



Present:
The Multiply Youth Leadership Initiative (MYLI)

We are extending an invitation for you to participate in the **Multiply Youth Leadership Initiative (MYLI)**, which is a training and support program offered by Miami Youth for Christ and Impact 922 Ministries. MYLI will introduce youth leaders to a tried and proven model of youth ministry, and is designed to enhance your effectiveness at what we consider to be the most vital ministry position in the church!

Participants will be guided to create a step-by-step, practical strategy for reaching un-churched, non-Christian young people with the Gospel; discipling them to become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ, and a model for empowering students as transformational leaders before they graduate from high school.

The program includes 5 training classes each year, and a system for implementation and accountability of the program. We ask participants to be committed to the trainings, and a willingness to implement the model of ministry being taught. Although we want to introduce ministry ideas that may be new to you and your ministry, we are committed to ensuring that the ministry model being taught is compatible with the vision and mission of your church/ministry.

The participant will be asked to turn in monthly ministry reports, gauging how they are doing in the ministry, and be open to meet with the MYLI Director to discuss plans for implementation.

I have attached an application. If you are interested, please scan and email your application to: Tommy@miamiyfc.com.

I hope to have you in our next cohort. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Blessings,

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Multiply Youth Leadership Initiative Minimum Criteria for Candidates & Cohort Details

Minimum Participant Criteria:

The following selection criteria will be minimum requirements for applicants. They must:

- Be serving in youth ministry
- Be in a position of leadership -- can implement plans for change. Volunteers may also be considered as participants in the program.
- Be a learner -- open to change
- Demonstrate a willingness to be held accountable for the principles being taught (one-to-one meetings and ministry reports will be required)
- Be willing to complete a limited amount of outside readings and a few assignments.

MYLI Application

Name of Applicant _____

Name of Church / Organization _____

Pastor / Ministry leader's name: _____

Applicant's Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Apt: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
(circle one): home or work)

Applicant Contact Telephone #: _____ Alt #: _____ (h/w)

Email: _____

Present Title / Ministry role _____

Number of years / months in your present position: _____

Approximate numbers of hours you devote to youth ministry per week _____

Do you have a full-time job outside of Student Ministry? _____

What is your position / title in that role? _____

Which cohort are you interested in joining:

Miami Dade Location (located at the Youth for Christ Office)

Broward Location (The Bridge Church)

Ministry Description:

If you are responsible for the student ministry, on a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following questions regarding your ministry (volunteers may disregard these questions):

1. Describe your target community, including the school(s) in your target area.
2. What is your ministry philosophy for evangelizing unchurched youth?
3. How do you propose to disciple those young people who come to faith in Christ?
4. Write a brief description of your current ministry responsibilities (1-2 paragraphs stating what you currently do in ministry).

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Tentative Course Listing (Subject to change)

First Year

Section 1: Foundational Principles of Youth Ministry

TOPIC:

1. Introduction to MYLI, Guidelines, Schedule, and Foundational Principles / Developing a Philosophy & Strategy for Youth Ministry
2. The Spiritual Life of the Youth Leader
3. **“Contacting”** – going into the teenage world to initiate new relationships & **“Building Time”** – Spending time with students to build new relationships and grow existing ones.
4. **Small Groups** – Meeting with several students to have an interactive discussion about relevant topics and connect them to God’s truth.
5. Recruiting, Training, and Screening Volunteers
6. Understanding Levels of Youth Ministry
7. **“Strategic Programming”** -- Developing a Biblically-Based, Relationally Oriented, Well-Balanced, Creative, Youth Ministry Program
8. “Trips, Camps and Events”

Section 2: Evangelism / Discipleship / Student Leadership

TOPIC:

1. Introduction to Evangelism
2. Evangelism in a Post-Christian, Postmodern World.
3. Sharing Your Faith
4. Principles of Discipleship
5. Methods of Discipleship
6. Implementing a Discipleship Program – Nuts and Bolts
7. How to Run a Small Group

Developing Next-Generation Leaders:

8. Student Leadership Development
9. Involving and Empowering Youth as Leaders

Section 3: Teaching the Bible / Effective Communication

TOPICS:

1. Teaching the Bible Creatively
2. Qualities of Effective Teaching
3. Focusing the Message
4. Structuring the Lesson
5. Teaching Methods
6. Finding and Using Illustrations
7. Utilizing Technology

Section 4 -- Organizing Your Ministry

Topic

1. Vision, Mission, and Strategy for Ministry
2. Time Management (Balancing ministry and Family / Ministry for the Long Haul)
3. Time Management Part 2 (General Office Procedures)
4. Finances, Budgeting and Organizing your Ministry
5. SWOT Analysis – Tools for Assessing Your Ministry
6. Better Safe Than Sued (Principles in Risk Management)

Section 5: Critical Issues in Youth Ministry

Topics:

1. Sexual abuse issues
2. Understanding Youth Culture
3. Cross Cultural Ministry
4. Handling Discipline Problems
5. Teaching Teens about Love, Sex and Dating
6. Dealing with Sexual Identity Issues (GLBT)
7. Basic Principles in Counseling Teenagers
8. Teens in Crisis – How to handle Crisis Situations
9. Dealing with Angry kids / Dealing with Troubled Kids
10. Substance Abuse / Suicide / Cutting

NOTE: PERIODICALLY, ADDITIONAL SEMINARS WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED AND WILL BE ANNOUNCED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.