

Winter 1998

Canadian Bible College/Canadian Theological Seminary  
YouthWorks March 9-13, 1998  
Models of Youth Ministry CED 300, CE 508,  
Regina, Saskatchewan  
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## COURSE SYLLABUS

### DESCRIPTION:

An intense and comprehensive study of the principals and practices of local church youth ministry. Methodological framework will focus on three distinct skill levels: working with 1) teens themselves, 2) adult volunteers and parents, 3) managing supervising volunteers and/or interns, as well as working along side other church staff members. Special focus throughout will be on the personal life of the youth worker, and the nurture of spiritual life necessary to engage in Christian ministry.

### RELEVANCE FOR MINISTRY/COURSE OUTCOMES:

The anticipated outcomes of this course are that learners will:

- a) know and understand basic principles of youth ministry in the local church.
- b) assess their own skill level strengths and weaknesses.
- c) select a project relevant to their current or projected youth ministry involvement.
- d) identify personal and ministry hazards with a view to building fences against failure.
- e) encouragement and affirmation in working with young people to accomplish great goals in God's power.

**COURSE FORMAT:** Discussion, lectures, video, class projects.

### REQUIRED TEXTS:

Borthwick, Paul. Feeding Your Forgotten Soul. Zondervan, 1990  
Kageler, Len. The Youth Minister's Survival Guide. Zondervan, 1992  
Fields, Doug. The Purpose Driven Youth Ministry, Zondervan, 1998

For CBC add one of the following four. For CTS add two.

Christie, Les. How To Work With Rude, Obnoxious and Apathetic Kids, Victor, 1994  
Chromey, Rick. Youth Ministry in Small Churches Group, 1990  
Clark, Chap. The Youth Workers Handbook to Family Ministry (Zondevan, 1997)  
St Clair, Barry. The Magnet Effect (Victor, 1994)  
Verman David. Small Group Ministry With Youth (Victor, 1992)

## RECOMMENDED IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN A SPECIFIC ETHNIC/CULTURAL GROUP

- Copeland, Nelson. The Heroic Revolution Winston, 1995  
Foster, C., Schockley, G. Working With Black Youth. Abingdon, 1989  
Ng, Donald, ed. Asian Pacific American Youth Ministry. Judson, 1988  
Roehlkepartain, E. Youth Ministry in City Churches. Group, 1989  
Ortiz, Manuel. The Hispanic Challenge. InterVarsity, 1993  
Wimberly, Anne S. Soul Stories Abingdon, 1994

## ASSIGNMENTS:

1. **Interview a full time youth minister** on how he/she maintains his/her own spiritual development. Prepare a 2-3 minute synopsis of this interview for oral presentation in class. 5%
  
2. **Write a 6-8 page paper.** 40% Carefully reference material you incorporate from various resource. Choose from the following practical application options or obtain permission from instructor for your own:
  - a) Prepare a detailed outline for four 45 minute sessions that will orient and prepare adult volunteers to work in your church's youth ministry program.
  
  - b) Prepare a detailed outline for four 45 minute "peer ministry" training sessions to be used with your youth leadership team.
  
  - c) Prepare a detailed outline for a summer youth weekend retreat including purpose, schedule, budget, staff orientation, and program notes.
  
  - d) A practical application project of your own choosing.
  
3. **On the book (seminary, two books) of your choosing prepare the following report:** 35%
  - a) a one paragraph journal type entry for each chapter stating your own reaction or thinking about the chapter.
  
  - b) After reading the entire book, look back through your journal entries...which two chapters do you feel will be the most helpful in your future ministry and why?
  
4. **Reading assigned texts** (Borthwick and Fields). Prepare a one page "most helpful chapter" paper on each. 10%

5. Write a 3-4 page paper reflecting on the Kageler text. Pick three or four ideas in the text and illustrate how you have seen this to be true (or not true) in your own experience. 10%

**Other Information:**

\*All handed-in materials (with exception of journal entries) are to be typed, double spaced. Please make back up copy of everything you turn in.

\*Deadline for all material is March 27 to be turned in personally or mailed to: Extension & Continuing Education Office, CBC/CTS, 4400 Fourth Ave, Regina SK S4T 0H8. Late submission of work must be negotiated with the Associate Dean. Without official extension, late assignments will receive a failing grade.

\*If you want assignments returned include a SESA with your materials when turn them in.

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Course Schedule

MONDAY MORNING

Foundational Issues

Getting acquainted, organization of course,  
"Using Your God Given Personality as a Key to Be Unleashed to Serve Him With Enthusiastic  
Joy"  
Thinking About Models of Youth Ministry  
The Globalization of Youth Ministry

TUESDAY MORNING

Read: Borthwick 1  
Biblical, Sociological Perspectives; The "Call"  
Early Hazards, Advantages of Long Term Youth Ministry  
Philosophy of Ministry, including SonLife  
Organization and Structure

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Level One: Working With Youth Directly

Read: Borthwick, 2, 12; Fields, 1-3.  
Level 1 Leadership Skills  
Developmental Review  
Discipleship  
Effective Midweek Ministries

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Read: Borthwick, 4,9; Fields 4-6.  
Selection Care & Feeding of Core Youth  
Youth Group Discipline  
Short Range Planning  
Technology in Youth Ministry

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Read: Borthwick 5,11; Fields: 7-9  
Fun & Games  
Retreat Ministries  
Urban Models  
Youth Min in the UK

Level Two: Working With Adults Who Work With Youth

Level 2 Leadership Skills  
Selection/Care/Feeding of Adult Staff

THURSDAY MORNING

Read: Borthwick: 6,13; Fields: 10-12.  
The Sunday School  
Evaluating Youth Curriculum (including video)  
Service Project Ministries  
Programming  
Parent Ministries

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Read: Borthwick 7; Fields 13-15  
Parent Ministries  
Expanding Your Youth Ministry

FRIDAY MORNING

Read: Borthwick 8, Fields 16-18  
Level Three: Working With Supervising Adults and Other Church Staff  
Level Three Leadership Skills  
Long Range Planning  
Medium Range Planning  
Getting Along With Sr Pastor and Board

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Read: Borthwick: 15-17.  
The Budget, Fund Raising  
Staying Fresh, Avoiding Burnout  
Encouragement from the Research Front

## Bibliography

- Atkinson, Harley. MINISTRY WITH YOUTH IN CRISES. Religious Education Press. 1997. Crises include: self identify, family life, social relationships, sexuality, etc.
- Bertolini, Dewey. BACK TO THE HEART OF MINISTRY. Victor, 1994. An update of his 1989 effort, still a good look at core essentials.
- Borgman, Dean. WHEN KUMBAYA ISN'T ENOUGH: A PRACTICAL THEOLOGY FOR YOUTH MINISTRY. Hendrickson, 1997. A look at youth ministry anchored in biblical theology.
- Borthwick, Paul. HOW TO CHOOSE A YOUTH PASTOR. Nelson, 1993. A great book to give a church Board when you leave.
- Bundschuh, Rick & VonTrutzschler, E.G. Incredible Questionairs for Youth Ministry YS/Zondervan, 1996. On every subject you can think of.
- Copeland, Nelson. The Heroic Revolution (Winston, 1995). You may not agree with every single line, but here's a source that will both challenge and inform.
- Crabtree, Jack. PLAY IT SAFE. Victor, 1993. Churches and parents prefer kids not die or become maimed on youth events. Too many youth workers are oblivious to risk issues. Read this book every year
- Christie, Les. HOW TO WORK WITH RUDE, OBNOXIOUS, AND APATHETIC KIDS. Victor, 1994. A rewrite of a 1987 book with a new catchy title. Excellent.
- Clark, Chap. THE YOUTH WORKERS HANDBOOK TO FAMILY MINISTRY. (YS/Zondervan, 1997). About the best you'll find on the topic.
- Cromer, William. CASEBOOK FOR YOUTH MINISTRY. Broadman, 1991. Learn by seeing the actual problems others have faced.
- Davis, Ken. How To Speak to Youth (Zondervan, 1996) An improved version of a 1986 original.
- DeYmaz, Mark. FOURTH CYCLE STUDENT MINISTRY (Fellowship Bible Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, 1997). Core values practically applied and carried out in good detail in one youth ministry.

- Elliot, Diane. BREAKING THE GENDER BARRIER IN YOUTH MINISTRY. Victor, 1995. Finally.
- Francis, Leslie, ed. FAST MOVING CURRENTS IN YOUTH CULTURE. Lynx (Oxford), 1995. A monumental youth study in the UK, with major league youth ministry implications.
- Group. VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING KIT FOR YOUTH MINISTRY. Group, 1995. Three videos, leaders guide too.
- Hancock, Jim. COMPASSIONATE KIDS. Zondervan, 1995. Practical ways to involve your students in missions and service.
- Kageler, Len. THE YOUTH MINISTERS SURVIVAL GUIDE. Zondervan, 1992. 185 cases of youth pastors who have been fired from their jobs. Nothing like it on the market.
- Kageler, Len. HOW TO EXPAND YOUR YOUTH MINISTRY. Zondervan, 1996. Growth barriers and how to overcome.
- Marcum, Walt. SHARING GROUPS IN YOUTH MINISTRY. Abingdon, 1991. A practical guide for handling small group time in a weekly meeting, especially if kids are included who are not exactly craving to know God and the Bible more deeply.
- McCluen, Dennis. EQUIPPED TO SERVE. Youth Specialties, 1995. A six session video training experience for volunteer youth workers with leaders guide and worker notebooks.
- McPherson, Miles. ONE KID AT A TIME. Youth Specialties, 1995. Three session video training and a 175 page book on 1:1 mentoring and discipleship ministries.
- Parrott, Les. HELPING THE STRUGGLING ADOLESCENT. Zondervan, 1993. The most comprehensive treatment of kid-problems and how to deal with them.
- Ratcliff, Donald & Davies, James. Handbook of Youth Ministry Religious Education Press, 1993. If you are looking for an academically based and research oriented text, this is the one.
- Selleck, Micheal. ROAD TRIP. Zondervan, 1993. The finest book on retreats written in this century.
- Senter, Mark. THE COMING REVOLUTION IN YOUTH MINISTRY. Victor, 1992. Actually, about the history of youth ministry and where we might look for new models.
- St. Clair, Barry: THE MAGNET EFFECT. Victor, 1994. About outreach programming, includes offer for a video showing how it can be done.

St. Clair, Barry. PENETRATING THE CAMPUS, Victor, 1993. Probably the best book out on reaching kids where they are at the most: school.

Sturkie, Joan. PEER COUNSELING IN YOUTH GROUPS. Zondervan, 1992. Training material for your leadership youth.

Verman, David R. SMALL GROUP MINISTRY WITH YOUTH. Victor, 1992. This is not about ministry in small youth groups, but rather what the title says. Good for any sized group.

Ward, Pete. YOUTH CULTURE AND THE GOSPEL. Harper/Colins, 1992. From the foremost youth ministry spokesman in the UK.

Ward, Pete ed. THE CHURCH AND YOUTH MINISTRY. Oxford Youth Works, 1995. Papers from the 1995 Oxford academic youth ministry conference. New paradigms coming.

Ward, Pete, ed. RELATIONAL YOUTH WORK. Papers from the 1995 Oxford academic youth ministry conference. The essay on Christian Relational Care is worth the price of the whole book.

Wimberly, Anne. SOUL STORIES...AFRICAN AMERICAN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. Abingdon, 1994. Good insights.

YOU MUST GET ON THESE MAILING LIST:

Youth Specialties: 800 776 8008

Group: 800 447 1070.

National Network of Youth Ministry: 619 451 1111.

Sonlife: 800 770 GROW