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-7-11.pdf, for a pdf version of this document.

Word On Campus
“Freely you have received,” Jesus said - “freely give.” Matthew 10:8. Gift is another word for evangelism - giving away the kingdom! (Luke 12:32). Successful campus ministry is the ministry of Jesus and thus always an invitation - a reaching out to others. Campus groups that remain insular and concentrate only on themselves by nurturing their own group, become stagnant pools of protection and isolation. The ministry of Christ is a swift moving current - a river of life as John expressed in John 1:16, “From the fullness of his grace, we have all received one blessing after another.” Campus outreach should be a given, but we have all witnessed the tendency for groups to form holy huddles within the larger campus community lacking any evangelism component in their ministry. Sharing who Christ is to us and freely giving away the life we have received is the creme de le creme of the Christian life. It is in giving that we receive for it is only when we are secure enough to give away what we have received that our faith is truly ours to give. So, again as Jesus said… "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” (Luke 6:38)

News & Events
1. ACFLINK, the official web site for news and information about ministry on non-Adventist college and university campuses has a new home, but the same address. Register your group and create your own personal page on...
5. This looks be a sensitive insight on the mystery of life and creation. For a good discussion on the lesson of the A.J. Keisling writes that despite our cultures bold declaration to the contrary, men are actually more attracted to

3. 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.ar4cmistries.org. Here you can take a look at the newest Adventist resources for ministry on non-Adventist college and university campuses.

4. 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

5. 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.

6. Youth Empowered to Serve (YES!) focuses on involving youth and young adults in service ministries. Sponsored by Adventist Community Services, YES! is a network of young people throughout North America who minister through random acts of kindness, strategically planned service events, disaster response and emergency relief. To learn more or to get involved visit YES or YES on FB.

7. 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


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

10. Growing Leaders Blitz, September 10, Plymouth, Michigan: Generation Y Leaders One Day Training with Dr. Tim Elmore. For more information and to register for this one day training go to: Blitz

11. Festival of the Laity 2011: September 7-10, 2011, in Dallas, Texas. Training provided by the NAD Youth Department. More info: Visit the event page, or call (301) 680-6430. (Sponsored by the North American Division)


15. Save The Date - Just Claim It JC13 Prayer Conference March 7-10, 2012, Greensboro, NC. Check out JC13

Career Changes and Opportunities

✓ 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.

✓ Campus Ministry Internship What are you doing from aug to may? Take this school year to offer ministry support and leadership at the Andrews University Campus Ministry office. Take advantage of hands on training from a chaplain team with decades of youth and young adult experiences across multi-cultural contexts, expertise in large event planning, missions, discipleship, community partnerships, and evangelism. Take advantage of the opportunity to be the Campus Ministry Intern. Contact me for more details Or email me your cvs (resume) along with cover letter to pastorjose@me.com
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. **Young Adult Ministry Starter Pack 1:** This first pack of three more yet to come from Dr. Allan Martin Young Adult Coordinator for the North American Division gives focus to research and provides a solid foundation on which to build a strong young adult ministry. Check it out at: Starter Pack

5. **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

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 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.

8. **Christian University Classes On Line.** Check out classes and course work for Christian beliefs at Christian University GlobalNet is a fully online Christian university, enabling you to work at your own pace and from your own home, church, office, or any other location equipped with Internet access! Our courses are also fully available on Web-enabled smart phones and other mobile devices, making CUGN an educational institution with a curriculum that is fully-mobile compatible. We currently offer three online academic programs: Certificate in Bible (16 credits), Diploma in Biblical Studies (36 credits), Master of Arts in Religion Degree (60 credits). Next term begins April 11. First on line class is free!

9. **Intersection Your Faith and Your World:** Produced by the Communication Department of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Intersection: Your Faith, Your World" is a 30 minute weekly television broadcast. The panelists discuss topics that affect every Christian's life, and present a Seventh-day Adventist take on current issues. The discussions range from social to spiritual to family and feature a variety of different experts, church leaders, teachers, and lay members of the Adventist Church.

10. **Can We Talk?** is a helpful article on conversation ideas between Christian's and Atheist's. Check it out at: Talk

11. **Colleg Ready:** Intended for Seniors in High School or Freshmen in College, this video-guided series helps get teenagers ready for the issues they'll face in college. More info: Visit Family Life.

12. **Christian Guides:** Download free guides for choosing graduate and undergraduate schools from Relevant Magazine. Check it out at: Guides

13. **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.

14. **Some Great Campus Ministry Resources:**
   1. **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
   2. **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
   3. **Check out these two articles from the Pew Research group on the value of today’s college education:**
   - a. Is College Worth It? College Presidents, Public Assess Value, Quality and Mission of Higher Education at: College Worth
   - b. 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
Cultural Trends
1. **The Visions Of Students Today Project.** What are your visions for your campus, the future and your mark on the world? Share your vision on 2011 [Remix]
2. **11 Things To Know At 25ish:** Relevant Magazine looks at what you need to know to be a real adult. Check it out at 11 Things.
3. **Social Networks and Our Lives**
   Close to half of all adults now use social networking sites (SNS) -- double the number of users in 2008 -- and the average user is getting older. Are there benefits associated with being connected to others in this way? A new study finds SNS users more trusting, politically engaged and able to keep close social ties. [Read more]
4. **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]
5. **Sex and The Christian**
   For a great article on current sexual trends and the value of maintaining your virginity go to: [Virginity]
6. **The Allure Of Modesty**
   A.J. Keisling writes that despite our cultures bold declaration to the contrary, men are actually more attracted to modesty than anything goes. Go to [Allure] to read more.
7. **Film: Tree Of Life**
   To view 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. For a good discussion on the lesson of the doctrine of Original Sin being discussed in this film go to [Oozze].
8. **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]
9. **America's Four Gods:** In their book, America's Four Gods, Paul Froese and Christopher Bader look into how people's views of God affect their lives. In their research they found:
   1. 26% of Americans view God as authoritarian
   2. 21% view God as benevolent
   3. 21% view God as critical
   4. 24% view God as distant
   5. 5% of Americans are either atheists or agnostics.
   Visit: [4 Gods] for more info

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