

The Basics:

What is the DYFM position?

The position was been created to help your congregation take the next step in developing its ministry to young people **whatever that may be.**

Who is the DYFM?

His name is Gary Pecuch. See back page for more information about Gary.

Does the DYFM have an office?

Although, the DYFM travels regularly throughout the synod, the DYFM maintains a presence at the Synod Office in Columbus.

Is the position full-time?

Yes, the DYFM is a full-time position. Gary also maintains a part-time presence in a congregation so he can continue to stay up to date with ideas and the current youth culture.

How is the position funded?

The position is funded through your mission support. Therefore, there is no direct cost to congregations for Gary's services. Gary is your synod dollars at work.

*There are occasional programming costs associated with DYFM events.

Credentials:

Gary Pecuch has been in congregational ministry since 1982

Holds a B.S. in Administration of Justice (Juvenile Justice)

Holds a M.A. in Non-Profit Administration and Management

Author of the book Faith Webbing (Xulon Press)

Author of the book What's in Your Bag? (Xulon Press)

Is Dale Carnegie trained in leadership and management

Holds a Keirse.com Personality Temperament Certification

Has been a speaker in both college and seminary settings

Has presented for Group Publishing, Inc.

Has presented in hundreds of congregations

He and his wife Laurie were a Licensed Treatment Care Foster Home for 10 years

Was the Director of the Animal and Nature Assisted Therapy Department (Equestrian Center) at the Buckeye Ranch, Grove City, Ohio

For fun, spent 20 years teaching teenagers how to drive

Is passionate about passing on the Christian Faith through education and training

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What does the DYFM do?

- Helps your congregation to take the next step in Children's, Youth and Family Ministry whatever that may be.
- Offers training and programming for every size congregation.
- Coordinates synod-wide activities (Retreats, Service Trips, LOMO and other Lutheran Organizational Events).
- Provides Resources through the synod website.
- Facilitates networking among congregations.
- Promotes synod endorsed organizations.
- Provides Congregations with Pre-hiring Preparation of Youth Staff.
- Supports paid and volunteer Youthworkers.
- Partners with the ELCA on national and worldwide projects.
- Represents the Bishop on various boards and teams.

What can the DYFM do on-

site for us?

Gary can lead sessions on...

- **Safeguarding Children & Youth**
(Understanding the laws congregations must adhere to.)
- **Developing a Healthy Youth & Family Ministry Culture in Your Congregation**
- **Faith Webbing** (Wrapping your children & youth in a web of faith.)
- **Outcome Based Youth Ministry**
(Developing a long term strategic plan that is results oriented.)

Training Offered By DYFM

- **Faith Advances:** These are sessions designed specifically to pass on Faith Skills to children, youth, and their parents/mentors.
- **Volunteer Institute:** A training event for those that work with children & youth.

Both training experiences are designed to equip and empower participants with the necessary Faith Skills needed to live out their personal calling in life.

Youth and Family Ministry Resources are on the Synod Website

- Safeguarding Information
- Examples of various forms
- Examples of best practices manuals
- Examples of youth staff job descriptions
- Job opportunity postings
- Links to synod endorsed organizations
- E-bulletin archives

How does communication take place out of the DYFM office?

- ⇒ Semi-monthly e-bulletins
- ⇒ Youth and Family Ministry Facebook group page
- ⇒ synod website
- ⇒ Monthly flier mailed to congregations
- ⇒ and through email.