

LEADERSHIP UMC 2010-2011

Light of the World Small Group Project

Recommendations

It is important that we treat our youth like they are truly the future leaders in our church, community and world. We should involve them in the decisions that impact their Spiritual development. Teach them Biblical principles and make it relevant to what they are experiencing in their lives today. Thereafter, let them become the teacher and share the good news with their peers and younger children. You can use different types of tools (audio/video and social media) to encourage and share what God's Word teaches.

Partnerships with our parents are critical to the success of our Youth Ministries. The increase in youth participation has a direct correlation to the level of parental involvement. Enlist parents to help you teach our youth how to evangelize in their own way. Have the parents share their "faith" story to encourage the children to talk about their Spiritual journey.

Lastly, high turnover in the Youth Leader position stifles the growth of our ministries and the Spiritual development of our youth. We recommend you hire a career-minded Youth Leader that has focus drive and determination. The candidate must view the role as a long-term commitment and not as a stepping stone to the next level in your church. Compensate this role on the same level as an Associate Pastor and you will retain the leader for a long tenure.