



CYF Ministry Teams

Minneapolis Area and Saint Paul Area Synods



Mission Statement:

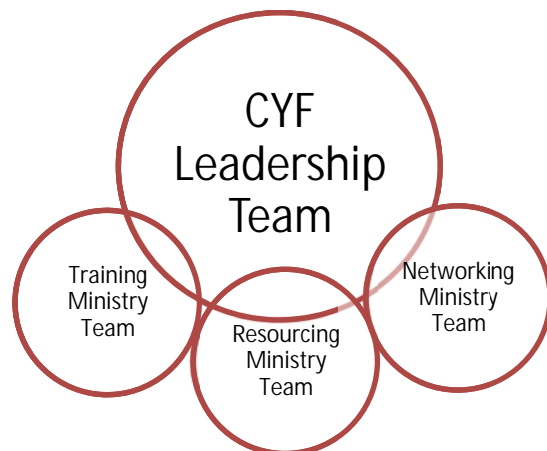
To support, equip, and empower children's, youth and family ministries in our synods.

Core Leadership Team

- *Consists of up to 12 people (5 from each synod, plus staff liaisons from both synods) focused on the overall CYF Ministry for the synods.*
- *Meets at least 6 times a year.*
- *Each member of the Core Leadership Team is asked to also serve on a specific Ministry Team (Vision, Networking, Training, or Resourcing).*
- *2 year terms, typically August to August, renewable for a second term*

Members:

Don Marsh	<i>Augustana, West St Paul (SPAS Co-Chair)</i>
Chris Okey	<i>Woodlake Lutheran, Richfield (MAS Co-Chair)</i>
Rev TJ Anderson	<i>Trinity, Stillwater</i>
Raul Garcia, AiM	<i>Lord of Life, Maple Grove</i>
Mel Johnson	<i>All Saint's, Cottage Grove</i>
Rev Cassie Nault	<i>St Stephen's, West St Paul (Team Chaplain)</i>
Lindsey Ruhland	<i>Family of Christ, Chanhassen</i>
<i>Bob Windels</i>	<i>Gethsemane, Hopkins</i>
Rev. Susan Miller	<i>SPAS Staff, Assistant to the Bishop</i>
Jo Mueller, AiM	<i>MAS Staff, Youth & Family Min Coordinator</i>



Ministry Teams...and their current ministries:

Ministry Teams include Leadership Team members along with others in our synod who have a special interest in the particular Ministry Team's ministry. *(Those who are not listed Core Team members are listed in italics.)*

1) Training Team

TJ Anderson, Don Marsh, Jo Mueller, *Kris Bijorke (InterServe Ministry), Todd Buegler (Lord of Life, Maple Grove), Tim Coltvet (Luther Seminary), Erin Morris (St Andrew, Mahtomedi), Bob Windels (Gethsemane, Hopkins)*

- **Recharge!** event (in partnership with YouthWorks and others)
- Safeguarding God's Children training
- Boundaries/Healthy Relationships training
- Standards and Guidelines development and resourcing
- Specific training events/conversations (Sustainable Youth Ministry-Fall2011)
- Book Study group

3. Resourcing Team

Cassie Nault, Chris Okey, *Sue Megrund (InterServe Ministries)*

- Resourcing each other – (via Facebook, etc.)
- Finding and sharing quality resources (web based and other)
- Servant ministry sites – current list
- Hosting topical conversations/round table discussions
- Surveys as needed

4. Networking Team

Raul Garcia, Mel Johnson, Lindsey Ruhland, *Julie Knight (Grace, Apple Valley), Gibson Holm (St Stephen's, West St Paul, Paul Erdmann (Immanuel, Eden Prairie), Lonna Field (Augsburg)*

- Welcome events for those new to the synods
- Extravaganza Lunch for MAS/SPAS participants
- Ascension Day Breakfast networking event
- Connections with the ELCA Youth Ministry Network
- Check in with existing networks; help “birth” new ones as needed
- Other networking events/connections

To inquire about serving on one of the teams above, please contact -

Saint Paul Area Synod:

Rev. Susan Miller (susan.miller@spas-elca.org) or

Don Marsh (dmarsh@augustana.com)

Minneapolis Area Synod:

Ms. Jo Mueller, AiM (j.mueller@mpls-synod.org) or

Chris Okey (cokey@woodlakechurch.org)