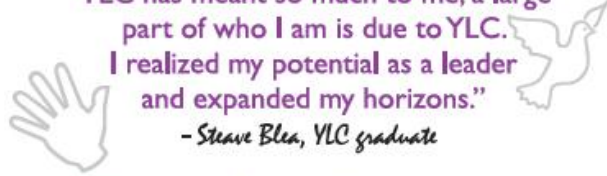


Here's what some people & youth have to say about the program:

“YLC has meant so much to me, a large part of who I am is due to YLC.”

I realized my potential as a leader and expanded my horizons.”

- Steve Blea, YLC graduate



“Thanks to all my YLC peers this year! With songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.”

Isaiah 35:10

- Dan White, YLC graduate

“Having both of my daughters participate in the Youth Leader Core program has enabled them to connect more deeply with their values, live their lives with greater intention, sensitivity, passion and courage and puts their faith in action on a daily basis.”

- Anne Polak, parent of YLC graduates



“WOW! YLC was so awesome... the first weekend was AMAZING!! I know that this experience will be incredible.”

I love you all very much, and can't wait 'til the next weekend.”

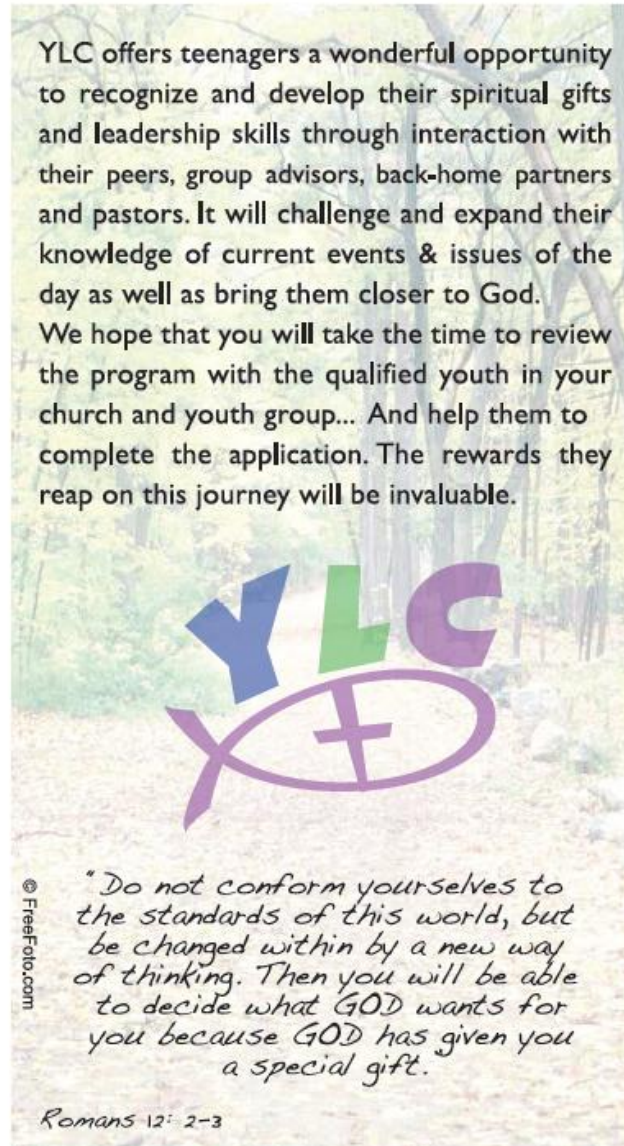
- Julia Handspacher, YLC graduate



“YLC helped me gain a better perspective on life and improve my self confidence.”

I made several new best friends!”

- Erwin Saravia, YLC graduate





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YLC Statement of faith

Foremost among beliefs firmly held by American Baptists is the acknowledgment that Jesus Christ is our Redeemer and our Lord, and that through belief in Him we are assured of eternal fellowship with a loving God.

Holy Scripture always has been for us the most authoritative guide to knowing and serving the triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer).

As the divinely inspired word of God, the Bible for us reveals our faith and its mandated practice.

The YLC ministry tries to meet and deal honestly with issues of contemporary society in ways that give guidance and biblical perspective for Christian living.



**Check it out
& Give us a call...**



You'll be glad you did!

Youth Leader Core's primary purpose is to equip young people to take on leadership roles in their local church. This goal is evident in every step of the process, from requiring applicants to secure the recommendation of their pastor to participate, to the back-home assignments the student receives, to the commissioning service at the end of the program: YLC exists to build tomorrow's church leaders and get them working today!

When considering a young person for participation in the YLC program, pastors are advised to have an open discussion with the prospective applicant and his/her parents about the level of commitment required. YLC takes place over the course of a school year, and is comprised of six weekend retreats that occur in various churches across the state. Often, a participating youth will be asked to help host a weekend at their own church. This not only allows the youth an opportunity to put their blossoming gifts into practice, but also gives the church a chance to see their young person in action.

Why are we here?



- The six weekend themes are as follows:
- Weekend 1 – Foundations (Christian Faith, Biblical Knowledge, Community Development, Personal Status)
- Weekend 2 – Finding Your Talents/Spiritual Gifts
- Weekend 3 – Ministry and Mission (Parents-Pastors-Partners)
- Weekend 4 – Jesus!
- Weekend 5 – Being Christlike in the Community (Joint Weekend [YLC 2 doing testimony for YLC 1])
- Weekend 6 – Closure and Challenge



YLC is staffed by a team of adult advisors, who are chosen for their experience in youth ministry and their commitment to their local churches.

Past YLC graduates have become Sunday School teachers, deacons, trustees, missions committee members – all while still in high school!



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Your official application form will be mailed to you.



Please complete this initial form and send to:
YLC director - Brianna Wright-Saunders
287 Pine Street
Whitman, MA 02382
@ 617.501.2395 or brianna428@gmail.com



Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____, Zip _____

Phone: _____

Grade: _____

Church: _____

Pastor: _____

Age: _____