



**Michigan Student Leadership Institute
April 17-18, 2020**

MSLI exists to provide and plant Christian Servant Leadership principles, reflective of the heart of Christ, into hearts, and minds of students.

Dear Pastor, Youth Pastor, or Youth Leader,

The Youth Ministry of the Church of God in Michigan is inviting you to share an incredible opportunity to train leaders within your youth ministry. The Michigan Student Leadership Institute (MSLI) is a three-year program geared toward very mature eighth grade and senior high students who have inherent leadership abilities, yet need practical guidance in applying those skills in a ministry setting. The MSLI meets once per year for a Friday evening of great worship, challenges, and fun. Saturday is filled with both classroom and hands-on training in various areas of leadership. Incredible relationships are formed with other students from across the state, who, like them, are considered leaders or potential leaders in their home church or youth ministry.

Upon completion of the three-years, there is a gift, a letter of recommendation for college, and a Commissioning Service. Students are specifically sent out to minister as servant leaders right where they live, work, and attend school. This is all available for just \$60 per student per year (which includes all meals, lodging, materials, and training). Registration cost after **April 8**, is \$80 per student. If feasible, I would encourage you to plan for this in your youth budget or ask your local church board to budget for your students every year as an investment in their future and the future of your church.

For churches that have never participated in the MSLI, partial scholarships of \$30 per student may be available to ignite your church's investment in youth leadership development. Contact Connie Graham for more information. (cmyersgraham@chartermi.net or 989 835-9262) Graduates of the three years of MSLI, who then attend one of the Church of God Universities should receive a \$1,000 leadership scholarship, renewable for all four years of schooling.

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ADULT LEADERS:

There are training sessions and other new opportunities this year on Saturday. Come for the low price of \$6.00- for lunch!. You do need to register so we can plan for you!

The downloadable brochure shares the progressive topics, schedule, location and directions for this year's MSLI, application, and a liability release form. Criteria to aid in choosing students from your ministry for attendance, is also available here. I ask that you carefully review this information and begin planning now to bring student leaders (or those who can become leaders) to this incredible weekend. The application and parental release are absolutely essential for every student who will be attending. Students who have attended one or more years and were absent may still continue in the next progressive year, including High School graduates.

We hope to see returning students, and many for Year 1 at Pennway Church of God in Lansing on April 17-18. This is a weekend training which will pay dividends for you personally, your church and the students for years to come!

Pastor Ben Kreider
Chair, MSLI Task Force