

What Is HORIZONS?

Ministry with youth can be an incredibly fulfilling experience. Helping youth to be transformed into dedicated followers of Jesus Christ is a great calling. Being adequately prepared to lead is a huge responsibility that can seem overwhelming for many youth leaders. They may even feel they lack the necessary skills to do the task properly.

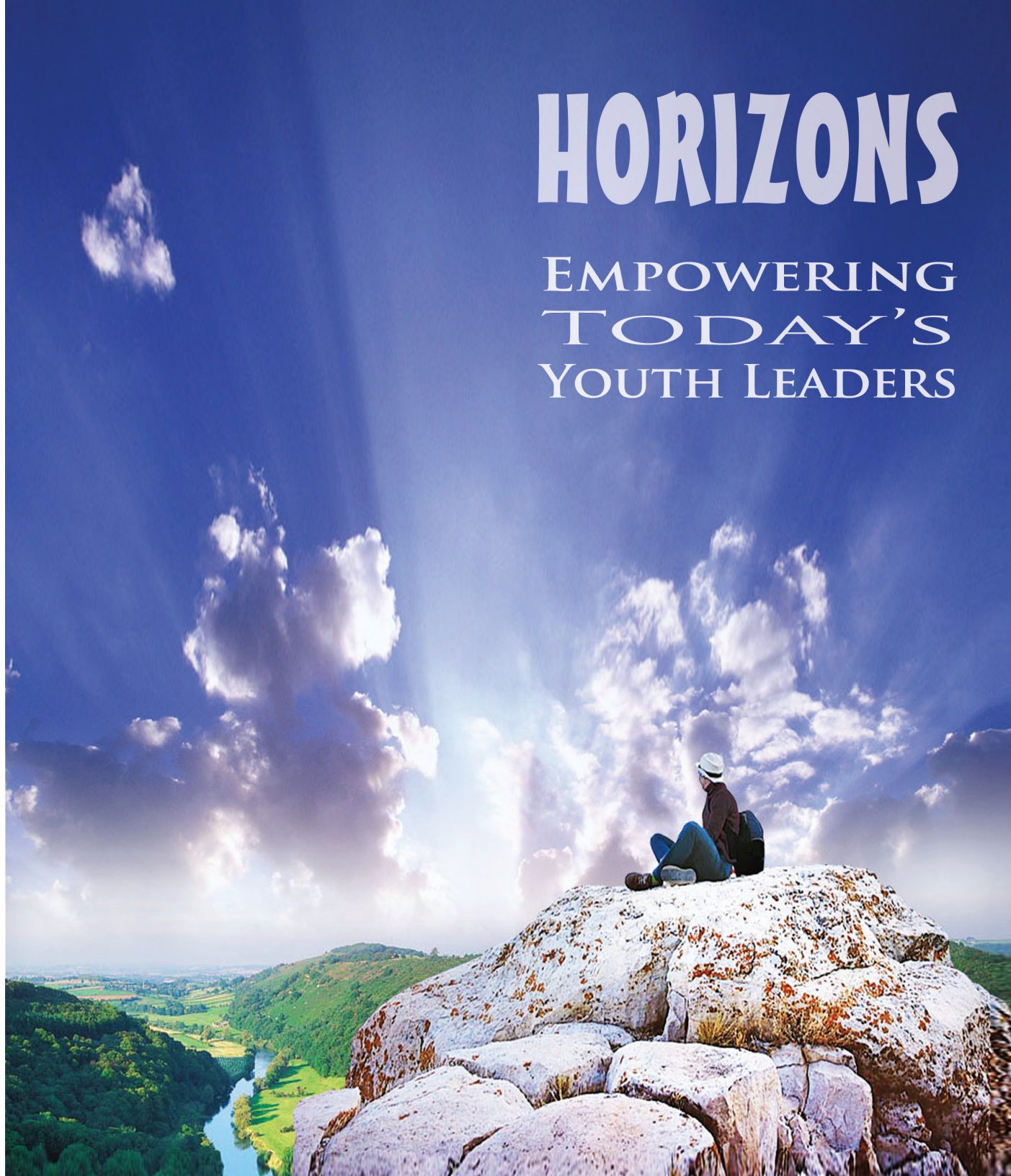
HORIZONS is an online training programme for volunteer youth leaders who want to develop their skills and learn more about working with youth. We want to help youth leaders by encouraging them and by providing informative material that they can utilise while reflecting upon their own specific ministry setting. **HORIZONS** is created for leaders engaging with youth in a globalised and ever-changing world.

What Are the Objectives?

- Each participant who chooses to enrol in the online **HORIZONS** training programme is accompanied through the course by an experienced CBOQ-based mentor. This helps ensure that the course meets the specific needs of the youth worker.
- The learning units are designed to assist youth leaders to have a better grasp of contemporary youth related issues and to develop strategic leadership thinking.
- A key objective is to help youth leaders develop their own style and character as Christian leaders.
- The programme is self paced and can be completed in a reasonable period of time. Each module takes approx. 30-60 min.

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EMPOWERING
TODAY'S
YOUTH LEADERS



How Is HORIZONS Structured?

The **HORIZONS Training Programme** consists of four units. Each unit contains six modules focusing on major youth related topics.

UNIT 1 Foundations of Christian Youth Work	Defining Youth Value of Youth Ministry Purpose and Goal of Youth Work Understanding Youth Culture Principles and Values of Youth Ministry Models of Youth Ministry
UNIT 2 Understanding Youth	Moving from Childhood to Adulthood Adolescent Development How Youth Develop Morally How Youth Understand Faith Problems Youth Face Risk Taking Behaviour
UNIT 3 Leadership and Youth Ministry	The Calling of a Youth Worker Discovering Spiritual Gifts Character of a Leader Building Teams Ministry in the “Middle” Sustainability in Youth Ministry
UNIT 4 Ministry with Youth	Programming and Planning Missional Youth Ministry Youth and Evangelism Working with Groups Caring for Youth Safe Practise

FAQs

Where did Horizons come from?

Horizons is an online training resource developed by Rev. Dr. Jeff Carter (CBM global field staff) for the European Baptist Federation. With youth leaders (98% of them as volunteers) scattered across several countries, this online tool was the most effective way of providing training.

I heard it is free for EBF youth leaders. Why am I paying?

Relatively speaking, the ministry resources for EBF youth leaders is very scarce. Horizons was designed to meet their needs. EBF and Horizons has graciously made this program available for Canadians. Given the relative affluence, the Canadian Baptist Youth leadership team (which includes CBOQ Youth) believed a registration fee of \$40/person (for a program that some have estimated could easily be valued at \$100+) would provide some financial resources for ongoing ministry training for EBF youth leaders.

Who will be my mentor?

When you register, CBOQ Youth will assign a mentor to you. Once you begin your course, your correspondence will be directly with the mentor. If we have too many students signed up, you will be put onto a waiting list and contacted when a mentor becomes available.

Is this program accredited?

While the program is not accredited with any academic institution (except with a seminar in the Czech Republic), the certificate is recognized by CBOQ Youth.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Gender: M / F

I'm a:

- Youth Pastor (full-time part-time)
- Volunteer Youth Leader
- Other (e.g. senior pastor, CE board)

Church Name: _____

Church Phone: ____-____-_____

Home/Cell Phone: ____-____-_____

E-mail: _____

What is the best way to reach you?

- E-mail Church Phone Home/Cell Phone

Registration fee: \$40 per person (financial assistance is available)

Enclosed is a payment of \$40 by:

- Cheque (payable to “CBOQ”)
- VISA MasterCard

Name on card: _____

Card #: _____

Expiry Date: ____ / ____

Signature: _____

Please note: There are no refunds.