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. You can also download ACFT-6:11.pdf, for a pdf version of this document.

Word On Campus
“He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Revelation 21:5. New is the next word to focus on for a successful campus ministry program. Students are always in flux and campus ministry is the ministry of the revolving door. Students lives are in a constant swirl of change from the moment they land on campus and a campus ministry that has been predominantly comprised of undergraduates can shift to grad students from one year to the next. The personality of our campus ministry can change from gender to gender, racial mix, emphasis on certain majors over another as well as traditional to more progressive student leanings. This makes campus ministry - ministries of constant change - even from semester to semester. What worked one year may not work even for the next semester necessitating new approaches and program styles to connect with diverse student groups. Of course what works on one campus may not be effective on another. The message we share is the same. The principles of Christ’s kingdom are true for each campus regardless of the ministry context - but the way we approach sharing our message on that campus can vary depending on the issues of the campus and the students in our fellowship. Successful campus ministries learn how to adapt to these changing environments. They learn how to read their campus and the personality of the student group applying new and innovative approaches in order to reach students where they are. “I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some,” Paul said. (1Corinthians 9:22). What kind of changes or “new” things would you be willing to consider to reach the students on your campus?

News & Events
1. Seventh-day Adventist Student Shot and Killed: Yoselin L. Perez Ramirez, 20, a second-year communications major was shot and killed minutes away from the Montemorelos University campus, May 29 in Montemorelos, Mexico. The shooting happened hours after Montemorelos University a Seventh-day Adventist institution celebrated its 68th graduation ceremony. Our hearts and prayers go out to the friends and family of this beautiful young woman whose life ended so young and tragically. For more info on Yoselin’s story go to: Yoselin.

2. Tribute To Pastor Bill Wood: Pastor Bill Wood, current union Youth Director of the Atlantic Union Conference is retiring at the end of this month, June 30. This completes over 40 years of youth ministry for pastor Bill. Over the years, Bill has been a great friend of youth and youth/young adult pastors. He has also helped catapult ministry to college and university students in the Atlantic Union to new heights during the twelve years he has served as Union Youth Director. Our hearts are with you Bill. Thanks for all you have done in leading young people to Christ and in service to God’s kingdom.

3. Public High School Ministry: Scott Ward, my good friend and colleague joins the NAD Youth Department as Public High School Campus ministries Coordinator, in addition to his responsibilities as Youth Pastor in Northern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventist. Welcome aboard, Scott. To check out some great ministry to kids in public high schools go to Scott’s web site for youth at: Peace4youth.

4. ARC has a new name: Formerly Adventist Center For College Faith and most recently, Adventist Resources For Campus Ministries has changed their name again to Affiliated Resources For Campus Ministries to avoid the Seventh-day Adventist name infringement since ARC is its own 501-C3. ARC can still be accessed through our web site at: www.ar4cministries.org. Here you can look at the newest Adventist resources for ministry on non-Adventist college and university campuses.

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

6. 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. ExCEl

7. British Columbia Campus Ministries Conference June 10-12: Guest speaker Elder James Black, NAD Youth and Young Director is the keynote speaker for a weekend of great spiritual life and fellowship for young adults. Conference is being hosted in Victoria near the campus of University of Victoria. Weekend Theme: Turn Out For Christ. For more info contact Brian Wahl bcadventistyouth@gmail.com BC Youth and Young Adult Director.

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

9. Training for Campus Ministers: Check out the Campus Spiritual Leadership Graduate Certificate Program, Andrews University July 5-13: This two week intensive in campus ministry practices is designed for campus ministry professionals and lay leaders tasked with the responsibility of discipling students attending public or Christian universities, and Christian secondary-level academies. Typical applicants are youth and education directors, campus chaplains, youth pastors, Bible teachers, principals, residence hall deans, student services personnel, and lay leaders of young adult ministry near college and university campuses. For more information download: CampusSpiritualLeadership2011.pdf or click on Growing Disciples. If you would like to take advantage of this years intensive without working toward an actual certificate in campus spiritual leadership provision is being made to attend the class as a non-credit student at a reduced price. Please email us at info@acflink.org for more information.

10. Young Adult Camp Meeting Weekend in Pennsylvania June 10 &11: Join Pastor Nick Snell, worship leaders Dan, Emily and Jonny Mall, and emcees Lee G and Delon, as we discover more about what it means to surrender to God in our day-to-day lives. We're invited to a radical life, an amazing journey with Jesus. For more info go to: Radical Surrender

11. Southern New England Conference Young Adult Camp Meeting - June 17, 18. Dr. Kay Kuzma with Family Matters will be the featured speaker. Go to Family Matters for more info.

12. L.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. L.E.A.D.S.

13. Maranatha Summer Service Projects For College Students - July 12 - 26, 2011, Chiapas Mexico. This project will consist of building a One-Day Church plus walls, outreach, kids ministry, and visitation. The next project is in Honduras from July 28-August 9 and consists of construction, community service, and new connections with spiritual opportunities in the community. For more information go to: Maranatha

14. Live It!: July 20-24, 2011, at Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, Indiana. Live It! combines experiential and creative learning with a biblical and spiritual emphasis. For more info go to: LiveIt!
worship and track programming, creating a spiritual catalyst for high school youth to live their unique lives for Christ. More info: Visit Live It.

15. Echo 2011 Conference for Artists, Geeks and Story tellers: July 27-29, Dallas, TX. For more info check out Echo


18. Save The Date - Just Claim It JCI3 Prayer Conference March 7-10, Greensboro, NC. Check out JCI3

Campus Ministry Career Opportunities And Changes

✓ ACF @ UTK is looking for an Assistant Chaplain for the 2011-2012 school year (August-May). This is a taskforce position, ideal for someone who is single, familiar with public campus ministry, willing to live in the ministry house among students and absolutely devoted to serving Christ. If you’re interested in serving, please email Michaela Lawrence Jeffery at mlawrence@gccsda.com for more details.

✓ CYE Administrative Change: On July 1, Jose Bourget will transition from his role as the Center For Youth Evangelism (CYE) Assistant Director into a position as an Associate Pastor at Pioneer Memorial Seventh-day Adventist Church, serving as the Andrews University Chaplain for Outreach. All the best to you Jose in this new adventure

Resources

1. ACFLINK.ORG WEB SITE: ACFLINK.ORG is our best resource for staying connected with Adventist ministry on non-Adventist college and university campuses. ACFLINK is getting an important face lift and being reconfigured as more of a social network site for increased student interaction. Another great connecting point is: ACF on Facebook at ACF North America.

2. Public Campus Ministry - An Urgent Plea: For a great article on the suggestion and support from Adventist church spiritual leader Ellen G. White on the need for ministry on college and university campuses check out Pastor Bill Cork’s article in Adventist Today at: Public Campus

3. Help Us Promote Campus Ministry This Summer Across The NAD: Summer is a great time to let people know about your local ACF chapter. One of the best ways to do that is to have a short article published in the Union Paper. Contact the editor and see if they are willing to publish an article about campus ministry in your union. Kirk King has a side bar to include that identifies some resources that are available. You can ask Kirk for a copy of the sidebar to include with your article by emailing him. kirkking@servicesfari.org.

4. Becoming a Fragrance For Christ On Your Campus: Check out this article on the importance of making a good impression for Christ around friends and colleagues at: adventistreview

5. 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.

6. Veritas Forum: To hear some great topics on apologetics and intersection of faith and life check out the Veritas Forum. Some of the greatest presentations between experienced university professors and Christian apologists are listed here for the benefit of building your faith in the academy.

7. 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 eat “defile himself...”
10. **Can We Talk?** is a helpful article on conversation ideas between Christian's and Atheist's. Check it out at: [Talk](#)

11. **Apps Make College Easier To Access:** No time for class? Pull out your iPhone. A small but growing cadre of online universities is developing mobile apps to help students pursue their studies whenever and wherever they want. Check out this article in USA TODAY on smart phone apps for college at: [APPS](#)

**Thriving in College AND Beyond:** Research-Based Strategies for Academic Success and Personal Development. Shares research and current trends on measuring the success of today's student. [Thriving](#)

**Check out these two articles from the Pew Research group on the value of today's college education:**
- *Is College Worth It?* College Presidents, Public Assess Value, Quality and Mission of Higher Education at: College Worth
- *The Value of College.* Interactive charts explore the attitudes of the public and of college presidents about the value, cost, quality, mission and payoff of higher education. Value Chart

**Everystudent.com** is a great new web site on the basics - who is God, how to know God, what’s wrong with porn - real questions that students face today with honest biblical answers. Check out [Every Student](#)

**Cultural Trends**

1. **Young Adults Getting Fat At Church**
   Better go easy on the pizza and snacks! A recent study shows that young adults who regularly attend religious activities are 50 percent more likely to become obese when they reach middle age than their nonreligious peers, a new study shows. Read more at: [Young Adults](#)

2. **There’s Nothing Brief About A Hookup** is a great article on a growing trend toward virginity among college students. Recent studies have revealed some good news in the sex culture among college co-eds: there are more virgins among them now than was the case a few years ago.: See [Hookup](#) for more info

3. **Sex and The Christian**
   For a great article on current sexual trends and the value of maintaining your virginity go to: [Virginity](#)

4. **Film:** *Tree Of Life*
   To view of a trailer of a film due out this month on the critical issue between nature and grace go to *Tree Of Life.* This looks be a sensitive insight on the mystery of life and creation.

5. **New Developments on SDA Position on Creation**
   Further definition on tap for Adventist fundamental belief on creation. New review committee follows 2010 General Conference Session action to 'strengthen' church's interpretation of origins. To read more go to: [Creation](#)

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