
FORGED

YOUTH MINISTRY TRAINING PROGRAM

**A PARTNERSHIP OF THE SALVATION ARMY &
ASBURY UNIVERSITY**

FORGED is a selective two-year training experience for youth leaders, designed to teach practical strategies and spiritual disciplines that increase the longevity and effectiveness of Salvation Army youth ministry leaders



IDEAL FOR:

- Active Local Youth Leaders
- Corps Program Employees
- Commissioned Officers
- Corps Mission Associate/Corps Helper
- Candidates (2 years out from Training)

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FORGED Leadership

FORGED participants will enjoy relevant teaching and applicable assignments every other month, facilitated by one of our lead instructors. Through online sessions and retreats, these experienced ministry teachers will help participants strategically build a healthy enduring youth ministry, as well as their own walk with the Lord.



Dr. Brian Hull

Brian has been involved in local church youth ministry for over 20 years. He is a Gardner Scholar and Professor of Pastoral and Christian Ministries at Asbury University, studying youth ministry best practices and leadership from many sides. Brian has created training opportunities for youth and youth leaders at local, regional, national, and international levels, as well as helping to coordinate youth ministry networks, currently as president-elect for the National Association of Youth Ministry Educators.

Tony Akers

Tony graduated with an MA in Christian Education from Asbury Seminary in 1994. Since then, he has served multiple churches and environments, primarily in youth ministry and discipleship. In 2004, Tony began consulting for churches and coaching youth pastors alongside his work in the local church. Tony is committed to helping students on the margins and supporting the ministry staff and volunteers who lead them.



Caleigh Smith

Caleigh has been pursuing God's call to youth ministry since middle school. She is a Michigander at heart and now works in Kentucky as an Adjunct Professor in the Christian Studies and Philosophy Department at Asbury University. Caleigh received a BA in Youth Ministry from Asbury University and an MA in Youth Ministry from Austin Seminary. Caleigh serves as the Director for Youth Becoming Leaders: High School Christian Leadership and Global Transformation Institute and is passionate about training staff and volunteers in youth ministry.

Jason Brown

Jason has been serving students and their families for nearly 20 years. He is passionate about communicating the story of God and helping teenagers find their place in it. Jason currently serves as the Executive Minister at Broadway United Methodist Church in Bowling Green, Kentucky, where he lives with his wife and two children. He enjoys reading, soccer, and pro basketball.



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