

# Growing Young in a Changing World

A digital cohort

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Fact Sheet for CBF Cohort



**Fuller Youth Institute**

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

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## Overview

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Over the past four 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 the **Growing Young in a Changing World 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 nine months through:

- **Four 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.
- **Address issues that you are encountering today**, including mental health among young people, intercultural ministry, and adapting to a changing landscape.
- **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 CBF churches as you journey through the cohort together.

## Key Dates

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- **Final Registration Deadline:** September 22, 2020
- **Digital Summits:** Summits will be fully online. If state and local regulations allow, we encourage church teams to meet in person during each summit.
  - October 10, 2020
  - November 6, 2020
  - February 26, 2021
  - April 17, 2021
- **Webinars:** The first webinar will take place on September 29, 2020. Additional webinars will take place every 1-2 months and will be scheduled a few months prior.

### What if you miss a summit or webinar?

Don't worry, you'll have access to replay versions of ALL our videos and live events led by the FYI team.

## Cost

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\$2,500 per church. The payments may be paid in installments. Limited scholarships are available. Please contact Andy Jung at [ajung@cbfnc.org](mailto:ajung@cbfnc.org).

## Who Should Attend the Summits?

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In addition to youth and young adult ministry staff or volunteers, we *strongly recommend* your team of 4–6 people includes a representative from both of the following groups:

- **Senior leaders** (such as a senior pastor, executive pastor, elder, or a similar role). Given the key part that senior leaders play 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 senior leaders 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.

## Can you tell me more about the content?

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You'll get the best of the Growing Young core commitments, PLUS this cohort will help you apply them to today's changing realities, including anxiety in young people, intercultural ministry, and adapting to a changing ministry landscape. The content of the summits 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

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To register, please contact Andy Jung at [ajung@cbfnc.org](mailto:ajung@cbfnc.org) or 704-985-3103.

**The final deadline is September 22, 2020.**

## Sample Summit Schedule

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### Saturday, October 10:

(All times in PST)

8:00 am:	Opening session
8:30 am:	Welcome, introductions, and research overview
9:00 am:	Team Time
9:45 am:	Break
10:15 am:	Session 1
10:35 am:	Team Time
11:15 am:	Session 2
11:45 am:	Team Time
12:15 pm:	Break
12:45 pm:	Session 3
1:15 pm:	Team time
2:00 pm:	Coaching groups
3:00 pm:	Dismiss

## What Others Are Saying about Growing Young

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“Such an incredible amount of creativity and depth has been locked up in conventional youth ministry. This work can break youth ministry out of its silo and shape church systems.”

– Andy Crouch, *Praxis*

“*Growing Young* helps you move away from wanting to engage young people to actually and practically doing it. If you’re ready to move from aspirational values to actual values in developing young people then I highly recommend you sign your team up for the Growing Young Cohort.”

– Amy, *Beachpoint Church, 2018-19 GYC Participant*

## Further Questions

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If you have additional questions, would like to request a scholarship, or would like more information, please contact: **Andy Jung** | [ajung@cbfnc.org](mailto:ajung@cbfnc.org)

## Ministry experts and Keynote speakers include:

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

**Dr. Soong-Chan Rah**, Associate Professor of Church Growth and Evangelism at North Park Theological Seminary

**Tommy Nixon**, C.E.O at the Urban Youth Workers Institute and pastor of One Life City Church

**Jennifer Guerra Aldana**, Manager of Multicultural Initiatives at the Fuller Youth Institute

**Dr. Dwight Radcliffe**, Assistant Professor of Mission, Theology, and Culture at Fuller Theological Seminary and pastor of The Message Center Church

**Teesha Hadra**, Former Executive Pastor of The Church of the Resurrection and author of *Black and White: Disrupting Racism One Friendship at a Time*

**Aaron Rosales**, Co-founder and Director of Mental Health at Brio

**Jane Hong-Guzman de Leon**, Project Coordinator for the Living a Better Story (LABS) research project at the Fuller Youth Institute

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

**And more!**