



Senior Youth Leadership

CURRICULUM FOR PASTORS



Adventist Youth Ministries
GENERAL CONFERENCE



PREREQUISITES

1. Be an active staff member/supporter of an Ambassador or Young Adults Ministry (Senior Youth Ministry)
2. Complete the 10 Hour Senior Youth Seminars.
3. Submit your certificate (BA Theology/Religion or MDiv from any registered and accredited Adventist University to the Instructor/Youth Director.)

10 HOUR SENIOR YOUTH SEMINARS

1. The Youth Leader as a Spiritual Leader, Mentor and Friend
2. Understanding the History, Philosophy, Vision, Objectives and Structure of Adventist Youth Ministry
3. Developing a Purpose Driven Model for Youth Ministry in the Local Church
4. Mentoring, Ownership and Empowerment in Youth Ministry
5. Comprehensive Evangelism
6. The Need for Specialized Youth Ministry
7. Creative Youth Ministry (to include programming)
8. Maximizing the Opportunities Offered by Social Media While Circumventing Its Hazards
9. Spiritual Giftedness and Service
10. Understanding the Youth

YOU AND GOD

1. Summarize, critique and evaluate (500 words or 10 minutes recording) the eWeek of Prayer of the current year. (Facebook: GC Youth Ministries)
2. Assist a Senior youth to discover their Spiritual Gifts by taking the test found on <https://youth.adventist.org/Resources/Spiritual-Gifts-Assessment> and challenge them to use their spiritual gifts to serve God and others. Write a brief report on your experience, 250 words or 5 minute recording.
3. Write a brief summary of your own spiritual gifts and indicate how you are using these gifts to lead youth to Jesus.

YOU AND YOU

1. Prepare a creative presentation on Colossians 1:16 that challenges senior youth to develop their own life vision and mission.
2. Teach the following honors:
 - a) Physical Fitness
 - b) Nutrition
 - c) Outdoor Leadership
 - d) Stewardship
 - e) First Aid (A current Red Cross First Aid and Safety Certificate or its equivalent)



f) Literature Evangelism

g) Other:

3. Develop and conduct three creative worship sessions for Ambassadors or Young Adults
4. Participate in a personal physical fitness plan by completing one of the following:
 - a. The physical components of the AY Silver Award. If you already have the AY Silver Award, then move on to the AY Gold Award.
 - b. A College physical fitness program.
 - c. A personal physical fitness program based on a fitness book of your choice or a workout program in consultation with your Conference/ Mission Youth Ministries Director or the designated Pastor/Qualified Youth Ministries Leader.

YOU AND YOUTH

1. Dialogue in Small Groups (for 30 minutes on each topic) and submit a Reaction Paper (1000 words) or Recording (20 minutes) on 10 of the following topics:

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| a. Church's Relationship to Government | l. Violence and Peace |
| b. Music and Worship | m. Christian Dress |
| c. Sex and Romance | n. Gossip and Profanity |
| d. Care for the Environment | o. AIDS/Cancer |
| e. Dating and Marriage | p. Recreation and Amusement |
| f. Service and Volunteering | q. LGBTQIA+ |
| g. Ethics | r. Unemployment and Entrepreneurship |
| h. Health and Temperance | s. Prejudice and Racism/Discrimination |
| i. Social Justice | t. Morality |
| j. Religious Freedom | u. Human Rights |
| k. Youth Evangelism | v. Money Consumerism |
| | w. Other: |

2. Attend a Union or Conference Wide training on Safety Planning and Insurance.



YOU AND THE CHURCH

1. Know and understand the 10 iCOR values as established and taught by TED and EUD.
<http://icor.church>
2. Participate fully in the Youth Initiatives of Global Church or the Higher Organization (Global Youth Day, Youth Week of Prayer, Youth Commitment Day, Home Coming Sabbath, etc.)
3. Plan and direct/co-direct a weekend church or campus Senior Youth retreat or a Spiritual Emphasis week for youth. Where necessary subdivide the group.
4. Plan and direct at least two Senior Youth recreational activities covering a total time for span at least six hours. Where necessary subdivide the group.
5. Read a book called The AY Story.

YOU AND THE COMMUNITY

1. Identify 10 needs in your community
2. Develop a plan on how to be relevant for your community
3. Direct or co-direct a community Better Living or Youth Alive for a minimum of ten days.

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SYL curriculum for pastors doesn't seek to promote an elitist and exclusive SYL training program, but its spirit and purpose is to recognise that pastors receive extensive theological and Adventist church history training at Adventist theological seminaries. Therefore, GC youth ministries affirms such training but urges the pastors who are enrolled in SYL to exhibit a humble spirit and collegiality towards other SYL trainees who are not pastors. The divisions (where necessary, the unions) will give further guidance to their constituencies in the interest of fostering cohesion and harmony among all SYL trainees.

For more
resources go to:



<https://www.gcyouthministries.org/leadership-training/senior-youth-leader-syl/>