

Transcript What Is YOU Sponsor Orientation

What Y.O.U. is and how to form a chapter

Greetings All, I am Rev. Chase, the Youth and Family Training Director for the Great Lakes Unity Region.

After watching this training video, you will understand what Y.O.U. is, how to form a chapter and be able to identify the major annual events.

This is one of several brief orientations to start your YOU sponsor on-boarding process. These videos will begin to acquaint you with YOU culture and with the role and responsibilities of being a Sponsor. In addition to these orientations be sure to familiarize yourself with the Teen Ministry Manual published by Unity Worldwide Ministry as well as local policies, procedures and practices as each ministry has specific ways of conducting their teen ministry.

In all you do let Spirit guide you. Start with prayer. Continue with prayer. Celebrate the End with prayer. Say with me this denial and affirmation.

Denial: *Uncertainty has no power over me.*

Affirm: *I am faith. As I walk in faith my way becomes clear. I live, move and have my being in Spirit.*

What is Youth of Unity

Youth of Unity (YOU) are high school students age 14- 18 (grades 9-12) that come together to explore spirituality and to express their spirituality in accordance with Unity principles. The youth are called YOUers.

The adults facilitating the process of spiritual unfoldment are called Sponsors. YOU groups are referred to as Chapters. In order to form a YOU Chapter there must be one or more young people who are in high school between 14 and 18 years of age along with two adult sponsors. The YOU Chapters are under the direction of a Unity ministry. Contact the Youth Events Director and the Youth Training Director when forming a YOU Chapter.

YOU Chapters 1.) teach individuals the Unity way of life by practicing Unity principles. 2.) Involve the individual in actual prayer and meditation experiences. 3.) promote the idea of individuals working together, volunteering and enjoying the fellowship of friendship within the chapter and with their ministry.

YOU Chapter

A chapter can choose to elect officers as soon as they wish to help plan for the local group and/or to become organized for outside activities and other business. Potential offices include: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Historian.

A YOU Chapter may desire to have business meetings to plan fundraisers, social events, and service-projects. The business of a YOU Chapter provides teens the opportunity to develop leadership skills. Conduct business meetings separate from the class lesson time. Hold them at a convenient time perhaps before or after lesson time or another gathering.

Resources

The Teen Ministry Manual is an excellent resource. It contains information on Creating and Starting a Teen Ministry plus much more. Visit www.UnityWorldwideMinistries.org to get your copy.

The regional website <https://www.greatlakesunity.com/> contains a Teen Ministry support section.

Contact me with your questions. My email is yfmtd@greatlakesunity.com. My purpose is to guide and equip the Great Lakes Region to reach youth and to teach them spiritual practices.