

MSG 2010 Conference: Youth Pastors' Track

8/10 (Tuesday) – 8/12 (Thursday)

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Goals and Objectives

1. Youth workers will be equipped with the knowledge base and language necessary to work and communicate effectively with Korean-American youth, their families, and other fellow youth workers.
 - a. They will have foundational knowledge and insight into social, political, cultural, and historical influences that shape the Korean-American adolescent lives, relationships, and growth processes.
 - b. They will have increasing levels of self-awareness, being able to tease apart what they bring into their work and use it effectively.
 - i. Youth workers will have keen awareness about themselves as culturally embedded within a socio-historical perspective and will be able to articulate how this impacts their praxis.
 - ii. Youth workers will be able to articulate their unique role and identity, along with their challenges.
2. Youth workers will become better equipped to lead group care sessions.
 - a. They will have skills to facilitate dialogues, knowing when and how to model, explore, clarify, link, block, etc.
 - b. They will be able to recognize group dynamics and make process comments.
 - c. They will have a framework to think through ethical decisions.
3. Youth workers will have practical counseling tools and be able to discuss about their effectiveness in their context.
4. Youth workers will become aware of potential crises and will be able to respond appropriately.
5. Youth workers will have a safe space to share frustrations of their current pastoral care situations and receive support around them.
 - a. They will empathize with each other by talking about their conflicts in caring for youth.
 - b. They will receive peer consultation on ethical dilemmas.
 - c. They will form a support network that will extend beyond the conference.