



NEXT LEVEL MINISTRY
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YOUTH MINISTRY PLAN

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MISSION

The Seventh Episcopal District of the AME Church Chaperone Ministry, in collaboration with the clergy, laity and all members of the community shall ensure that all children and youth receive spiritual care and compassion by well-trained committed chaperones in a safe and orderly environment.

VISION

The Seventh Episcopal District of the AME Church Chaperone Ministry commits itself to all children and youth, to equip, encourage and empower all youth to be disciples in the world; preparing them to reach their full potential and to function in a global society by using Godly principles to teach care, compassion, responsibility and to provide spiritual formation.

VALUES

- Student-Centered
- Student-Led
- Relationship-Oriented
- Relevant

GOALS

- By 2020, 50% of churches within the Seventh Episcopal District will have a youth ministry that meets the core values and metrics of the District's standard for youth ministry.
- Launch the Seventh Episcopal District Youth Ministry Leader Certification Program
- Develop a vocation and discernment learning opportunity for high school students who desire to serve in the ministries of the AME Church
- Strengthen exposure to post-secondary opportunities for students beginning in middle school.

OBJECTIVE 1: CAPACITY BUILDING FOR LEADERS

- Local Churches will engage and participate in ongoing training for adult leaders who are interested in student ministry
- Leaders will participate in Episcopal District webinars and live trainings throughout the Conference Year
- Leaders will learn the importance of building a robust Christian formation ministry to support the different stages of development from early childhood to early adulthood
- Local churches will encourage and support at least one adult to complete the Youth Ministry Certification

OBJECTIVE 2: STUDENT SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

- Provide space for students to lead in worship, decision making, and other ministry opportunities
- Develop a structured annual calendar of student ministry activities including spiritual, educational, and recreational events. (Recommend 2 touch points/month)
- Partner with Christian Education Department to implement relevant bible studies, devotionals, and materials into ministry program
- Encourage and implement an inclusive culture of student involvement to include, but not limited to worship, church leadership, and civic engagement
- Offer ongoing opportunities for students to participate in community service learning
- Plan early for denominational activities such as Aspire, YPD Retreat, Church School Convention, etc.