



# 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 will 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:

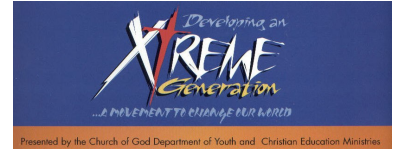
All assignments will be done at candidates own pace. Once completed, assignments must be emailed to the State Office at [dirsecretary@michigancog.org](mailto:dirsecretary@michigancog.org).

### Payment Schedule:

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



# 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? \_\_\_\_\_  
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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:  
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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