Welcome...
To the ACF Today campus ministry eletter sponsored by the North American Division Youth and Young Adult department. Please send campus ministry news, events, resources and ideas to info@acflink.org

Word On Campus
“Come and see,” Jesus said to some of his first followers when asked where he was staying (John 1: 37-39). Come is the third essential in campus ministry. If Christ is the message and we are the bearers of his message, then come or community is the goal of his mission. As we begin a new life in Christ we are introduced to a new community in the divine family of God and his church. After returning from Christmas break one student who was not a believer, but who had been visiting one of our ACF fellowships, remarked in the sharing time that what he remembered and appreciated most about the fall semester was learning about God’s love for him and the connection of loving others in return as a result of his experience through the ACF group. Community is a transparent witness for or against Christ. When we include others in our group we are inviting them into the community of Jesus and a tangible witness of his kingdom. “Wherever two or three are gathered in my name”, Jesus said, “there I am in the midst of them.” Community is evangelism - so remember to invite others to “taste and see that the Lord is good!”

News & Events
1. Ontario Conference Campus Ministries Retreat is taking place at Camp Frenda (2½ hours north of Toronto) March 4 – 6, 2011. Guest speaker will be Richard Roschman, coordinator of the ACF chapter on the campus of McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. Theme: Just Walk Across the Room. Richard will be sharing how we can enter “the zone of the unknown” in a relational approach to personal evangelism. Approximately 60 students from campuses across Ontario are registered.

2. 2011 ACF Advisory: This year ACF/NAD campus ministry advisory will be meeting in Lincoln NE, March 13 from 2 - 5 pm. ACF Advisory includes the ACF/NAD Executive Committee made of representatives throughout
North America and Canada as well as any ACF participants available. Your input is needed! For suggestions and input on this years meeting please email us at: info@acflink.org.

3. 2011 Adventist Chaplains Conference: This years conference is being held in the Seattle area and will be hosted by Walla Walla University. Scheduled dates are - March 17 - 22. Student leaders from Adventist campuses will gather for ministry planning for their respective campuses. Chaplains meetings begin Monday, March 21 and continue through the 22nd. For more information you can download the tentative NAD Chaplains Conf..pdf here

4. WASA Conference - "Thinking about thinking about God": Western Adventist Students’ Association will be having their annual conference, March 18-20. The speaker is Jeffery Rosario. The conference is in the main atrium of the University Community Centre, the cross roads of student life at the university. For more info go to WASA President Lanita (lanita.resendes@gmail.com). [news from the University of Western Ontario, Ontario, Canada]

5. The National Student Forum: This event in Ottawa, is a part of the Canadian government's National Prayer Breakfast and is geared toward Youth 18-25 who are Christians interested in civic leadership. It is a time for the young adult Christian leaders of Canada to explore and prepare for the faith-based challenges found in the workplace. An Adventist pastor, Lyle Notice, is helping to organize this event, May 17-19, 2011.

6. Adventist Youth Transition Network is partnering with Insight Magazine for a special issue on high school seniors in transition. The March 26 issue will feature four first person student articles about their experience in living their faith in college. This issue will become a companion to the already existing LIFE booklet (Spiritual LIFE For College and Beyond) following the March issue. For more information and additional resources on helping students transition to college see www.aytn.org.

7. Ignition 2011 Young Adult Conference: Tim Elmore, president of Growing Leaders, will be among the featured presenters at IGNITION, a young adult ministry training event, slated for April 4-6, 2011 at the Arlington Seventh-day Adventist Church, 4409 Pleasantview Drive, Arlington, TX 76017, located conveniently just minutes from the Dallas/Ft. Worth International Airport [DFW]. Young adults, educators, parents, and ministry leaders are encouraged to attend. Registration and information are available online at www.IGNITIONblog.wordpress.com


9. The Greatest Show on Earth: Making Sense of the Creation-Evolution Debate, May 4–8, 2011. This will be a satellite down link program hosted by scientist, Dr. Timothy Standish, and pastor/theologian, Ron Clouzet. For more information on this and other North American Adventist ministry initiatives sign up for News Points @ North American Division Communication newpoints@nad.adventist.org

10. SECC & SCC Young Adult Retreat, May 27-29: A weekend of great speakers and fellowship with other young adults at Pine Springs Ranch in Southern California. Keynote speaker Matthew Gamble will speak on relationships with self, God and others. For more information download the pdf file: red yaposter.pdf.

11. ExCEL May 29-August 7: A ten-week program of canvassing and campus ministry training run in collaboration with Michigan Conference Publishing department. Earn money, while spreading the gospel through literature and simultaneously receive training on how to be a more effective leader in your campus ministry. It's not your typical canvassing program. www.michiganyouthinaction.com

12. Develop National Student Leadership Conference: Cultivating Growth, Engagement and Success in students. June 22 & 23, Atlanta, GA. For more info click on DEVELOP.

13. Campus Spiritual Leadership Graduate Certificate Program, Andrews University July 5-13: This two week intensive in campus ministry practices is designed for professionals with responsibility for some aspect of the discipleship of students attending public or Christian universities, or Christian secondary-level academies. Typical applicants would be youth and education directors, campus chaplains and youth pastors, Bible teachers, principals, residence hall deans, student services personnel, and lay leaders of young adult ministry near public university campuses. For more information download: CampusSpiritualLeadership2011.pdf or click on Growing Disciples.

14. i.e.a.d.s July 6-10: A five-day training seminar on campus ministry. Topics range from effectively using media for your campus ministry, to tips on how to relate evangelistically to your Muslim peers, and everything in between. Time is also allotted for planning your year with the guidance and counsel from staff with years of experience. www.campushope.com

15. Live It!: July 20-24, 2011, at Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, Indiana. Live It! combines experiential worship and track programming, creating a spiritual catalyst for high school youth to live their unique lives for Christ. More info: Visit youthunlimited.org/LiveIt.


17. Unity Within Division: December 14-18, 2011, from Texas Field Office. CIF for the local field office.
Campus Ministry Career Opportunities

✓ ACF @ UTK is looking for an Assistant Chaplain for the 2011-2012 school year. This is a taskforce position. If you're interested in serving, please email Michaela Lawrence Jeffery at mlawrence@gccsda.com for more details. The ideal applicant is someone who is familiar with public campus ministry.

Resources

1. ACFLINK.ORG WEB SITE: Many thanks to Sandi Lee, wife of Elliot Lee the original web designer of acflink.org for the small but so necessary upgrades. Thanks to Sandi, www.acflink.org is functioning again. We encourage you to go online and bring the information for your group up to date asap. ACFLINK.ORG is our best resource for staying connected with Adventist ministry on non-Adventist college and university campuses. Another great connecting point is: ACF on Facebook at ACF North America.

2. Two great Adventist campus ministry resource locations: Check out the new web site for Adventist Resources For Campus Ministry (ARC) at www.ar4cm.org. Also take a look at the new Adventist Youth Transition Network (AYTN) a web site full of resources for high school seniors heading off to college: www.aytn.org.

3. The Gap Year Experience: Harvard’s letter of admission strongly recommends that students consider a gap year (a year away from formal education before college). Why? Research indicates that:
   • About 30% of freshmen never see their sophomore year
   • Only 35% of students graduate in four years
   • Many students are simply burned out after 12 years in the classroom
   • On average, it takes more than six years for U.S. Students to earn a four year degree

Do you know any students who want or need a break from the classroom? Have them check out Traverse, a new gap year ministry in Colorado that provides summer and full gap year experiences for recent high school graduates that cultivate maturity, develop skills and help them discover purpose and direction. The five primary components of Traverse are: Service, both close to home and abroad; Outdoor adventure and recreation; Apprenticeships; Integrated Learning (with up to 12 hours of college credit); and Personal Faith Development. For more info see: traversegapyear.com.

4. College Care - Update On Suggestions For Local Churches Wanting To Connect With Their University Students: Boulder SDA church packed up 46 care packages for college students and SDA military personnel that included such items as locally made snacks, a devotional book and CD written and developed by local artist Tony Wuerfel (reported in February ACF TODAY), basic reusable student supplies (pens, pencils, paper clips), personal notes from church members, and a newsletter from their alma mater Vista Ridge Academy. Church members felt a part of the lives of students away from home and I am sure the students will feel a warm glow from the homemade cookies and personal thoughts from their home church.

5. Sabbath School App: A Bible study app for the student, teacher, and small group leader. The studies are built on Scripture and encourage the reader to discover a better understanding of the Bible. This app is available for the iPhone, iPad and Android. More info: Visit GraceLink.net.

6. Daniel Challenge: Looking for a great campus outreach program on your campus? Do you long for your campus group to move beyond nurture and fellowship and into reaching their campus for Christ? The Daniel Challenge from the Be Hive is a program of ten lifestyle principles based on the Old Testament prophet Daniel who challenged his Babylonian overseer that he would be ten times stronger if he was allowed to not “defile himself from the kings table”. In the Daniel Challenge participants are challenged to adopt ten lifestyle principles of better health that will improve well being while potentially boosting their GPA over the semester. For more information go to: Daniel Challenge. This could be a great way of involving students in communicating the gospel on campus through an Adventist lifestyle.

7. Two great programs with possible campus interest for social justice: Not For Sale - http://www.notforsalecampaign.org/ & ADRA also has a violence against women campaign called End It Now - http://www.enditnow.org/. Students often find an interest in the Christian faith through the door of social justice.

8. Headed To Graduate School?: Check out last months issue of Relevant Magazine featuring some great suggestions on schools and seminaries.

9. Best Practices For Adventist Worship: Check out a couple of great articles in Best Practices on Adventist worship and Jesus throughout our history. CClick Best Practices to read it for yourself.

10. A Couple Of Great New Campus Ministry Resources: 
✓ Growing Leaders has just published a new book about campus leadership called A Manifesto For Growing Leaders On Your Campus. For more information go to: http://www.growingleaders.com/index.php/home/our-manifesto.html
Cultural Trends

1. **0 - No Religion, No Representation:** While 16% of Americans are unaffiliated with any particular religion, not a single member of Congress lists his or her religion as atheist, agnostic or "nothing in particular." [Read more](#)

2. **Homosexuality Now Considered By Some As The Third Sex:** India Census Offers Three Gender Options India’s national census, which goes into the field this week, includes not just the usual two gender categories. [Read more](#)

3. **Tech Trends From Pew Research:**
   - **Generations and Gadgets**
     While many technology devices have become popular across generations, Millennials are by far the most likely both to own most gadgets and to take advantage of a wide range of functions on those devices. [Read more](#)
   - **Latinos and Digital Technology**
     Latinos are less likely than whites to access the internet, have a home broadband connection or own a cell phone. However, when socioeconomic characteristics are taken into account, technology use patterns are similar. [Read more](#)

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