



**Peer Ministry is People Ministry**  
Students equipped with  
**Skills** for caring, welcoming and affirming  
**Lived** every day, everywhere in every relationship  
**Loving**, because Christ first loved us

**PEER MINISTRY LEADERSHIP TRAINING:** A 12-14 hour training for those leading and supporting youth ministry, plus key high school youth to build an infrastructure for a thriving student leadership program and a growing, healthy youth ministry.

***Kids are either leading or they are leaving.*** – Our youth are busy. They invest time where they are needed. They will respond to real purpose and real meaning. PML gives purpose and meaning impacting their number one concern, their relationships.

***It's an education of the heart.*** – PML gives students specific skills in caring for friends. They learn how to listen, ask caring questions, and guide friends through tough choices, changes, and challenges. They welcome people, even those who are not always welcomed.

***It is about expanding numbers.*** – How do we grow a ministry? It's no secret. We expand our leadership. Youth come back because of the relationships. The more leaders we have caring, welcoming, and affirming others the more youth come because someone cares enough to know who they really are.

***It is about growing in spiritual depth.*** – Youth don't do spiritual practices until they know real life people who model and mentor them. Pastors and youth ministers may teach wonderful lessons, but that does not mean kids pray. – One youth minister observed, "When my PML youth started leading and praying with other youth in candle time discussions, I started hearing all my youth saying prayers."

We turn those wonderfully quirky,  
sometimes overly silly, rambunctious kids  
into amazing student leaders  
by educating the heart  
with Peer Ministry leadership skills.



"Peer Ministry shapes, forms and equips the future of our church. There isn't, in my estimation, anything more important for our church today. The training of Peer Ministry Leadership is critical. The skills they learn gifts them with tools to live ministry and mission with their friends."

– Senior Pastor Dwight,  
Rapid City, SD

"Peer Ministry Training helps youth to respond to the real needs of teens today. With the necessary skills learned in the training, these young people are finding ways to change the world in a positive way."

– Bill Casey,  
Archdiocese of St. Paul/  
Minneapolis



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# Every Day, Everywhere, Every Relationship



## TRAINING TOPICS

### **LISTENING LEADERSHIP**

1. Leadership: Good Samaritan Style
2. Ask: Questions That Care
3. The Well: Learning to Listen
4. Spirit Nudges: Nonverbal Understanding

### **HELPING LEADERSHIP**

1. Decisions: Thou Shall Not Should
2. Journey: Choices, Changes, and Challenges
3. Well Aware: Community Aware
4. Plan: Mission & Purpose

### **WELCOMING LEADERSHIP**

1. Inviting: Come and See
2. Welcome: Surprising Hospitality
3. Hurt: Welcoming when Un-Welcomed
4. Open: Big Doors



*"You are not doing youth ministry until youth are doing ministry"*

At **EveryDay**  
LLC

We train **youth** and **adult mentors**

Who **embody** and model PML skills

Who **equip** others with PML training

Who **engage** others in relational service

Who **empower** them to live caring and welcoming ministry

**Every day, everywhere and in every relationship.**

"Becoming a Peer Minister has completely changed my life. I would have never thought I could be of so much use to people. Just knowing I am equipped to effectively minister to my peers is an amazing feeling. When people come to me who need help making decision, I can put the decision making model to use. I follow the steps, and help the person make the choice that is best for them."  
– Christa  
(High School Student)

Participating in the training took the manual off page, and allowed me to understand how to put the training in action. In attending the training, I gained a confident vision of the content as well as how to bring it to life for our high school peer ministers.  
–Taylor,  
St. Jude of the Lake