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P THE 640 LEADING A VISIONARY YOUTH MINISTRY
(3 Credits)

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COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course is a graduate credit option offered in conjunction with the District Youth Directors Conference sponsored by the National Youth Department in Branson, Missouri. It will focus on a variety of ways in which the DYD's can lead the local churches in establishing visionary youth ministry programs.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of the course the participant should be able to:

1. Develop a personal mission statement for youth ministry.
2. Create a plan for leading local churches into the development of their own mission statement for youth ministry.
3. Articulate the key components of building a vision for effective youth ministry.
4. Cast a vision for local churches to pursue in developing effective youth ministries.
5. Produce a multi-media presentation on vision-building and vision-casting suitable for promotional distribution to local youth ministries.
6. Prepare a biblically based and theologically sound exposition on the importance of having and leading a vision for youth ministry.
7. Appreciate the value of developing a visionary youth ministry program.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Participation: The participant must attendance all sessions associated with the District Youth Directors Conference and prepare a 5 page journal noting the highlights of the sessions and workshops that most directly impacted his/her own life and ministry.
2. Reading requirement: The participant must read at least 1200 pages from the recommended reading list and prepare a bibliographic reading report noting the number of pages read in each source. In addition to the recommended reading list,

the participant may also include related journal articles or webpages. For the purposes of counting pages, 200 words on a webpage equals one page of text.

3. Writing:
 - a. Prepare a 1 page personal mission statement for your district youth ministry.
 - b. Prepare a 5 page paper on a theology of visionary youth ministry. The paper should include ample scriptural references and reflect a well-reasoned theology and a practical application of these texts to ministry in the local church.
 - c. Prepare an 8 page sermon manuscript on being a person of visionary ministry. The manuscript should follow the Turabian 6th edition style manual in format.
4. Multi-Media:
 - a. Produce a multi-media presentation that could be used for casting a vision for effective youth ministry in the local church. Formats may include podcasting, powerpoint, video, print media, or a combination of elements.

OR

- b. Prepare an 8-10 page research paper on a particular topic or theme from the DYD conference. The paper should follow the Turabian 6th edition style manual in format.

DUE DATE: May 22, 2006.

(All projects must be postmarked or e-mailed to the professor by this date)

NOTE: Work submitted after this date will be subject to a letter grade reduction pro-rated according to the time of final submission. The participant will also be charged a \$30 change-of-grade fee if post-session course work is turned in after the due date.

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GRADING PROCEDURES

Reading report	15%
Mission Statement	5%
Theology Paper	15%
Conference Journal	10%
Sermon Manuscript	20%
Multi-Media Project	30%

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SPECIFIC DATA

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