

Adolescents' confirmation lessons

Project description:

"Adolescence is a special time. It is a transition from childhood to adult's life. Many things from the further life direction are being established in this particular age. Already at Jesus' time children around this age were taught in history of their nation and Holy Scripture, and they became adults. I myself went to confirmation course when I was 13 years old together with other teenagers and I was confirmed," – says bishop Hans Martin Jenson.

The experience of Gregorschool gives evidence that adolescents at the age of 11 – 15 mostly are not involved in parish life. It happens because they have gone through Sunday school but they are not still ready to come to young adults' organized evenings / events at the parish. Whereas young adults' leaders have difficulties to find balance between adolescents' and youngsters' age individualities.

Taking into consideration the example of local parishes, we have observed that parishes' Sunday school programme does not ensure the contents' transitions to the issues topical for adolescents. And often there is a barrier for adolescents to take part in parish life, as a result they are not offered an opportunity to learn practical Christianity in action or apprenticeship.

Project offer:

Gregorschool offers 15 to 20 youngsters the possibility to learn the foundation course of confirmation lessons in appropriate environment for adolescents' age, by encouraging communication and fellowship among peers from all over Latvia.

Adolescents who have gone through confirmation lessons' course, the next year are given an opportunity to learn practical Christianity or apprenticeship by serving new participants.

Plan of project implementation:

The layout of confirmation lessons' course for adolescents:

15.-17.02.2019. (Weekend), 12.-14.04.2019. (Weekend), 9.-15.06.2019. (Adventure weekend)

The layout of apprenticeship course:

25.-27.01.2019. (Training week), 15.-17.02.2019. (Ministry week), 12.-14.04.2019. (Ministry weekend), 9.-15.06.2019. (Ministry week)

Project expenses:

Project expenses are calculated for 50 people, 20 of them are participants and 30 are ministry team (adolescents and adults).

For weekend			Adventure week		
Position	Per person	Together	Position	Per person	Together
Catering (7 meals + 3 snack breaks)	25,-	1250,-	Catering (18 meals + 6 snack breaks)	60,-	3000,-
Public utilities	30,-	1500,-	Public utilities	90,-	4500,-
Lecturers/guests (4 people)	4,-	200,-	Lecturers/guests (4 people)	8,-	400,-
Administrative expenses	10,-	500,-	Administrative expenses	14,-	700,-
Transport expenses	3,-	150,-	Transport expenses	6,-	300,-
Materials	1,-	50,-	Materials	2,-	100,-
Unscheduled expenses	7,50	375,-	Unscheduled expenses (additional activities)	18,-	900,-

In total:	80,50	4025	In total:	198,-	9900,-
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Ministrants' TRAINING weekend			Adolescents' gathering		
25 people			40 people		
Position	Per person	Together	Position	Per person	Together
Catering (7 meals + 3 snack breaks)	25,-	625,-	Catering (7 meals + 3 snack breaks)	25,-	1000,-
Public utilities	30,-	750,-	Public utilities	30,-	1200,-
Lecturers/guests (4 people)	4,-	100,-	Lecturers/guests (4 people)	4,-	160,-
Administrative expenses	10,-	250,-	Administrative expenses	10,-	400,-
Transport expenses	3,-	75,-	Transport expenses	3,-	120,-
Materials	1,-	25,-	Materials	1,-	40,-
Unscheduled expenses	7,30	182,50	Unscheduled expenses (additional activities)	7,30	292,-
In total:	80,30	2007,50	In total:	80,30	3212,-

Expenses	
For weekend (2x50 people)	8050,-
Adventure week (50 people)	9900,-
Ministrants' TRAINING weekend (25 people)	2007,50
Adolescents' gathering (40 people)	3212
In total:	23169,50

Incomes (two weekends + adventure week+ ministrants' training weekend+ gathering)		
Position	Per person	Together
Adolescents' deposits (40+40+120) (35 people)	200,-	7000,-
Ministrants' training weekend (15 people)	40,-	600,-
Gathering (30 people)	40,-	1200,-
LELB support	20,-	1000,-
Donations (approximate sum)	40,-	2000,-
Uncovered expenses	227,39	11369,50
In total:	463,39	23169,50