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# Pathway Opportunities Expanding: Courses Now Being Offered to Adults Over and Under age 30

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BYU-IDAHO and the Manhattan NY Institute of Religion are teaming up to open a new “pathway” to earning a college degree—this time for “old people.” The Pathway Program consists of students gathering weekly with friends and a mission couple while studying with other BYU-Idaho students online from around the globe.

The Church Board of Education’s approval of the formation of a group for adults over age 30 has been met with a burst of enthusiasm, as many have been patiently waiting for the news. In Manhattan the “senior” group will begin in September 2011; a new group for older adults in New York City will be formed to start again in January; groups in other locations may also begin in January 2012.

Since the fall of 2009 the Pathway program has grown from three to 31 sites worldwide. Most sites are located in the western and

eastern United States, with two international locations—Accra, Ghana and Puebla, Mexico. The five sites in the U.S. Northeast area are in Hingham, MA, Yorktown, CT, Maplewood, NJ, New York City, and New Windsor, NY. Two additional sites will open this fall in New Haven, CT and Cambridge, MA.

Pathway students meet in classes separated by age—young adults, ages 18 to 30 and adults over age 30. During class students review together their online course work from BYU-Idaho, teach one another, and receive local institute religious instruction. In Manhattan,

groups meet on Thursdays, 7:00-9:30 pm at the Union Square LDS building, 144 W. 15th Street.

Applicants should be conversant and literate in English in order to succeed at Pathway. A Second Level English Proficiency (SLEP) test can be taken free of charge to ensure that potential Pathway students have the required minimum language ability to successfully advance

After the first year of study, Pathway graduates have the option of continuing as BYU-I students, either online or on-campus in Rexburg, Idaho. An endorsement from ones bishop and stake president is not required to begin Pathway, but is necessary after the first year.

If you’d like more information about Pathway visit: [www.byui.edu/pathway](http://www.byui.edu/pathway). You can also inquire of your local Institute director: Jon Stephenson – Manhattan and Brooklyn ([stephensonjh@ldschurch.org](mailto:stephensonjh@ldschurch.org)); Stan Kaufmann – Queens/Long Island ([kauffmanrs@ldschurch.org](mailto:kauffmanrs@ldschurch.org)); Russ May – The Bronx/Westchester/Yorktown/Newburgh ([mayr@ldschurch.org](mailto:mayr@ldschurch.org)); David Bean – Northern New Jersey ([beandh@ldschurch.org](mailto:beandh@ldschurch.org)). ■



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