement.

This amount may be paid in full upon registration **or** you may pay a \$200.00 registration fee and then pay \$100.00 before the beginning of each class, to be paid in full by May 1.

We encourage you to look to your church and district superintendent for scholarship or continuing education money.

Limited scholarships will be available through the conference office.

Registration

To register for this class, fill out the application below. Please confirm that you will be able to attend all classes. Send it with your deposit; paragraphs requested and letter of reference to: Youth Ministry Institute, 304 South Perimeter Park Drive, Suite 1, Nashville, TN 37211.

Deadline for applications is August 1. Spaces are limited and class members will be chosen with an effort to make a balanced class. A letter of acceptance will be sent within a few weeks of this date. If you are not accepted into the class, deposits will be returned.

The Youth Ministry Institute

This is a joint project of the Tennessee Conference Youth Ministry Office and the Center for Church Leadership at Martin Methodist College

APPLICATION FORM

1. Personal Information

Name _____

Address _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ e-mail _____

II. Youth Ministry Data

How are you currently involved in Youth Ministry? (Check all appropriate answers)

Volunteer staff _____ Paid staff full-time _____ Paid staff part-time _____

What church do you serve? _____

Pastor's name _____

Why are you interested in the Youth Ministry Institute?

III. For Demographic Use Only

Your age _____ Your ethnic background _____ Are you married? _____

1 - 100 members _____ 100 - 250 _____ 250 - 500 _____ 500 - 1000 _____ 1000 or more _____

Your faith background (denomination) _____

IV. Sharing Your Heart

Please write a few paragraphs on a separate page in which you address the following questions:

1. What motivated you to be involved in youth ministry?
2. What is your greatest fear/concern regarding youth ministry?
3. What is the biggest problem youth face today?
4. What do you see as your gifts for ministry with youth?

V. References

All candidates are required to submit a written reference from the pastor of the church where you are engaged in youth ministry. Please turn this in with your application.