



Youth Ministry Initiative

Program Summary

The Youth Ministry Initiative (“YMI”) Fellows and Coaching Program supports the annual placement of 4-8 “YMI Fellows” passionately committed to preparing for vocations ministering with and to youth. The Program offers fellows **hands-on training, supervised theological reflection, and robust compensation**. YMI Fellows commit to serving a minimum 12 hours per week for 32 weeks. Compensation includes the compensation regularly offered by the YMI Partner Site hosting the YMI Fellow supplemented by a \$2,000 - \$6,000 grant made by YMI to the Site Partner. YMI was launched in 2011 by The Congregational Church of New Canaan to encourage and support the growth and development of youth ministries. YMI is currently partnering with the Yale Center of Faith and Culture in the monthly YMI Lunch and Lecture series for students and practitioners who minister to youth. (www.youthministryinitiative.org.)

YMI Fellows and Coaching Program Site Partners

Churches with a demonstrable, enduring, and passionate commitment to growing and improving transformative relational youth ministries may apply to YMI to be one of the 4-5 YMI Fellows and Coaching Program “Site Partners.” Approved Site Partners will then work with their assigned YMI “coach” and post their openings for YMI Fellows with YMI. The terms and conditions of the supervised ministry or internship will be negotiated directly between the YMI Site Partner and the applicant. All employment terms must conform to YDS requirements for employment.

Hands-on Training

Fellows will serve a minimum of 12 hours per week in relational youth ministry for 32 weeks as interns or supervised ministry interns with the YMI Site Partner’s youth ministry.

Supervised Theological Reflection

Fellows will meet on the YDS campus weekly with YMI staff, including YMI Director Skip Masback (Managing Director of the Yale Center for Faith and Culture), for theological reflection.

Robust Compensation

YMI Fellows will be paid the compensation regularly offered by the YMI Host Site Church supplemented by a \$2,000 - \$6,000 grant made by YMI to the Host Site Church to increase their compensation package.

For questions or to request an application contact Allison Van Rhee at:

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