Youth Ministry Certification School (YMCS)
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Registration deadline is August 15

YOUTH MINISTRY CERTIFICATION SCHOOL

The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg presents a certification course designed to equip adults accompanying youth and families in the congregation

Course Dates 2013-2014:
September 12-14, 2013
October 17-19, 2013
November 22-23, 2013
December 13-14, 2013
February 8-9, 2014
March 7-7. 2014
April 4-4, 2014
May 2-3, 2014

Why Youth Ministry Certification School (YMCS)?

Do you have a talented leader with a heart for youth ministry that could use more education?

Does your part-time youth worker want to take youth ministry to the next level?

Are a you a rostered person looking to minister more completely with youth and their families?

YMCS may be right for you! Everyday, more congregations are looking for leaders to develop & grow youth ministry. However, there is a shortage of properly trained youth ministry leaders available to these same congregations. The YMCS is designed to give youth ministry leaders sound theological, theoretical and practical training in ministry to youth and their families. Pastors, lay youth leaders and volunteers can all benefit from this unique educational opportunity.

What is YM Certification School?

The 14-day crash course in youth and family ministry includes adventure education emphasizing small groups, community development and relational youth ministry. The days of classroom work include Biblical and theological training, cultural analysis, long range planning, family ministry, Christian Education and lots of how-to strategies.

Designed to fit your needs!

The course is held over the fall and winter across 2 calendar years, and is designed for pastors, professional youth staff, volunteers, and part-time leaders. For some congregations it is an opportunity to "grow their own" youth leaders, combining the gifts of caring adults who have a heart for youth ministry.

What does it cost?

Tuition for the school is $2,500.00 and includes all meal & lodging expenses. Scholarships are often available. We encourage congregations to offer aid to support applicants and will work with you to find other funding.

*Congregations or individuals may wish to make a tax-deductible donation to help provide scholarships for students. Contact YMCS Director, Chelle Huth to get details on how you can assist students in financial need.

Tell me more...

The program is held on the Gettysburg Seminary campus where participants concentrate on theological and theoretical study discussing ways they can grow their congregation's youth ministry, integrating families and communities into their programs. Participants will develop a ministry plan for ministry in their setting. Emphasis is placed on integrating youth into the whole life of your congregation, using proven models and techniques, but with an eye on the specific needs of your congregation. A certification ceremony is held for all participants during the final weekend. For September & October we begin Thursday evening at 7:00pm and finish Saturday at 5:00pm. The remaining weekends we begin at 8:45am Friday and finish Saturday at 5:00. We offer some flexibility if you have a conflict with a weekend date, just contact Chelle Huth to discuss.

Can I handle this?

Our alumni range in age from 20-70, and come from a variety of experience levels. Some have doctorates when they begin while some are high school grads. If you feel God is calling you to serve young people of the church, you may want to apply.

How do I get signed up?

Request an application or a more detailed school schedule and financial aid information at chuth@ltsg.edu. Or, visit our website at http://www.ltsg.edu/programs/youthcert.

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If you'd prefer to call for an application or have questions, call YMCS Director Chelle Huth, at 717-856-5602.