
Kansas District Youth Ministry Academy

The Kansas District Youth Ministry Academy is a process for further equipping adults for ministry with young people. Conducted over three modules, congregations whose mission and vision includes youth ministry will want their adult leaders to receive this affordable training.

This brochure describes the main elements of the Youth Ministry Academy and the registration process.



Why a Youth Ministry Academy?

The District has in the past coordinated training events and guest speakers for congregations wanting to grow in the area of youth ministry.

The Academy is intended to take training and development to a new level by providing an ongoing process to develop and equip congregations for the conduct of youth ministry.



Who should apply to attend?

The Academy is unique in providing training individuals and congregational teams. Congregations who have a passion for youth ministry are encouraged to attend. It is encouraged that any staff responsible for youth ministry and several key adults who work with youth will attend.



How is the Academy structured?

Instruction will take place over three one-day modules on either a Saturday or Sunday. Each cycle will consist of learning events in the fall, winter, and spring. Dates and locations for specific modules will be announced when identified.

Time will be given to design and implement practical ways to meet the needs of youth ministry in the local parish based on what was learned in the three learning events.

Homework assignments between sessions will reinforce material covered during each learning event and begin the process of learning for the next event.

The three modules will incorporate the following emphases:

The first module will focus on **building youth ministry**. We will explore the understanding and the development of youth. We will address how to teach acceptance, love, and respect from their church, peers, adults. We will explore how to create a safe place for youth to come and receive help with issues. Additionally, we will examine general youth ministry principles with attention on how to do youth ministry - what works and what doesn't, including legal and safety issues.

The second module will focus on **nurturing youth ministry**. We will address questions, such as: Who are we?: What is our Lutheran identity?; How do I grow?: Personal spiritual development; and, How do we grow together?: How to teach the Bible and support young people along their journey of faith. Again, special emphasis will be given for leaders to further a plan for implementation.

The third module will emphasize **sustaining and managing God's resources** in the areas of youth ministry administration and budgeting. We will address event planning including retreats. We will also review how to manage relationships with adults and youth.

Led by professional youth ministry leaders, the three modules will engage the participants through a variety of instructional strategies: lectures, experiential learning, reflection, and small group processes.



Why all the emphasis on leadership and team development?

Integral to the effectiveness of these modules is leadership and team development. The Academy makes the assumption that effective youth ministry requires healthy leadership processes. To that end, a significant learning outcome of each weekend is in the area of leadership and team development.



What's the expected outcome from all of this?

Individuals and congregational teams successfully completing this program of development will be better equipped for youth ministry. It is desired that these congregations will partner with the Kansas District and the LCMS to further advance youth ministry in the church at-large through active participation in district and synodically approved events.

How much will all of this cost?



Each module will cost \$25 per person which includes instruction costs and lunch (at each event). Books may be available and would be in addition to this cost.

Grant money may be sought, especially for smaller rural congregations, through request of the District Board of Education. *Cost should not discourage your participation!*



How do we get more information and register?

Contact the Kansas District Office, Educational Services (1.800.357.4421 x206) or www.kslcms.org for information and a registration form. Registrations are due three weeks ahead of each event through the District office. When you register, you will also receive more detailed information including specific dates and times for each weekend, as well as module descriptions.

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CLASS SCHEDULE

MODULE ONE

**Saturday, October 4, 2008
Ascension - Wichita**

MODULE TWO

**Saturday, September 26, 2009
Trinity - Salina**

MODULE THREE

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