

NGUMC Children’s Ministry Institute (CMI)



Participation in the NGUMC Children’s Ministry Institute is encouraged for all new children’s ministry directors and/or those leading local church children’s ministries wishing to grow in their leadership skills. Potential participants’ senior pastors will be made aware of the opportunity for their director to participate. Upon successful completion of the cohort, participants will receive appropriate NGUMC and local church acknowledgement. The NGUMC CMI will be:

- Informational
- Practical
- Accessible
- Relational
- Theological

Children’s directors will be invited to participate in a Regional Cohort. Each cohort will have:

1. A regional Coach/Mentor
2. Monthly gatherings
3. Private social networking site for continuing active participation, idea sharing, support, prayer, questions, et cetera. Access to Zoom meetings, and additional on-line resources.
4. Resources and books (see list below)
5. A designed in-house training/planning session for cohort participant and his/her ministry team at cohort participant’s local church as requested.

The Children’s Ministry Institute Cohort III will be hosted at Tucker First United Methodist Church 5095 Lavista Rd., Tucker, GA and meet from 10 AM – 1 PM on the following dates in 2020:

January 23	Soul Tending	Continuing to grow in faith as a leader
February 20	Wesley Primer	How does our Wesleyan heritage impact our ministries?
March 19	Experiential Learning	How Children Learn-Age appropriate Faith Formation
April 16	Fulfilling Our Mission	Creating a Discipleship Pathway for Children PLUS How to Brand and Market your Ministry
May 7	Nuts and Bolts	The Basics of Leading and Planning a Year in Children’s Ministry: Creating a team, Volunteer invitation, Planning, Budgeting, Equipping others for ministry

Each participant will receive the following books and resources:

- Rise Up. Vanessa Myers
- Faithful Families: Creating Sacred Moments at Home. Traci Smith
- Age/Stage Developmental Chart
- Developing an Intentional Discipleship Plan for Children. Kathy Pittenger (Discipleship Ministries)
- Sustainable Children's Ministries: From Last Minute Scrambling to Long Term Solutions. Mark DeVries and Annette Safstrom

Additional resources as suggested and prepared by session leaders.

Cost: \$120 per participant. A discount will be given for more than one person from a congregation. It is our expectation and hope that participants' congregations will support them financially and prayerfully.

By accepting the invitation to participate and signing the CMI covenant, the cohort member agrees to attend ALL five sessions and fully participate in the assignments and session discussions.