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You can help leaders become the leader they were created to be.

Our Urban Allies are essential to fulfilling our mission through their monthly commitments of \$25 or more. These monthly partners ensure Urban Leaders have the certification, community, and coaching they need to Become the leaders they were created to Be and to reach more youth with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership with UYWI. Would you consider Becoming an Urban Ally to further develop Urban Leaders and reach more youth with the Gospel?

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INCREASING IMPACT THROUGH PERSONAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Congregational Leadership is proving to be an essential tool for leaders working with youth in the context of the church. Leslie Cunningham, Director of Youth Ministry at Bellavista Church in Houston, TX, is one of this year's participants in the Urban Youth Workers Institute pilot program, Congregational Leadership. Upon being hired at the church, her pastor shared a flyer he had received about a training in leadership development for urban youth workers.

Already awoken to the need for this type of training within the Church, Leslie was also realizing that **serving in urban youth ministry can be a bit like walking in the dark as there is not a lot out there for training urban**

youth workers in leading the next generation with the Gospel. So, Leslie enrolled in the first Houston cohort for the UYWI Certification Program alongside Justin Davis, the pastor's brother who had also just accepted his call as a minister. Now, three years later, Leslie and Justin are also participating in the Congregational Leadership program.

When Leslie joined staff, she had goals but needed support in creating a plan and knowing how to reach those goals. Through Leslie's Mission Action Plan (MAP) and the coaching received from UYWI, youth are coming back into the church and her team is developing better leaders. As Leslie shares:



When we develop healthy youth workers, we are able to better develop youth, preparing them to go into the world and impact the world around them, making disciples of men.

UYWI is dedicated to developing healthy, high-capacity, high-impact leaders and role models the next generation needs to live transformed lives by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Congregational leadership has revealed to Leslie, "Urban youth ministries across America are struggling in the same spaces and experiencing the same hardships. However, **UYWI has filled these gaps**, brought representation in leadership, and connected youth workers across the nation to work through these unique challenges."

Your partnership with UYWI is essential for training and developing generations of urban leaders in understanding their rich value within the Church and becoming the leaders God has called them to be.

Thank you for choosing to believe in the next generation of urban leaders!

Bless you,

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