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Young Clergy Initiative & the Hispanic Youth Leadership Academy

Garrett Theological Evangelical Seminary is proud to implement the Young Clergy Initiative (YCI) focused on developing a comprehensive program to help young Latino/Latina students discern and hear the call to lay and ordained ministry and to train, mentor and nurture them as they continue in their spiritual and vocational journey as leaders for the church and the world. As such, YCI strategically partners with communities, churches, colleges and universities, United Methodist agencies, annual conferences and key individuals to help identify and

prepare high school and college Latino/a students for leadership.

The skills for effective ministry leadership are fostered through the practice of ministry in the local church and in the community. Students come together over the summer for a 3-4 day retreat to explore vocation, discipleship, leadership, United Methodist history and polity as well as social justice issues that are important to the Latino/a community. A long term mentoring relationship is established for each student through partnerships with pastors,



seminarians, conference staff and other ministry leaders. The YCI is dedicated to supporting young Latino/a students in their pursuit of higher education, leadership development, and ministry vocation as they grow into the purpose God called them to.



Youth Leadership Development

G-ETS will host a summer leadership program for current college students and student entering college in the fall. Application deadline is April 1.

Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary is proud to partner with the Hispanic Youth Leadership Academy the program on our campus for Hispanic/ Latino(a) college students. **The program will take place July 5-9, 2016. Student already in college or beginning college in the fall are encouraged to apply to participate in the program. Applications are due by April 1, 2016.**

The Hispanic Youth Leadership Academy (HYLA) serves Hispanic United Methodist youth and young adults. Its main purpose is to identify, recruit, and facilitate the leadership development processes of high school and college students while taking into consideration the context and particularities of Hispanic youth and young adults in the context of the United States. HYLA is a three-year program that will focus on different topics each year.

The HYLA program is for both high school and college students. Scholarships are available for high school or college students that would like to attend HYLA at any of the sites Boston, Chicago, Adrian, Michigan. The scholarships will cover housing and meals. Students need to pay

for their own transportation to and from the HYLA site. Please note that the program at G-ETS, Chicago is for college students only.

There are two applications, one for new students and one for returning students. If the student has been to HYLA before he/she is a returning student, unless the student graduated the high school component and will be joining the college component. Please contact hyla.umd@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.

Requirements for HYLA:

- Be a High School or College Student in good academic standing.
- Participate in local ministry setting (a church, campus ministry, etc.).
- Be a member of the United Methodist Church.
- Have experience or desire to serve in the leadership of the United Methodist Church.
- Desire to explore your relationship with God and the United Methodist Church as an institution.
- Have a sponsor (lay or clergy member of the UMC).

- Fill out the application form and submit by April 1st for participation in the summer leadership academy.
- Spaces are limited; students must complete a full application in order to be considered for the selection process.

Student Testimonials:

Participants shared their thoughts on the HYLA experience and more:

“I had the best time of my life. It is good to be around people like us.”

“We always have labels that define who we are, but we need to stand together so that these labels are not the only things that define us.”

“HYLA brought us a sense of community and closeness.”

