

**Southern New England Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church
Adventist Youth Ministries Department**



AYMLC

***ADVENTIST YOUTH MINISTRIES LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATION
SYLLABUS 2024***

GENERAL INFORMATION

OBJECTIVE

Adventist Youth Ministries Leadership Certification (AYMLC) is designed for youth, young adults, and adults. Its objective is to assist the leader in training, to develop knowledge, personal spiritual discipline, leadership skills, and a practical approach to Youth and Young Adult Ministries.

FEES

There is a \$50 fee for the class to cover the tie, enamel pin and embroidery for the jacket. Candidates will need to purchase the jacket, the shirt, and the shirt. .

MEETINGS/ ASSIGNMENTS / ATTENDANCE

Classes will be held via Zoom. Instructors will share the link with candidates. All assignments will be submitted on Google Classroom. You must be present (the entire time) at each meeting. If you miss a seminar we will let you know what will be the assignment you need to do to make up for that missed day.

I. CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Prerequisites:

1. Be at least 16 years of age.
2. Be a member in good standing with the teaching and beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.
3. Have a written recommendation from your local church board.

A Form will be provided by the instructor to fill out and get signatures from the pastor or AY Leader.

4. If under 18 years of age complete the Child Protection Course. If over 18 years of age meet all requirements for the Child Protection Course and corresponding background check as established by your conference.

You can complete both certificates (Child protection and background check) through Steering volunteers.

<https://www.ncsrisk.org/adventist/>

Submit certificates on Google Classroom.

II. PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT:

Books:

Read the following books and submit a one reflection page (two or more paragraphs). *The reports should state your personal views/opinions about the book and how you can adapt it to your life and/or ministry. Did you like the book? Why or why not? Would you recommend it to others? Why or why not? Give personal examples. Do not summarize the book nor use bullet points.*

1. Encounter Series I: Christ the Way or a devotional plan that includes the four Gospels.
2. *Purpose Driven Youth Ministries* Fields, Doug or another book about Christian Leadership.

Honors:

Complete the following honors and submit completed worksheets in your own words.

1. Adventist Pioneer Heritage Honor if not previously earned.
2. Sanctuary Honor if not previously earned.

III. REQUIRED SEMINARS:

Summit personal notes about each seminar. Could be in a bullet or paragraph form. It should be about information provided during the presentation. No reflection necessary for this assignment. You can submit personal notes typed or handwritten legibly.

1. How to be a Christian Leader & Leadership Styles
2. Communication Styles
3. Contemporary Issues
4. Dealing with the conference and your local church board
5. How to lead an effective AY Society
6. Ministry in a Cross-Cultural Setting
7. Reclaiming Lost Youth and Young Adults
8. Need for Adventist Youth Ministries or Adventist Youth Ministries 101

IV. REQUIRED FIELD WORK:

1. Establish a mentoring relationship with an experienced Adventist Youth Leader. Submit one page documenting the conversations and advice that they shared with you over the duration of the course.
2. **Lead and assist** in the planning of four of the following projects. Submit outlines for each project. (The different parts that happen throughout the program)
 - a. 2 AY programs
 - b. One Youth Week of Prayer
 - c. One Recreational Activity
 - d. A teen, youth or young adult small group
 - e. A Spiritual Retreat
 - f. Youth Sabbath
 - g. A Collegiate Retreat or Public Campus Ministry Event
 - h. Other youth ministries event sponsored by your conference
 - i. Local Missionary Project

These items must be completed for the duration of the course.

3. **Participate** in **one** conference sponsored Teen/Youth/Young Adult Event. *Include event program outline, flier and*

pictures, where possible. There is a copy of the SNEC Youth calendar in Google Classroom.

- ___ SNEC Youth Camp Meeting
- ___ Bible Bowl
- ___ Spark
- ___ It is Possible to Connect
- ___ Compassion Project
- ___ Leadership Training Congress

4. Visit 1 SDA church of a different language group.

*Submit the bulletin of the church visited to Google Classroom with the speaker or church pastor's signature. Include a one-page (2 paragraphs or more) reaction paper for the church attended **explaining how the service(s) is/are similar or different than your own church's service.** Do not write what the sermon is about nor summarize what happened. Please write about your reaction to the service.*

Upon successful review of the portfolio the participant is awarded an enameled pin, certificate of completion and can purchase and wear the **Dark Navy Blue** AY jacket (blazer). More information about the complete uniform will be given during class.

You can find the blazer in the following stores:

- www.galls.com
- <https://www.allseasonsuniforms.com/>
- <https://www.veetrends.com/>

Edwards Blazer

