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TRAINING LEADERS, TRANSFORMING YOUTH

STAY CONNECTED:



360 LOS ANGELES | EMPOWERING LEADERS

“The humility, the Kingdom-focus and passion that drive this conference and many who attend make this conference special and unique. It’s not about the flash or production, but really about empowering leaders and connecting them with others doing the same work. I’ve been to many other conferences and UYWI is the best on so many levels. It’s affordable and we get accessibility to leaders, speakers and artists. There is also a “family feel” connection with others and relevant workshops. I can now better empower and pour into my leaders.”

Aaron Cho

Quest Church, Seattle, WA

“It is very rare to attend a conference and it exceeds one’s expectations. The 360LA staff was knowledgeable and created a welcoming atmosphere. The instructors were engaging and encouraged classroom participation. Two college students that I brought, took home the challenge to reach their peer group, and motivation to get involved deeper in our college ministry to provide cascade mentorship. 360LA inspired, challenged and strengthened my mission to reach students in my neighborhood. I was better equipped to mentor and challenge students, and provide support to churches that do not yet have a structure to reach students.”

Larry Valenzuela

Love International Ministries, Phoenix, AZ



REFRESHING TIME

"This was such a refreshing time. The Lord was consistently speaking through every part of the conference I was able to attend! The presence of the Lord was strong and it was an atmosphere of rest. Thank you for that. 360LA was a place to have a strong and refreshing encounter with the Lord. I wholeheartedly believe that I will see new and multiplied fruit in my ministries because I had the chance to come and listen to the Lord at 360LA. I was surrounded by a cloud of witnesses that have been seeking after the Lord in urban neighborhoods and I jumped at the chance to learn from them! I can better manage my time and resources of my ministry. I feel more equipped to love and engage in difficult situations knowing that the Lord is in the midst and better equipped to develop disciple relationships with kids in my ministry."

Leilani Hernandez

Solidarity, Fullerton, CA



INSPIRING LEADERS

"360LA was a great opportunity to connect with other leaders passionate about sharing God's heart of love to youth and families of the inner city. It was the perfect mix of information, worship and just pure fun. I feel better equipped to engage the community, empower the youth of my community, and stay accountable to God."

Lori Patton

Youth ReVive, Dallas, TX

"This is one of the only conferences that I make sure to attend. It's practical to my context and relevant to my ministry. I walked away energized, encouraged and full of new ideas."

Courtney Ray

Breath of Life Worship Center, Inglewood, CA



CHALLENGING LEADERS

"Hands down the BEST youth ministry conference. I left with practical tools that helped with my youth, and was strengthened to do the work that God has called me to do. I was challenged to focus on the things that matter, facilitate life-changing conversations, make disciples and see God through the hard situations in ministry."

Lorraine Armenta

World Impact, Los Angeles, CA

"360LA was a great place for me to be refreshed and challenged to do the work I've been called to do. This is the best conference I have attended and cannot be beat when factoring the cost and location. I was equipped to better mentor and disciple the boys in my ministry."

Tyrell Shoemaker

Inner City Impact, Chicago, IL



JOHN MALOA - TAULEALO

*Youth Pastor Hillside Church of God
San Francisco, CA*

INVESTING IN URBAN YOUTH LEADERS

I serve as a Youth Pastor at Hillside Church of God in South San Francisco. I oversee the Legacy Youth Group and Children' Ministry. I have been in ministry for 9 years. I serve in a suburban context but have ties to the inner city and serve some inner city youth. We have students who come from affluent homes that sometimes struggle with apathy, to students who see God even in the midst of a broken home or blended family.

I have learned so much from the UYWI 90 Degrees Certification Program which has encouraged and equipped me. A few nuggets of truth that have impacted me and my ministry are to always be a learner and to remember that being in youth ministry is a process and sometimes we are building the plane as we are flying it, but that is still okay.

A student who has being impacted as a result of my ministry is Drew. When Drew first came into youth group 7 years ago, he was hiding under a coffee table because he was afraid to be around girls. After constant attendance and a million questions, he has grown into one of my upcoming leaders in youth group. I was able to bring him to the UYWI RELOAD training earlier this year, where he really caught a glimpse of what it was like to be in ministry.

I believe in UYWI, because they care about urban youth workers like me to build and create programs and trainings that specifically cater to our needs. I am encouraged that UYWI goes out of their way to invest in youth leaders like me bringing the hope of Jesus, regardless if the context is urban or sub-urban or the issue is fatherlessness, broken homes, drug abuse or blended dysfunctional families.