

The Converge Leadership Academy (CLA) is a great opportunity for students ages 16 to 20 to learn biblical and practical leadership skills. The course content was adapted from Converge Worldwide's *Equipped to Lead* material.

Students who attend 10 of the 12 sessions will receive a certificate of completion.

Why should your students attend?

✿ CLA is an excellent and cost effective way to add or supplement biblical leadership development in your student ministry.

✿ There are few programs available that develop students to lead in their local churches and in their world.

✿ We believe that this program will look excellent on both college applications and job resumes.

✿ The courses are taught by experienced and proven youth ministry leaders.

✿ Leadership development takes time. An investment now pays dividends for your church, both now and in the future.

✿ Where else are tomorrow's leaders being developed?

The Details

Date

September 11, 2010

Cost

\$25 per Saturday: includes instruction, handouts, and lunch.

Location

Westwood Community Church
Grand Rapids, Michigan

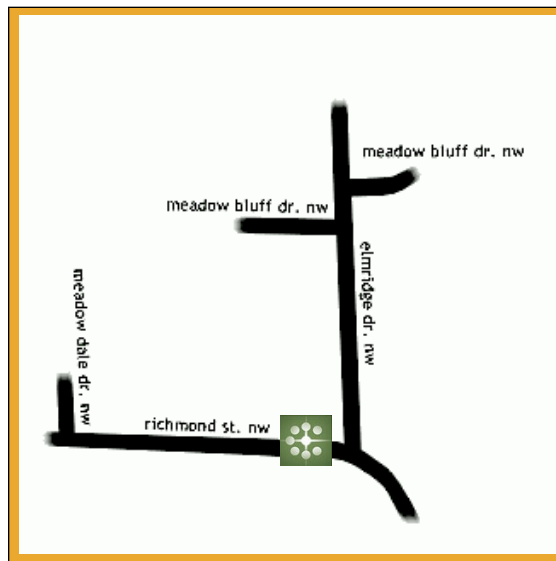
Schedule

Registration: 8:30 am

Session One: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
(Foundational Course)

Lunch: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Session Two: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
(Elective)



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Core Classes

Leadership 101

What is leadership? What does it mean to be a leader? This class will explore what the Bible has to say about leadership. The students will discover the strengths, weaknesses, accomplishments and failures of leaders in the Old Testament. They'll investigate leadership qualities and principles from the life and ministry of Jesus and early church leaders.

Spiritual Leadership

What are the qualities of an authentic Christian leader? The students will explore the importance of character and integrity in the life of a Christian leader. They will discuss the damage leaders can cause through character weaknesses. They'll begin looking at the dark side of their character.

Spiritual Transformation

What is spiritual transformation? What are the pathways and spiritual experiences God uses to transform believers into the image of Jesus Christ? Students will examine the process of spiritual transformation. This session will focus on the work of the Holy Spirit in a Christian's life.

Healthy Spirituality

How does awareness of our selves help leaders to lead? In this session, students will discover how they work on the inside. They'll explore their identity in Christ. They'll learn ways that they hide from others and themselves. Finally, students will gain insight into themselves through the Johari Window.

Electives

Self-Awareness Exercise

How has God made you on the inside? What positive qualities do you bring to a team or to your youth group? How can you get in the way? Students will take a self-awareness "test" to learn more about how they are wired and how their behavior affects the people around them (positively and negatively).

Calling and Gifting

What does it mean to be called and gifted by God? Students will have the opportunity to discover their unique call through understanding their spiritual gifts, passions, personalities, natural abilities and acquired skills.

Conflict Resolution

Conflict is unavoidable in relationships with people. Students will explore the inevitability of conflict in their relationship and look at the high cost of unresolved conflict. They will learn principles and methods for handling conflict in their lives.

Team Leadership

Leadership is not meant to be done alone. Leadership in the Church works best through a team. Students will explore Biblical examples of leading through a team. They'll look at the benefits and effectiveness of team leadership. They'll explore how to build a team.

Electives (cont.)

Leadership Styles

It is often said that "Leaders make things happen." But how do leaders lead? Students will explore four basic styles of situational leadership. Students will learn their own preferred style and how to use the other styles to become more effective in their leadership.

Interpersonal Communication

It is critical for a leader to be understood when he/she communicates. In this session, students will explore Biblical principles of communication. They will learn what hinders communication. They will learn the role listening takes in the communication process.

Leading From Your Story

Each leader's life has been impacted, positively and negatively, by the people, experiences and events in that life. In this session, students will gain awareness of how God has and is shaping them as leaders through life circumstances and events. Students will be encouraged to reflect on their personal stories and how they are being shaped by them.

Decision Making

Being a good leader means setting priorities and making hard decisions in daily life. In this session, students will look at a model for understanding and setting life priorities and making good decisions on the basis of those priorities.