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 for a pdf version of this document.

Word On Campus

“These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel.” (MT. 10:5, 6). In other words begin sharing the good news with people you already know and are in your sphere of influence. This is one of the first of Jesus instructions to the disciples sent on their first mission. In sharing good news on campus we don't have to go far. Jesus invites us to begin with our roommates and friends. This makes good sense, but the truth is it is sometimes more difficult to talk about God with people that are closest to us than a perfect stranger. A friend already knows us and if they have not asked about our relationship with God bringing the conversation around to God can seem awkward and staged. Besides no one wants to be another persons spiritual project. Still, most people admit that their first encounter with God came through the influence or witness of a friend or family member. If we are feeling the urge to talk with a roommate or classmate, it may be the prompting of the Spirit. It's best to begin with prayer for yourself and your influence on the other person, as well as for their openness to hear the gospel. We should also pray for divine appointments - for God to set up our opportunities and watch him bring himself up in the conversation. It's never a good idea to answer questions that people are not asking - a common mistake for many over zealous evangelists. The best conversations about God with our friends come from questions they generate from real issues in their lives and the most effective gospel leads do not begin with a bible study, but our life experience with God - our own story. If we want to share who God is and what he has done for us it will require real friendships with people who may not believe or are inactive with their faith. It will also require listening more than talking and more talking with God (prayer) on their behalf then direct teaching. Saint Francis is famous for reminding his followers to “Preach the gospel always and when necessary use words.” Ellen Whites comment in the book Help In Daily Living p.2 is
another great reminder that, "The strongest argument in favor of the gospel is a loving and loveable Christian." Our faithful and consistent, compassion filled life is the first gospel many will ever read. The truth is – there is no greater joy than playing even a small part in helping a good friend discover the best friend they will ever have. No wonder Jesus said to begin with those we already know and have our deepest relationships with. They are the ones that Christ is already putting himself on display for through us. No pressure!

News & Events

1. **GodEncounters Weekend February 3-5, Camp Winnekeag**: Theme - “The Future Is Now, Divinely Called To Serve and Lead.” For more info go to: [GodEncounters](#)
2. **AMiCUS Campus Ministry Retreat, Ontario Canada, February 10-12, 2012** will be held at Camp Frenda. Guest speaker is Dr. Anthony Bueno, pastor, university professor and conference administrator. For more information go to: [AMiCUS Retreat](#)
3. **NorCal Campus Ministry Retreat, February 10-12** will be held at Westminster Woods Camp near Petaluma, CA. For more information contact [Ron Pickell](#)
4. **The One Project, Seattle, WA February 13 & 14**: This conference is now closed, but please pray for pastors and church leaders as they gather in Seattle to draw near to Christ and exalt him together. For more information on the One Project and future dates please go to: [One Project](#)
5. **Connect Campus Ministry Conference, February 24 - 26**, will be held on the campus of the University of Tennessee sponsored by Advent House Seventh-day Adventist Student Center and the Georgia Cumberland Conference - the Connect Conference is now in its fifth year. This year’s theme is “Hands and Feet” as students to serve their campuses through Christian witness and the gift’s that God has given. For more information go to: [Connect](#)
6. **Jubilee Campus Ministry Conference February 17-19, Pittsburgh, PA. Jubilee Conference is "about everything that matters"** Whether you’re interested in engineering and science or art and music, law and politics or medicine and mission, justice and families or college life and the years to come, Jubilee will have someone speaking about what it means to be involved in those places faithfully. It’s a gathering of thousands of college students learning how to worship God with their whole lives. For more info go to: [Jubilee](#)
7. **Just Claim It JCI3 Prayer Conference** March 7-10, 2012, Greensboro, NC. Campus ministry will have a much stronger presence at this year’s JCI3 event. Evening Ignition events will include programing for college age young adults while daily workshops will include seminars like Campus Ministry and the Local Church and Living For Christ On Campus. We are also planning some on campus outreach in the afternoons on the UNC Greensboro campus. If you are a college student and planning to attend this year’s JCI3 please stop by the NAD Youth and Young Adult booth to learn more about sharing your faith on campus. For more info check out [JCI3](#)
8. **First Annual ACF/NAD Campus Ministry Conference (April 13-15)**: For this first NAD 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 an even bigger event this year as ACF/NAD joins in to invite students from across the division for our first annual campus ministry conference. Pastor and professor Zane Yi will be encouraging students to make your faith known on their campus. Start reserving April 13-15. To register go to: [ACF@NY](#)

Resources

1. **ACFLINK.ORG WEB SITE**: [ACFLINK.ORG](#) is the best way 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. **Campus Ministry Quick Start Guide**: Check out the new Quick Start Guide for campus ministry at [AdventSource](#)
3. **100,000 Adventist students are now attending non-Adventist college and universities**: This is according to a 2009 study through the Institute of Church Ministry a 2009 Study on North American Division Congregations. This means that 4 out of 5 Adventist students are now attending non-Adventist colleges.
4. For a look at the **GYC Special Edition of the Adventist Review**. Go to [Review](#)
5. **God Encounters Starter Pak**: The “GODencounters Starter Pak” is the final installation of the trilogy of free, downloadable resources I have created to help you start Young Adult Ministry where you are. Pak 1 focused on RESEARCH [http://db.tt/ox6s3T4], Pak 2 on RELATIONSHIPS [http://db.tt/FWSDeH5], and this final Pak gives emphasis to RETURN [http://db.tt/iP8Y3nG1].

6. **“Living It” Public High School Ministry**: is the new web-based Discipleship Resource Center for public high school ministry that will be up and running by early March. There will be resources for: visiting high school students in their world—including on campus, nurturing your personal spirituality, sharing devotional experiences, creating outreach ideas, along with resources for dealing with teenage at-risk behaviors. The site will feature video testimonies from high school students and leaders about how they have been used by God to reach their world. For now please check out the Living It and join the group on Facebook at: “Living It”

7. **Why Jesus?** Check out Ravi Zacharias' new book *Why Jesus: Rediscovering His Truth In An Age Of Mass Marketed Spirituality*. In this new book Dr. Zacharias helps guide between fact and fiction about the more New Age Jesus of the Celestine Prophecies and Dan Brown's popularized *Davinci Code*. For more info go to: Why Jesus?

8. **A Place For Christian Refugees**: In this months issue of Neue Magazine, blogger Jared Byas talks about the new Christian wrestling with so many questions from a skeptical culture that a place is needed for people to air their doubts and talk about living their faith amid competing values. This raises the question if our churches and campus groups are safe palaces for students to raise questions about living for Jesus on or off campus? For more info check out Refugee

9. **“Still” is a brand new book by Lauren Winner on Mid-Faith Crises.** “Sometimes You Need To Walk Through Darkness Before You Find Light.” Looks to be a great new book on finding faith in the middle of doubt and burning questions. Go to: Still

10. **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.

11. **Does Our Faith Make A Difference?** For a great article on the influence we can have in life and over others check out this great article on *Yes You Can Make A Difference* by Reinder Bruinsma. The encouragement he shares will encourage us in living our faith on campus as in all of life. Check out: Difference

12. **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

13. **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 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 CUGH 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!

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

15. **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.

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

17. **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](#)
- **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.
- **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](#)

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**Cultural Trends**

1. **Seventh-day Adventists and Alcohol Use:** Studies abound that tout numerous benefits of alcohol consumption on heart health. When are Adventists going to change their position on the use and consumption of alcohol? For a great article that talks about the facts of alcohol on its affects on the body check out [Alcohol](#)
2. **Pope Warns Against American Secularism:** Check out the article in the Adventist Review about a recent address given by Pope Benedict XVI to American bishops about the secularization of America and its negative affect on the Christian faith. Go to: [Secularization](#)
3. **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

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**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](http://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@gmmsda.org.
- **Campus Ministry Internships:** We often hear about churches and conferences wanting to develop new campus ministry efforts on their campuses. If you have an interest in being a campus missionary please email us at [acflink](#)
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

4. 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.

Campus Ministry Training

ACF Mission Year is a 10 month task force campus missions program where students learn how to practice and share their faith on a non-Adventist campus and while helping others maintain theirs. Take a few classes, make friends, participate in Bible studies and engage in campus outreach through ACF Mission Year.

ACF Institute is a two week concentrated introduction to campus outreach. ACFI prepares students to win students for Christ, learn about friendship evangelism, on-campus witness and Christian apologetics. For more info about ACF Mission Year or ACF Institute go to ACF

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