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WELCOME

"Kids these days..."

Every generation has this moment where they recognize that the values and behaviors of the next generation are different. Whether it's because of how they dress, how they talk, or their attitude many adults look upon young people and scorn. Instead of understanding, there is often a disdain that leads to cultural divide and hopelessness.

Jesus invites us to a different way.

"He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents"

- MALACHI 4:6

Instead of scorn and disdain, Jesus invites us to turn our hearts to young people, and see if their hearts respond by doing the same. This is in many ways the essence of YFC - a movement of leaders who are audaciously hopeful about Jesus and the next generation. This hope beckons us to pursue young people from every walk of life in cities, towns and rural areas all across this country.



WELCOME

And, YOU are part of this movement.

So, whether you are joining us by yourself from the kitchen table, with other site leaders around the living room, or with your chapter at a larger gathering, technology has given us all a chance to learn and grow together despite our physical (or social) distance. Wherever (and whenever) you find yourself participating in MLC, we invite you to be fully present. Long before technology gave us the chance to connect, we were connected by the same Spirit and same Father above us all. We believe that He is the one who equips us for good works, and we are praying that He would meet with YOU through this event.

Together let us turn our hearts to pursue this generation at #YFCMLC



WHAT TO EXPECT

The great thing about on-demand content, is that you can utilize it in a variety of ways, and most importantly, the way that works best for you and your group. Whether you're gathering in a large group setting with a whole chapter (or multiple chapters), as a ministry site, or even virtually on Zoom, the content will be accessible and flexible to work for you!

This MLC Guidebook will give you all of the basic info you need to prepare and set up for your time with your leaders and volunteers, and help you think about building a schedule, and selecting content that works best for your group. There is also practical information on how to set up your spaces and access the content for various sizes and types of gatherings.

If you don't have the guidance you need for your set up, or have follow up questions please reach out to the events team, at events@yfc.net and we will work with you to make sure you and your team are equipped and ready for the 2022 Ministry Leadership Conference.



SCHEDULE

With the on-demand content you have the flexibility to structure your day and create a schedule that works best for your team. The example schedule is a great option if you are bringing your team together for one full day of training, but feel free to make tweaks as needed.

AM Schedule

9:00-9:30 a.m.

Welcome

with Allison Johnson and Myron Bernard

Worship & Reflection Time

9:30-10:15 a.m.

Large Group Session: Hearing from Young People

Join Johanna Ralsten-Cox from Miami YFC as she connects and interviews young people, helping us learn more about the importance of pursuing young people with authentic Christ-sharing relationships.

10:30-11:30 a.m.

Breakout

Choose from eight different breakout topics.

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Lunch Break



SCHEDULE

PM Schedule

12:30-1:15 p.m.

Large Group Session: Mental Health

Stacey Oswald and Grace Krupp from West Michigan YFC, talking about the importance of mental health and how young people have been affected, and how we can interact as leaders to show God's love and mercy when young people are struggling.

1:30-2:30 p.m.

Breakout

Choose from eight different breakout topics.

2:45-3:30 p.m.

Worship

MLC Message

from Jake Bland, YFC USA President/CEO

Wrap-up

with Allison Johnson and Myron Bernard



BREAKOUTS

Depending on the size of your group, you might consider splitting up into multiple breakouts, or choose one and do it all together. These are designed for smaller groups, and to create group interaction. There are eight great options available, so it may be hard to decide which ones to focus on—but since you will continue to have access to the content, feel free to revisit the content at a later time.

Trauma Factors and Awareness

Trauma is our mission field. This breakout will explore various risk factors that young people experience, as well as talk through the implications of Adverse Childhood Experiences with youth at our ministry sites.

Taught by Eric Kelly and Megan Kelly

Authentic Christ sharing relationships with LGBTQ+ students*

All authentic Christ-sharing relationships call for transparency, understanding, patience, and listening but these are even more necessary as we pursue and care for students who identify with the LGBTQ community. Kids stories and language matters and we will concentrate on understanding and responding the ways Jesus modeled for us.

Taught by Nina Edwards and Teddi Pettee

**This breakout will only be available as a streaming option (no download) and will be available until March 1, 2022.*



BREAKOUTS

Cross Cultural Authentic Christ-Sharing Relationships

Whether we recognize it or not, each of us carry our own biases, assumptions and cultural norms into the various ministry contexts of YFC. Oftentimes, our cultural background may prove to be a hindrance to creating authentic Christ-sharing relationships when we are doing ministry amongst young people with a different cultural heritage from our own. Join us as we explore Paul's example of becoming "all things to all men" so that that more young people may hear the good news of Jesus.

Taught by Myron Bernard

Pursuing Meaningful Relationships

This breakout will focus on one of the most important aspects of YFC relational ministry – pursuing. We will talk through an overview of Relational Ministry Actions, with an emphasis on how and why we pursue 11-19 year-olds, not just let them come to us.

Taught by Liz Irick



BREAKOUTS

The Power of Authentic Christ-Sharing Relationships: Relational Ministry Defined and Developed

Young people in Gen Z have grown up a "Post, Post-Modern" society. Their concepts of truth, information, and trustworthy authority have changed. Authentic relationships with Christ-sharing adults are critical to overcoming the barriers of Gen Z faces in receiving the gospel. Join us as we hear stories and offer suggestions in utilizing ACSRs to reach more young people.

Taught by Darrin Miller

Effective Time Management for Volunteers

Plenty of ink has been spilled over various time management techniques, but this workshop focuses on "time debt"- the feeling of not having enough time to complete everything. When it comes to investing time in authentic Christ-sharing relationships, how do we balance competing priorities in our lives?

Taught by Matt Bellwood



BREAKOUTS

Conducting Quality Appointments

This training will give you the tools on how to meet effectively with young people to focus on their individual. When we L.U.V. (listen, understand, validate their experience) young people well: relational equity, trust, and authentic Christ-sharing relationships are formed.

Taught by Nygel Simms and Brian Biedenbach

Sharing Your Story

This breakout will focus on a critical piece of YFC's 3Story DNA – YOUR story. We will give practical ways to use your Story to connect God's story to the life of a young person. The way that God has shaped your story is worth telling, so let's find out how to tell it effectively.

Taught by Ryan Anderson



LARGE SESSIONS

There will be two large group sessions offered, that everyone should participate in during the Ministry Leadership Conference. Even if you have multiple teams meeting onsite from different ministry models, these topics are important for everyone.

Hearing From Young People

We know that Gen Z is disconnecting from Christianity at increasing rates. But what about kids who are part of YFC? What is the enduring legacy & impression that we leave with kids? What would kids say if we asked them to honestly share about YFC? We spoke to four students from different backgrounds about their experiences with YFC and asked them how we could reach their peers by building on our strengths and correcting weaknesses.

Join Johanna Ralsten-Cox from Miami YFC as she connects with, and interviews young people and helps us learn more about the importance of pursuing young people with authentic Christ-sharing relationships.

Mental Health

Stacey Oswald and Grace Krup from West Michigan YFC, are spending time talking about top mental health issues our teens are facing today.

They will cover ways to better identify these issues and how you can lovingly approach young people to show God's love in this space. In addition, they will take some time to reflect with ministry leaders on their own personal journey in this area and steps they can take to care well for themselves.



WORSHIP

Brendan Curran and Hunter Gray are two friends who love serving at their church, watching sports, and when they have extra time, rocking out in their band Rookie Mistake.

Brendan has been playing music since middle school, and eventually became involved with Youth With a Mission where he had the chance to see people praise Jesus in many different countries and from a variety of different backgrounds. Ever since, he has been involved with worship teams, and for the past ten years has been a worship leader for First Baptist Church. He has been married to his wife Trevi for six years and has a son, Kailoa, who will turn three in March.

Hunter was given a drum set at 10 years old and was immediately hooked on playing music—he imagined himself being the fourth member of Hanson. In middle school he taught himself to play guitar and began leading worship in high school. Over the years he has learned how sweet it is to share musical worship with our brothers and sisters. He has been married to his wife Jeanene for 10 years, and together they have two children, Ollie who is three, and Finley who is a year and half.



Q&A TIMES WITH NATIONAL MINISTRY LEADERS

We have two connection times available so that whichever time zone you are in, you have a decent option to connect, ask questions, and dig deeper with great leaders!

TWO 30-MINUTE ZOOM CALLS SCHEDULED
January 29 at 1:15 p.m. and 4:15 p.m. (EST)

These calls are not required, but are a great option if you have questions or thoughts based on any of the content you have heard throughout the day. Both calls will have representatives from each of the Campus and Communities teams who are ready to answer questions and chat.

If your team is engaging in the MLC content on a different day, you are still welcome to join the calls.



GATHERING SPACE

Creating a safe, comfortable, and welcoming viewing experience is a critical piece for your team's MLC participation. We hope these suggestions help, but ultimately you know the needs of your specific chapter/ministry site best.

Helpful tips:

- Recommend to your attendees to bring pen/pencils and paper for notetaking (or your chapter/ ministry site may choose to provide this as a welcome gift).
- Set up tables & chairs for all attendees to sit and gather around.
- Consider providing bottled water and simple snacks.
- Ensure all technology (computer and/or projector/screen) are ready to go*
- If meeting with a larger group, consider setting up several rooms for multiple breakouts to attend.
- Print out and display or hand out the day's schedule up for easy reference

**For additional Technology guidance, please see the Technology Requirements section listed below*



HOW TO UTILIZE THE CONTENT

By registering for MLC 2022 you have full on-demand access to all content, even after the suggested MLC date of January 29. If you and your team are following the suggested schedule for your day, you will go through the content as listed on the schedule, and utilize the downloadable resources and handouts as you follow along.

Many of the breakouts have questions and prompts to pause the video, or a built-in countdown for you to connect in small groups. You can always pause the video and use more time if needed.



TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS AND TIPS

In order to have a great day of training for you and your team, you need to ensure you have the appropriate technology to engage with the content.

A link to all of the on-demand content (videos, resources, and handouts) will be emailed to all registered chapters on January 24 to allow each host preparation time to share MLC content with their teams.

You can choose to download the videos and handouts, or forward the links onto others within your chapter and stream the content on Vimeo. The videos will be password protected, with the password included in the email containing a link to the content.

If you have trouble accessing any of the content please reach out to events@yfc.net for help.



TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS AND TIPS

General Tips:

- Consider downloading the videos onto a laptop so you don't have to worry about streaming or wifi issues.
- If you have Pro Presenter (or similar software) you can input all of the videos in the order you will watch them and ensure smooth transitions. You can also embed them into a Power Point or Keynote presentation as well and add any slides of your own between (with local branding, crowd breaker questions, announcements, or other info), or you can just open each video up, drag it onto the display screen and hit play.
- All of the videos do have a captioned option on Vimeo, so if you are streaming the videos, simply click the "CC" button on the bottom right and the captions will be displayed.
- Consider having someone specifically tasked to run tech for the day. Make sure to do a dry run and check that everything works first.



TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS AND TIPS

Tips for Large Groups:

If you are gathering in a large group to utilize the content, we recommend having a projector and screen large enough for everyone to see well, and amplified sound.

Tips for Small Groups:

If gathering in a small group we would recommend connecting your computer to a television, a projector and screen, or even a large monitor. If your computer speakers are not adequate, consider a speaker to plug into or connect to with blue tooth.

Tips for Virtual Gatherings:

If gathering virtually, send links to the handouts and downloads for the breakouts you'll be watching, to all the participants. We suggest that you all gather on zoom together, and spend some time connecting before engaging in the content. Rather than watching alone, we would also suggest that one person (someone well-versed with Zoom) play the videos from their computer and share the screen, so that they can control and pause if necessary, and everyone can follow along at the same time.



SOCIAL MEDIA

#YFCMLC

#YFCMLC is the official hashtag of the Ministry Leadership Conference, so make sure as you gather to use it as you post pictures and thoughts on social media. Even if you are gathering your team on a different day than the January 29, feel free to still post so others can see what you're learning and how your team is connecting!



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