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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 for a pdf version of this document.

Word On Campus

With "Now is the day of salvation." (2 Corinthians 6:2) Paul reminds the Corinthian believers of the urgency of receiving the good news of Salvation in Jesus Christ today. Now is the essential word for campus ministry this month since the message Christ is always relevant and needed each day. The emphasis is on Now because now is when we are hearing the word, but it is also important to translate the word of Christ into the words and language of today - the gospel is a Now message. Christ died and rose for us nearly two thousand years ago, but his life still speaks to our core issues of whom am I, where did I come from, and where am I going? Successful campus ministry listens to the needs and concerns of students and society to apply the message of Christ to the questions and challenges we are facing right now. It is not enough that the gospel reconciles our past with forgiveness or...
gives hope for a glorious future. We are living with real problems today and the message of Jesus must have something to say about political unrest, racism, relationships, environmental problems, human trafficking, war, poverty, greed, fear and death. Jesus reminded his skeptics that God was not "God of the dead - but of the living!" (Luke 20:38) If the message will ever be heard by our friends on campus - it will have to be a Now message - one that speaks to the issues that people are facing today.

**News & Events**

1. **London Adventist Youth March For Peace**: Read about London youth who marched for peace following the UK riots in August. [Riots](#)
2. **Adventist Competitor in World Triathlon-Christine Wallace**: Check Christine's amazing story of coming to Christ through the witness of Adventist students at York University in Toronto, Canada and how God is using her witness through Adventist Health/Lifestyle as a qualifier for the Woman’s World Triathlon to influence others for Christ. To read her entire story go to: [Being All That We Can Be.pdf](#)
3. **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 page on the new ACF social network at [www.acflink.org](http://www.acflink.org). Sign up and tell your friends to meet you on ACFLINK. You can help by making ACFLINK the best sight to meet and stay in touch with what's happening in Adventist campus ministry today.
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](http://www.ar4cministries.org). Here you can take a look at the newest Adventist resources for ministry on non-Adventist college and university campuses.
5. **Campus Crusade Has Become CRU**. Campus Crusade has been playing with a new name in recent years due to the complications of two names and the misunderstanding that crusade can have among today’s students. The name change was official this summer on July 19 from a CRU staff conference in Fort Collins CO. To read more about the name change and its implications go to: [CRU](#)
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. **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](#)
8. **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)
9. **Unpacking Islam**: Tenth anniversary of 9/11, September 11, 2011 two hour webcast with Lee Strobel and Mark Mittleberg honoring the 9/11 event, information about Islam and suggestions on how to reach out to Muslim friends. Got to: [Islam](#) for more info
10. **God Encounters Conference**: September 15-17, Arlington, TX. For more info go to: [GodEncounters](#)
11. **Campus Hope Boston Collegiate Summit**, September 30-October 1. For more info go to: [Campus Hope](#)
12. **Catalyst Conference, October 5-7, Atlanta, GA**: Catalyst is a powerful gathering of young leaders, a movement of influencers and world changers who love Jesus, see things differently, and feel a burden for

14. **Engage ACF Conference**: Ohio Conference is sponsoring a fall campus ministry convene on October 16-18 at Wright State University. For more info go to: Engage

15. **Soularize** (October 18-20, San Diego, CA) is a 3 day “Learning Party” designed to challenge believers to live passionately and authentically for Jesus. For more info go to: SOULARIZE

16. **Catalyst One Day Conference**: Andy Stanley will be featured for a one day Catalyst conference at Saddleback Church in Southern California, October 27. For more info go to Catalyst.

17. **The Vibrant Dance of Faith and Science Conference** on Creation and the Biblical Options October 28 - 29, Houston TX. For what looks to be a great line up of speakers and presenters check out VIBRANT DANCE

18. **Not For Sale Global Network On Human Trafficking Conference**, October 21, 22, Sunnyvale, CA. For more information go to: NOT FOR SALE

19. **SCEA: Fifth Conference On Emerging Adulthood**, October 27, 28 - Providence, RI. For more info go to CEA


21. **Passion 2012, January 2-5, Atlanta - GA Dome**: Join the movement of young believers for God’s renown: Given the fact that the university landscape changes every fall with a rush of new freshman faces, our mission at Passion is to continue to engage the "university moment," with the compelling message of Jesus and the story. He is writing around the globe. For more info go to: PASSION 2012

22. **Save The Date** - Just Claim It JCI3 Prayer Conference March 7-10, 2012, Greensboro, NC. Check out JCI3

23. **Save The Date (April 6-8, 2012) - First Annual ACF/NAD Campus Ministry Conference**: For this years conference we will be joining up with ACF at Columbia University. This will mark Columbia ACF and Church Of The Advent Hope S 8th annual conference, but it will be even bigger this year as ACF/NAD joins in to invite students from across the division for our first annual campus ministry conference. Start reserving April 6-8. Here is a link to last years conference since nothing has been published yet for 2012: ACF@NY

### Career Changes and Opportunities

- **Student Teachers For Guam-Micronesia Mission Schools**: Looking for a great student missions opportunity? GMM has 16 schools on 11 islands staffed mainly by student missionaries from SDA colleges. Unfortunately, some schools are severely understaffed and are looking for student missionaries to fill the gap. It is an easy process to connect to adventistvolunteers.org to learn where the needs are the greatest. Some schools are severely understaffed and will not be able to start on time. Please email Karla Reel for more info at: kreel@gmmmsda.org.

- **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
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. **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

3. **Living With Questions**: For a great article on wrestling with the greater questions of scripture check out Josh Lujan Loveless article in Nueve Magazine.

4. **College Bible Kits**: Adventist Chaplaincy Ministry has compiled some great resource kits complete with pocket bible and helpful campus information and college spiritual life materials that can be ordered for students heading off to college. You can look at these resources and order for your own students at: College Kits

5. **777 Global Prayer Initiative**: The SDA Church is sponsoring a 7 am & 7 pm 7 day a week prayer for reformation and revival. To learn more go to: 777

6. **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

7. **Reject Apathy**: Looking for some great resources on getting students beyond mere spectators and into a living faith that is making a difference in the world? Check out REJECT APATHY for more information on how to go way beyond merely surviving in college to actually thriving in your faith by helping grow advance the kingdom on your campus.

8. **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.

9. **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. This could be a great way of involving students in communicating the gospel on campus through Adventist lifestyle. For more information go to: Daniel Challenge.

10. **Christian University Classes On Line**: Check out classes and course work for Christian beliefs at Christian University Christian University GlobalNet is a fully online Christian university, enabling 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-based smart phones and other mobile devices, making CUGN an educational institution with a curriculum that is fully mobile-compatible. We currently offer three on line 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!

11. **Intersecting 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 Christians life and present a Seventh-day Adventist take on current issues. The discussion range from social to spiritual to family and feature a variety of different experts, church leaders, teachers and lay members of the Adventist church.

12. **Can We Talk?** is a helpful article on conversation ideas between Christian’s and Atheist’s. Check it out at: [Talk](#)

13. **College 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](#).

14. **College Guides**: Download free guides for choosing graduate and undergraduate schools from Relevant Magazine. Check it out at: [Guides](#)

15. **News Points** is the North American Division (NAD) electronic newsletter. It's weekly, and it's for everyone - division, union and conference leaders, workers, ministry specialists, church members, interested persons. It includes a feature article, short news stories with links to much more information. Go to: [News Points](#) to register or download past issues.

16. **Some Great Campus Ministry Resources:**
   
   - **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](#)
   
   - **New Adventist Apps**: Want stay connected with Seventh-day Adventist Church news? Download the ANN App for instant updates from the Adventist world churches' official news source, Adventist news Network.
   
   - **The BAYDA-iServe iPhone app** that will allow for youth and youth leaders to minister, share, and testify. Read news stories and features on topics such as religious liberty, education healthcare, church humanitarian work, mission and outreach. Browse the ANN photo gallery, access the ANN glossary and style guide, and join our global community of readers in active discussion of current church decisions and initiatives. through your iPhone. Post a comment to Facebook or Twitter to share the things that are going on around you with your local church ministry. Take and share pictures of service projects, events that you may b a part of or attend. This app will connect you with other youth and youth ministry leaders from around the world.
   
   - **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](#)
     
     - **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](#)
     
     - **Is Your Church Too Cool?** Relevant magazine’s article on how a pursuit of relevance can undermine community. Read more at: [Relevant](#)

### Campus Ministry Training

The **Campus Spiritual Leadership Graduate Certificate Program, Andrews University July 5-13**: unfortunately, had to be cancelled. 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
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. For more info see Hookup

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 of a trailer of a film due out this month on the critical issue between nature and grace go to Tree Of Life. 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. 28% 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

10. **Why American Churches Are Loosing The Less Educated**: A new study reports that white Americans without college degrees are dropping out of church faster than their higher educated counterparts has many possible explanations. To read more click here

11. **Value Of College Degree - Women compared to Men**: Fifty percent of all college educated women compared with thrulty seven percent men say their college education was worth the value. WOmen are also more likely to say their college education helped them grow personally and intellectually. To read more go to College Value.

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