

Purpose

The purpose of the YFM Curriculum Project is to create weekly lessons for the following YFM age groups: (a) Elementary (b) Tweens, and (c) Teens. Each lessons contains:

- An asynchronous interactive component to be used independently by the child or as the foundation for a family or YFM-team-based presentation.
- Two Zoom templates to support the presentation of either a community building live session that touches on the lesson content or a live session that focuses on the lesson content by the family or the YFM team.

All lessons are designed to be used in both a virtual and non-virtual environment. The provided flexibility will allow ministries to supply the lessons to the families for their desired use. Simultaneously, the YFM team may choose to offer a community experience where children could join to work through a lesson as a group experience or reflect on the lesson they reviewed in preparation.

Financing

Unity Southcentral Region (USCR) provides a starting capital of \$12,000 as a matching fund to inspire other regions and ministries to participate in the funding of this project. The USCR starting capital may allow the development of the first year of YFM curriculum, which would be offered for free to our membership. Additional funds would ensure the continuation of the project.

Contributions

Any financial contributions to support the Strategic Plan, earmarked for YFM Curriculum Project should go to UWM with the expressed earmark of “YFM Curriculum Project.” We thank you for your support.

Overview

For the first year of YFM Curriculum, the following content will be created:

- 12 x 4 self-directed lessons with a game-like component for each age group (elementary, tweens, and teens); 5th Sundays are self-directed by the ministries.
- 12 x 2 Zoom templates, one of each focused on community building and content delivery.

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The content will also be based on:

- Themes and topics collaboratively developed by selected Unity stakeholders (e.g., YFM directors, ministers, content creators, etc.).
- Cultural diversity based on intersectionality considerations.

Milestones

The first year of the development of the YFM Curriculum will include four milestones.

Milestone 1

The anticipated time frame for this milestone will be around four months, starting in mid-March and ending in mid-July 2021. Some of the major tasks of this milestone include:

- the initial project evaluation regarding process and timeline,
- the definition of 12 monthly themes and weekly topics,
- the development of 3 x 4 lessons and 3 x 2 Zoom templates covering the first three months of curriculum, and
- a concluding project evaluation to incorporate any necessary adjustments.

The time frame of this milestone is longer than those following due to the additional setup and preparation time.

Milestones 2–4

Each following milestone includes three months worth of curriculum development based on the experience, evaluation, and adjustments during milestone 1. The anticipated time frame for each milestone is two to three months with the goal to have the curriculum available for ministries 30 days before its anticipated implementation.

Questions and Comments

For questions and comments feel free to contact

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