



YCE Certification Program

A Training / Discipleship Program for Leaders Sponsored by the YCE Department in Michigan



Building Leaders Today

Building Leaders Today (B.L.T.) is an educational program specifically designed for Youth and Children's Leaders who are interested in becoming certified in their area (s) of expertise. Realizing that nearly 95% of church personnel are made up of volunteer or part-time staff, it has become necessary to educate, equip, encourage and empower local leadership. Statistics prove to us that most leaders feel inadequate in their areas of leadership. It is also important to understand that this generation is in dire need of Godly mentors, role models and leaders more than any other time in our history.

We believe we can assist local Pastors by coming along side them in ministry and equipping local Youth and Children's Leaders regardless of their employee status. This is the hope and purpose of the YCE Certification Program.

B.L.T. begins in October and runs through May each year. The candidate will receive a manual via email that will instruct them on the process of completing their certification. The candidate will be required to attend one Saturday workshop at the Michigan State Campgrounds in May.

This online certification opportunity will focus upon developing each candidate in the following areas:

- Ministry Foundations & Organization
- Teaching Development & Techniques
- Evangelism Training
- Discipleship Training
- Specialized Ministry Training for either Children's Ministry or Youth Ministry (based upon certification)
- And much more

Graduation will be in June and held during Camp Meeting. Each graduate will receive a certification from International Youth and Discipleship Department along with recognition from State Leadership.

Financial and Calendar Information

Tuition and Books:

The tuition fee for this certification program is \$50.00. There may be an additional cost for purchasing supplemental reading materials.

Class Schedule:

This certification program is online. The Candidate will work at their own pace. The only requirement is that all studies and reading assignments are to be completed by May 5th. We will have one Saturday workshop at the Michigan State Campgrounds in May.

Assignment Schedule:

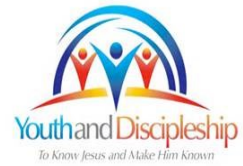
All assignments will be done at candidates own pace. Once completed, assignments must be emailed to the State Office at dirsecretary@michigancog.org.

Payment Schedule:

Application and \$50.00 tuition fee is due by September 23rd. Once application and fee is received the candidate will receive their downloadable manual by email.

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CHILDREN & YOUTH CERTIFICATION PROGRAM



Mark One: Children Youth

Name: _____ Male Female

First

Middle

Last

Address: _____

Number

Street

Apt. #

City

State

Zip Code

Home Phone: (____) _____ - _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____ - _____

E-mail: _____ Social Security # _____ - _____ - _____ Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____

Place of Local Church Membership: _____

Spiritual Experience

Age at conversion: ____ Age when baptized in the Holy Spirit: ____ Age when sanctified: ____ Date of Water Baptism: ____ / ____ / ____

Date when you united with the Church of God: ____ / ____ / ____ Age when you became aware of your call to ministry: _____

Marital Status

 Single, never married

 Single, widow or widower

 Single, divorced

 Married

If you are married, answer these questions concerning your spouse:

Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____ Place of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____ Date you were married: ____ / ____ / ____

Personal Education

Check the level(s) of schooling you have finished, attended, or for which you have passed equivalency examinations (such as the General Education Department (GED) test):

High School GED Equivalency Trade/Professional School CIMS Graduate College Graduate Graduate School

Please list any degrees earned (Give degree with areas of specialization): _____

Ministerial Training & Experience

Please list any professional or ministerial training which you feel will contribute to your work in ministry: _____

Among the following activities, check the ones in which you are regularly involved:

 Preaching

 CE Administration

 Visitation

 Teaching

 Music

 Evangelism

Please describe any other ministerial involvement: _____

List the three most significant ministerial experiences you had in the past six months:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

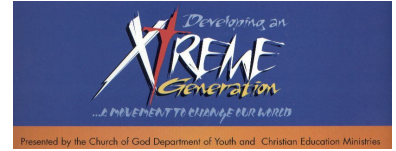
Personal Consent and Permission Form

“ I certify to the best of my knowledge and ability, the information provided in this Building Leaders Today– Children/Youth Certification Program Application is true, correct and complete. I authorize investigation of all statements contained in this application, including the conducting of a state criminal background check. I release any and all parties from any and all liability for any damage that may result from furnishing such information to the Church of God.”

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Date Rec'd	Pastor Recom. Included	Photo Included	Application Fee Paid	Balance Owed	Received By	Cash__ Check__ Charge__

Pastoral Recommendation Form



The form below must be completed by the Senior Pastor and filled out in its entirety. Additional pages may be added if necessary. In answering questions please be specific in any areas that you feel would need special attention as the applicant is being developed and strengthened as staff personnel. Upon completion please return to the address listed below along with the application fee as suggested earlier.

1. How long have you known the applicant and what relationship? _____

2. Is the applicant a member of the local church? Yes No If no please explain:

3. Is the applicant faithful in tithing? Yes No In attendance? Yes No

4. Is the applicant's spouse a member of your church? Yes No If no, please explain:

5. Describe the applicant's present ministerial activities: _____

6. List any ministerial and/or personal strengths you see in the applicant: _____

7. List any ministerial and or personal weaknesses you would like to see developed in this program:

8. Do you recommend the applicant to go through the Building Leaders Today– Children & Youth Certification Program through the Church of God?
 Yes, without reservations Yes, with some reservations No

Signature of Pastor _____

Name of Local Church _____

Upon Completion—Return this form to:

Church of God State Executive Offices in Michigan / 6317 Old US 23 / Fenton, MI. / 48430