

CBF Regional Growing Young

A digital cohort

Fact Sheet



Fuller Youth Institute

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All churches grow old... but strategic churches are growing young.

Overview

Over the past “five” years, the Fuller Youth Institute (FYI) has taken our groundbreaking research from Growing Young and journeyed with over 500 diverse congregations to help them grow young in their context. We have helped these congregations engage younger generations in ways that breathe life and vitality into the whole church through six essential strategies.

Through **CBF Regional Growing Young Cohort**, the FYI team will journey with you and help you focus on what’s most essential in helping young people discover and love your church. Our advanced training model brings together churches that are committed to growing young for twelve months through:

- **Three digital summits** that dive into the research behind Growing Young, and help you create a plan to implement new strategies in your church. You will also hear directly from the authors of *Growing Young* and *Growing With*, as well as other leading scholars and practitioners.
- **Regular online webinars** hosted by FYI and other leading ministry voices on topics such as leading change, sociological and cultural trends among today’s young people, conquering conflict, and more.
- **Twelve months of personalized coaching** from experienced pastors that will guide you through a holistic approach as you develop a Church Transformation Plan.
- **Access to our church-wide version of the Growing Young Assessment**, which will illuminate areas for growth and guide your next steps.
- **Interactive peer learning** from other like-minded churches as you journey through the cohort together.
- **Complete 6 Growing Young Essentials**, an all-new fully digital team course, at your own pace and start putting Growing Young into action.

Key Dates

- **Final Registration Deadline:** November 30, 2021
- **Digital Summits:** Summits will be fully online. If state and local regulations allow, we encourage church teams to meet in person during each summit.
 - February 17, 2022
 - August 18, 2022
 - November 17, 2022
- **Webinars:** The first webinar will take place on January 20, 2022. Additional webinars will take place every 1-2 months and will be scheduled a few months prior.

Cost

\$2,000 per church. A non-refundable deposit of \$1,000 secures your church’s spot in the CBF Regional Growing Young Cohort. The second installment is due on May 30, 2022. For partial scholarships, please contact your CBF state or regional coordinator.

Who Should Attend the Summits?

In addition to youth and young adult ministry staff or volunteers, we *strongly recommend* a team of 4-8 people including representatives from each of these categories:

- **Senior pastor.** Given the key part your senior pastor plays in the culture of the overall church, we've especially designed this research and the resulting resources to speak to their needs and interests. This is a great opportunity for your church to involve your senior pastor from the start.
- **Young adults** (especially those in the 19-29 year-old range). Much of the discussion during the summits will focus on ministry to teenagers and emerging adults. You'll position your team to receive immediate and relevant feedback regarding potential opportunities and challenges by involving a young adult in the discussion right off the bat.
- **Senior adults** (especially those who are actively involved in the life of the church.) To develop the intergenerational relationships needed in CBF churches, it is important to have at least one senior adult voice to be represented.

Sample Summit Schedule

Thursday, February 17:

(All times in EST)

- 9:00 am: Opening Session
- 9:30 am: Session 1
- 10:15 am: Break
- 10:30 am: Session 2
- 11:30 am: Break
- 12:00 am: Session 3
- 1:00 pm: Team Time
- 1:45 pm: Closing Session
- 2:00 pm: Dismiss

Can you tell me more about the content?

You'll get the best of the Growing Young core commitments. The cohort will begin by debunking many of the popular—and harmful—myths of what is needed to reach young people. Then, through teaching from world-class Fuller faculty and other ministry thought leaders, we'll explore the six core commitments our research revealed that can unleash the passion of young people:

- **Unlock keychain leadership:** Instead of centralizing authority, empower others—especially young people.
- **Empathize with today's young people:** Instead of judging or criticizing, step into the shoes of this generation.
- **Take Jesus' message seriously:** Instead of asserting formulaic gospel claims, welcome young people into a Jesus-centered way of life.
- **Fuel a warm community:** Instead of focusing on cool worship or programs, aim for warm peer and intergenerational friendships.
- **Prioritize young people (and families) everywhere:** Instead of giving lip service to how much young people matter, look for creative ways to tangibly support, resource, and involve them in all facets of your congregation.
- **Be the best neighbors:** Instead of condemning the world outside your walls, enable young people to neighbor well locally and globally.

Registration

To register your team, please [click here](#), and pay the \$1000 non-refundable deposit. Space is limited, and we anticipate it will fill up quickly, so we recommend you register as soon as possible.*

The final deadline is November 30, 2021.

*Cohort is contingent on a minimum of 10 churches registered.

What Others Are Saying about Growing Young

“Growing young has helped us to really think about how our young people are valued and a part of our congregation.”

– *Ryan Wilson, Pastor of Trinity Baptist, Seneca, SC*

“The Growing Young Cohort created space for our church to ask needed questions and sit with the questions long enough to avoid cliché, pat answers and instead push deeper into answers that addressed the present reality of the church. As we dove deeper into the present reality, we were able to see that the changes we needed to consider were deeper as well.”

– *Randy Carter, Pastor of New Hope Baptist, Raleigh, NC*

“Growing Young has allowed us to see the giftedness and value of all generations. In working through the Growing Young cohort we saw that connecting generations together benefitted both older and younger generations, and in doing so, brought more energy and vitality to the church. Growing Young moved us into being more intentional to share leadership and gave us an eagerness to tell stories.”

– *Dane Martin, Minister of Students, Ardmore Baptist, Winston-Salem, NC*

Ministry experts and Keynote speakers include:

Dr. Kara Powell, Jake Mulder, and Brad Griffin, authors of *Growing Young*

Dr. Yulee Lee, Senior Director of Staff and Partnerships at the Fuller Youth Institute

Dr. Andy Jung, Director of Church Engagement at the Fuller Youth Institute

Dr. Scott Cormode, Dr. Steve Argue, and other Fuller Seminary faculty

And more!

Further Questions:

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