

REFORMED YOUTH MINISTRIES

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To: Youth Ministers, Directors, and Leaders
From: Joey Stewart, Executive Director, Reformed Youth Ministries (RYM)
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

RYM is excited to offer our third annual **Youth Leader Training Conference** the week of February 8-11, 2010 in Jackson, MS. The purpose of this conference is to provide a venue for those who minister to junior and senior high school students in the context of the local church and community to gather together for a week of biblical training in theology and philosophy of ministry; small group interaction; and mutual encouragement, edification, and networking with fellow laborers in student ministry.

RYM Youth Leader Training is for those who are:

- New to student ministry and feel like they are “shooting from the hip”
- Seasoned veterans who need to be personally encouraged and refreshed in ministry and life
- Youth workers (ordained or not; full time or part time; volunteer or paid staff) who desire to think biblically, theologically, and strategically *in community* about ministry to students and families

Your calling to minister to students and families IS SIGNIFICANT and we want you to be further encouraged and equipped in that calling! To that end, our intention is to build a fraternal network of youth leaders around a common philosophy of ministry. Our last two YLT conferences have been instrumental in building that fraternity. Here's what folks had to say:

“Training was AWESOME and really encouraging. So glad I got to go! Thanks for setting everything up and I can't wait till next year. I have told everyone I know in YM who wasn't there, to go. Can't wait to implement some stuff that we talked about in small groups.”

“I am truly thankful for the opportunity to participate with RYM this past week in Memphis. I was challenged to continue thinking deeply about ministry to students and families as well as greatly encouraged by sharing fellowship with so many men and women who long for Christ to be made much of in the lives of those in their churches and communities.”

“Thank you so much for the wonderful week in Memphis! I really needed it. It was life-changing and confirmed to me that God is calling me to the ministry. Thanks for teaching us and living out the Gospel before us and for inviting us into a network of struggling youth leaders...ah, there's so much more I could say! God really met with us this past week and we're still processing everything. Thanks!”

“It was a fantastic week...nourishing, encouraging, and very challenging. I came away from the week with a much bigger estimate of who Jesus is and what He must be if anything is to happen in ministry. The week also pressed upon me how important youth ministry is, and how inadequate I am to do it! Thanks for all your hard work on our behalf. Many youth leaders came home with much needed encouragement and hope!”

RYM is committed to providing conferences, training, and resources to assist you in your vital ministry of reaching junior and senior high school students for Christ and equipping them to serve Him in the church and in the world. **I heartily invite you and anyone who works with you in student ministry to attend the 2010 training conference.** Come and be encouraged, revitalized, and challenged in community with others who share your zeal for student and family ministry!

Here are the details:

Dates: February 8-11, 2010

Location: Twin Lakes Conference Center, Jackson, MS

Conference Cost: **\$275.00/person** (includes lodging, food, & conference tuition)

Additional Costs: Travel, Supper out on Wednesday night
(Note: Lunch will not be served at the conference center on Monday or Thursday)

Registration: Begins November 2, 2009; A **\$100.00 deposit (non-refundable)** is due at the time of registration; the balance of \$175 is due no later than January 8, 2010

Mail: Please make your check payable to "Reformed Youth Ministries" & mail your deposit or full balance along with a registration form to:

Reformed Youth Ministries
PO Box 697
Cookeville, TN 38503
Attention: YLT Conference

The registration form can be downloaded from the RYM website.

Married Housing: The Conference Facility has a limited amount of space for married housing; therefore, these spots will be reserved on a "first come, first served" basis. The cost for spouses is \$275.

Speakers/Schedule: We are still finalizing the speaker line-up & schedules, but they will be posted on the RYM website by November 2nd.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I will be happy to serve you in any way I can.

I look forward to seeing you in February!

In His Grace,

Joey

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