

# IS YOUR CONGREGATION LOOKING TO STRENGTHEN MINISTRY WITH YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES?

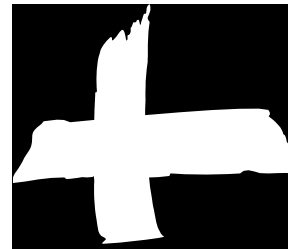
Everyday, more congregations are looking for leaders to develop & grow youth ministry. However, there is a shortage of properly trained youth ministry leaders available to these same congregations. The YMCS is designed to give youth ministry leaders sound practical, theological, and theoretical training in ministry to youth and their families. Pastors, lay youth leaders and volunteers can all benefit from this unique educational opportunity.



## Youth Ministry Certification School (YMCS) may be the answer for your congregation!

This fourteen-day course exposes the youth leader to the most effective and faithful ways to do faith formation with children, youth and young adults in your congregation. We emphasize integrating youth into the whole life of the congregation and partnering with parents as we form faith with their children.

Spread out over eight months, the course modules are designed so even the person working full-time can take advantage of this unique training. Participants will be asked to prepare a long-range plan upon completion of the course, to be presented to the congregation, so you all might further support the ministry to those in the first third of life. Do you know a candidate?



## Youth Ministry Certification School (YMCS) at Gettysburg Seminary

Maybe YMCS is for you!

Applications can be obtained by contacting YMCS Director, Charlie Roberts at [croberts@lss-elca.org](mailto:croberts@lss-elca.org), or by writing to :

YM Certification School  
C/O Office for Youth Ministry  
900 S. Arlington Ave, Rm 220 B  
Harrisburg, PA 17109

Further information is available at  
<http://www.ltsj.edu/programs/youthcert>  
or by calling 717-579-0349.

Application deadline is  
August 1, 2011.

*(some tuition assistance is available)*

## Course Dates 2011-2012

The fourteen-day course is spread over a eight month period to make it more accessible to volunteers and part-time youth ministry staff persons

**August 18-21, 2011**

Camp Nawakwa, Arendtsville, PA

**October 14-15, 2011**

**November 11-12, 2011**

**February 24-25, 2012**

**March 23-24, 2012**

**April 27-28, 2012**

Lutheran Theological Seminary at  
Gettysburg, Gettysburg, PA