



Senior Youth Leadership

CURRICULUM FOR PASTORS



Adventist Youth Ministries
GENERAL CONFERENCE



PRE-REQUISITES

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 Master of Divinity (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) g. Other: _____

3. Develop and conduct three creative worship sessions for Ambassadors or Young Adults.
4. Complete the physical components of the AY Silver Award. If you already have the AY Silver Award, then move on to the AY Gold Award.

YOU AND YOUTH

- I. Dialogue in Small Groups (for 30 minutes on each topic) and submit a Reaction Paper (1,000 words) or Recording (20 minutes) on any 10 of the following topics:

- a. Church's Relationship to Government
- b. Music and Worship
- c. Sex and Romance
- d. Care for the Environment
- e. Dating and Marriage
- f. Service and Volunteering
- g. Ethics
- h. Health and Temperance
- i. Social Justice
- j. Religious Freedom
- k. Youth Evangelism
- l. Violence and Peace
- m. Christian Dress
- n. Gossip and Profanity
- o. AIDS/Cancer
- p. Recreation and Amusement
- q. LGBTQIA+
- r. Unemployment and Entrepreneurship
- s. Prejudice and Racism/Discrimination
- t. Morality
- u. Human Rights
- 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 the 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 span of at least six hours. Where necessary subdivide the group.
5. Read the AY Story.

YOU AND THE COMMUNITY

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

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For more
resources go to:



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