



Q & A

WHAT IS IT? **L6:40** is an intense youth training program aimed at cultivating spiritual growth. Based on Luke 6:40, *"The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher,"* the mission of **L6:40** is to *"Equip students to lead like Jesus."* The retreat weekend will utilize four Bible-based lessons that will challenge students to follow Jesus' example in leadership and in their relationship with their Heavenly Father.

Following the retreat weekend, students will have the opportunity to commit to a school-year-long **L6:40** program that will meet five times either in person or via Zoom. **L6:40** is a serious commitment of time and energy, that we pray will be transformational. Building on the foundations laid at the retreat and using a mix of resources from current and past leadership programs (YLC), students will have the opportunity to receive training and grow in the areas of Personal Awareness, Faith, Leading and Serving, Mission and Ministry. Also, as a part of the program they will work with their adult sponsor and team to plan a Major Ministry Involvement program.

WHY L6:40? All Christians are called by God to follow the way of Jesus Christ. That means that people must discover their own God-given gifts and use them in God's service. **L6:40 – Lead Like Jesus** will help young people to discover and develop their gifts so that they may grow in the Christian faith and sense of discipleship, and take their place as responsible present and future leaders of the Church.

WHO QUALIFIES FOR L6:40?

- Those with leadership potential.
- Those who can commit themselves to the training sessions and completion of back home assignments.
- Those who are willing to learn leadership skills.
- Youth who have the ability to communicate with their peers.
- Those who have a serious and in-depth commitment to Jesus Christ.
- High School Youth in grades 10-12 (9th graders may be considered)

WHO SPONSORS IT? It is sponsored by Mid-American Baptist Churches through the Youth Ministry Planning Team, planned by a regional **L6:40** planning team, and facilitated by local American Baptist pastors and youth leaders.

WHAT DOES THE TRAINING CONSIST OF? The training is an academic year (Sept – May) program that focuses on areas of Personal Awareness, Faith, Leading and Serving, Mission and Ministry for discipleship growth through 3 Core Leadership Principles. Each part will take place on five separate weekends via zoom or in-person.

3 CORE LEADERSHIP PRINCIPLES:

- **Leadership Design:** A student's leadership foundation should be built on who they are. Every student will lead differently based on how they were created and how they have been specifically

gifted by God. When students know their leadership wiring they are empowered to serve others through their unique strengths.

- **Balancing Act:** We all know a great visionary who has acted inappropriately. We also know the leader who wants everything done right but can't execute the vision. The key here is balance. Student leaders must learn how to execute skills but also be someone of godly character.
- **Mission First – People Always:** God has given us a mission and the mission is people. Students generally value one over the other, thus neglecting the one they do not value. But in leadership, tasks and relationships are tied together. Great student leaders understand this and work hard to care for people, while still reaching goals.

WHERE WILL THE RETREATS BE HELD? The first one will be hosted by the First Baptist Church of Boone, IA. The locations for the other sessions are to be determined (TBD). Some will be via Zoom and others in person, including a gathering during the Region Youth Event (RYE) in October.

WHAT ABOUT BETWEEN SESSIONS? Youth will have readings, videos and assignments to do in between sessions and the opportunity to interact and learn from each other via an **L6:40** blog.

HOW MUCH DOES THIS TRAINING COST? The cost is \$250 for the entire program. This includes the \$50 weekend retreat in August, lodging and meals during the experience. Youth are responsible for transportation to and from each session. It is hoped that the cost can be shared between the youth, their family, and their church.

THE ADULT PARTNER- The role of the Adult Partner is to support the youth in their involvement in YLC by:

- Being a friend to the youth.
- Being a liaison between the youth and the Church
- Attending the spring event with the youth
- Keeping the youth on task with their back home assignment and Mission Project.

WHAT SUPPORT IS NECESSARY FROM THE PARENTS/GUARDIANS AND THE CHURCH?

- Encouragement to attend and participate fully, and to accomplish the required back home assignments.
- The costs—should be shared by the youth, their parents, the church and possibly area funds.
- The Church will play a special role in finding meaningful involvement for the youth in the ministry of their church.

HOW MANY IS L6:40 LIMITED TO? The limit for **L6:40** is 20 youth. Apply early!

WHEN IS THE DEADLINE TO APPLY? Please send the \$50 retreat fee, application, and reference letter to the Mid-ABC Region office by July 21, 2012.

I HAVE QUESTIONS, WHOM CAN I ASK? You can email us at mabcregionyouth@gmail.com