

Newsletter

Youth Center for North America (YCNA) July 2022

Welcome to our special leadership edition! After our amazing leadership workshop "Adjusting the Sails" last month, we take this newsletter to share the great key moments of the event. Enjoy!!!

The "Adjusting the Sails" leadership workshop was a 5-day program that offered a holistic approach to leadership where participants integrated their strengths, character and values into their leadership while bringing their whole selves to the role: body, mind and spirit. It was inspired by the spirituality of unity that prepared participants to lead and journey towards building a more fraternal and united world.



Why the title "Adjusting the Sails"?

In John Maxwell's quote, "*The pessimist complains about the wind. The optimist expects it to change. The leader adjusts the sails*", the object coming our way is the wind. Invisible as it is, it is a powerful element that freely goes where it will. Difficult to stop, it can pierce and destroy the hardest substance, roofs, trees, buildings. But for sure the wind will come. What can we do? We can complain about it. We can expect it to change course, go elsewhere, die down. Or we can use it to our advantage. **Read more...**

We asked some people "What does leadership mean to you?" Video

Their **<u>feedback</u>** tells us that it was a beneficial learning experience for which they were very happy for the chance to be present.

- "This was an amazing program"
- "My strengths are what made me unique"
- "Good to immediately put dialogue into practice."
- "This was a great perspective to really be immersed and see the similarities of the challenges we face."
- "This was one of the most motivating events and changed me. It helped relight my passion."
- "Very helpful for the future."
- "The most amazing thing."
- "The assignment/exercise they had us do was very beneficial to leadership and communication skills."

Gee's story - Relationships become the main focus

My name is George Lippold and I'm from the Bronx, New York. I'm a husband and father of 4 girls.

In my work as an Educational Consultant, I help educators implement and manage software programs. This requires me to be in constant contact with my clients remotely but also on-site. I present software and instruct on its use. On the part of the client, it calls for openness and a willingness to go into the unknown at times.

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