

## ***YOUNG ADULT LEADERSHIP SEMINAR***

### **CONCEPT**

To provide a specially designed leadership development seminar for a select group of young adults in the Lamoni Heartland Mission Center (about 15 – 20 people) who reflect qualities for outstanding future leadership in the Community of Christ.

### **SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE**

To explore the most significant issues facing the church today in the area of theology, ministry and scripture in order to provide a framework for ministry by young adult leaders.

### **WHO**

Pastors are encourage to nominate young adults (ages 25 – 40) who have strong leadership potential and have an interest in exploration of scripture, theology and church ministry. Young adults may also nominate themselves. Provide names of young adults wishing to participate to the Mission Center office.

### **FORMAT**

Participants will meet three weekends a year for three years. Weekends will begin at 9:00 on Friday night and end at 12:00 on Sunday. Participants are expected to have read all material before the weekend. The seminars will be held at the home of Brad and Karen Mercer in Lamoni.

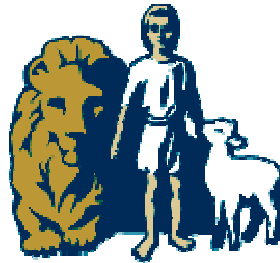
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## *Young Adult Leadership Seminar*

- - A three year journey of  
exploration, thought and  
growth - -



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additional information

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# TOPICS FOR EXPLORATION:

Each year, the group will spend three weekends exploring Scripture, Theology and Contemporary Issues of the Church. A guest facilitator will participate in each weekend. The topics and planned references for each of the three years are as follows:

## YEAR 1

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### Weekend #1 - Scripture

Topic: Thinking Critically About Scripture

Primary Text: An Introduction to the Bible by Beasley, plus additional handouts.

### Weekend #2 - Theology

Topic: Introduction to Theology

Primary Text: Faith Seeking Understanding by D. Migliore

### Weekend #3 – Contemporary Issues

Topic: From Restoration to Community: the Journey of a People

(Tentative) Primary Text: Mormon Enigma: Emma Hale Smith by Linda King Newell and Valeen Tippetts Avery and Inventing Mormonism: Tradition and the Historical Record by H. Michael Marquardt and Wesley P. Walters

## YEAR 2

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### Weekend #1 - Scripture

Topic: An Exploration of the Gospel of Mark

Primary Texts: Mark's Story of Jesus by Kelber and Mark's Story by Rhoads and Michie

### Weekend #2 - Theology

Topic: What is our Message & How do we share the Message?

Primary Text: Intro to Process Theology by C. Robert Mesle

### Weekend #3 – Contemporary Issues

Topic: Science and Religion

Primary Text: The Sacred Depths of Nature by Ursula Goodenough

## YEAR 3

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### Weekend #1 - Scripture

Topic: Pauline Epistles

Primary Texts: Pauline Christianity by Ziesler and Final Account by Stendahl

### Weekend #2 - Theology

Topic: Christian Theology

Primary Texts: Readings in Christian Theology

### Weekend #3 – Contemporary Issues

Topic: Spirituality

Primary Text: Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life by M. J. Thompson

## WHAT TO EXPECT

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Each weekend will involve in-depth exploration of the topic. Participants are expected to have read the materials and come with ideas and questions that will aid in the discussion. There will also be food, fellowship and Sunday morning worship.

## COST

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The Mission Center will provide funding for the guest facilitator and a portion of the meal expense. Participants will need to cover transportation to the seminar plus approximately \$20 per participant per weekend for food. Sleeping accommodations will be arranged at minimal cost.

**If you have questions,  
call Brad or Karen  
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