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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

"Listen! A farmer went to sow his seed. As he was scattering seed, some fell along the path...some fell on rocky places...other seed fell among the thorns...still other seed fell on good soil." Mark 4:3-8, (selected). The outreach principal we learn from Jesus about sharing the good news on campus this month is to spread the seed liberally. We have to get the word out there because you never know who it might land on and bare a bumper crop. The results were not all that good when the seed fell on the path, the rocks and among the weeds - but this was true even for Jesus! The main thing is to open the door to God's kingdom to whomever will listen and wherever we can. The truth is, good soil can be found in the most unlikely places. One campus group that I just learned of was surprised when it occurred to them that their campus ministry program was 95% about themselves. Their main focus was on nurture and connecting with other Adventist students. When they finally realized that campus ministry is more than nurture and for it to be successful - as with any Christian ministry be it church or campus, it has to have an outreach component or it will die - they began to do something about it and to incorporate outreach in their ministry plans. Mission is what it means to be a follower of Jesus and Jesus was emphatic about getting the word out there. In fact the punch line of one his most famous parables (Matthew 25:14 & ff) was about the foolishness and unacceptable practice of hiding the talent God has given us. I want to suggest that the talent Jesus is speaking of here in this parable is the good news of his kingdom and there is no doubt about Jesus’ command for us to invest this gift with others. From the clear message of this parable - he would even be more pleased if we made a poor or unsuccessful investment than to hide it away just to give it back to him at the end of our days. So... share the word. Give away God's kingdom. Give it away in the dorm, on the quad, in class and do it from a table on campus, in the gym, eating out with friends or just hanging out in your room. Share with your professors, with
fellow students and anywhere God can use you. Look for new and creative ways to share the Good News. Sow the seed and do it as liberally as possible. Don't worry about where it lands. God will direct and make use of the seed.

News & Events

1. Jeremey Linn’s Campus Ministry Roots: “He had a quiet ambition not only to be the basket player, but also the best Christ follower he could be.” See Roots
2. Right’s Of Campus Religious Groups Protected: Check out the recent decision of the courts on Vanderbilt University’s struggle over discrimination of leadership in religious groups. For more info go to: Right’s
3. Just Claim It JCI3 Prayer Conference March 7-10, 2012, Greensboro, NC. Campus ministry will have a much stronger presence at this years 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 afternnons on the UNC Greensboro campus. If you are a college student and planning to attend this years 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
4. CONSPIRE: The Jesus’ Way Revolution, March 16-18, 2012, The Defoor Centre, 1710 Defoor Ave NW, Atlanta, GA, USA. Enjoy a GODenounters weekend with, Sam Leonor, The Glorious Unseen's frontman, Ben Crist, & the Fusicians. Sponsored by FUSIONchurch Atlanta. For more information go to conspire
5. Project Pueblo: Looking for a meaningful guilt free way to spend your spring break that won’t break your parents bank? Check out Project Pueblo's in country mission among the forgotten Native Americans of the Navajo Nation. For more info go to: Project Pueblo
6. Andrews University Music and Worship Conference March 29-31: The 9th Annual Music and Worship Conference is coming up this month, March 29-31, 2012. I invite you to join the worship leaders, church musicians, pastors, and others who’ve already registered for this year’s exciting event. For more info go to Worship
7. 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
8. CONNECT CONFERENCE was a blessed time of fellowship and discipleship. Held annually, CONNECT is the ACF leadership conference for students in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference and it’s also open to the Southern Union. This year we hosted students from 14 campuses including a group from Wright State in Ohio. Our theme was service and our guest speaker, Pastor Keren Graves, led us through biblical teachings on service each day. We were also joined by worship leader and recording artist, Chris Picco. For a full weekend report go to: www.acfgcc.org
10. The Young Adult Project: August 1-13, 2012, in Nicaragua. This mission trip is for those ages 18-35. There will be construction, community service, new connections and spiritual opportunities throughout this project. More Info: Visit Maranatha. (Sponsored by Maranatha Volunteers International)
11. ACF INSTITUTE 2012: If you know of campus ministry leaders or wannabees looking for a great introduction to campus outreach and ministry on today's campus, why not plan to join us for this summers ACF INSTITUTE, scheduled for July 22 - August 3 at La Sirre University. Participants will spend time honing their skills in campus outreach while drawing closer to God in preparation for ministry for the 2012/2013 academic year. For more info and to register go to: ACFI
12. Lake Union Conference Youth Evangelism Conference for senior youth/young adults will be held in Chicago, Illinois Feb 8,9 -2013. More information contact PastorRon@andrews.edu or 269-208-1344
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. **ACF/NAD BLOG**: Check out the new ACF/NAD Campus Ministry Blog for continuous campus ministry news and information. Check us out and follow us at: ACF BLOG

3. **Campus Ministry Quick Start Guide**: Check out the new Quick Start Guide for campus ministry at AdventSource

4. **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 theat 4 out of 5 Adventist students are now attending non-Adventist colleges.

5. For a look at the **GYC Special Edition of the Adventist Review**: Go to Review

6. **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/ox6r3T4], Pak 2 on RELATIONSHIPS [http://db.tt/FWSDeI4S], and this final Pak gives emphasis to RETURN [http://db.tt/iP8Y3nG1].

7. **Attention College Age Young Adults**, if you are ready to take a break from the classroom, without interrupting the process of preparing for life as a responsible adult, join Traverse for a summer adventure or a full gap year experience. Warning: You will be exposed to ADVENTURE • TRAVEL • SERVICE • FAITH! Learn more at traverse

8. **"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"

9. **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?

10. **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 palces for students to raise questions about living for Jesus on or off campus? For more info check out Refugee

11. "**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

12. **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.

13. **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

14. **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.

15. **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 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!*

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

17. **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.

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

19. **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 be 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. **The Generation Gap and the 2012 Election:** According to PEW research group, in the last four national elections, generational differences have mattered more than they have in decades. To read more click on GAP.

2. **49% - Hard Economic Times for Young Adults:** Many young adults have

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**Career Changes and Opportunities**

- **Student Teachers For Guam-Micronesia Mission Schools:** Looking for a great
felt the impact of the recession and the economy's sluggish recovery in tangible ways. Just under half (49%) of adults ages 18 to 34 say that because of economic conditions over the past few years, they have taken a job they didn't want in order to pay the bills. More than a third (35%) say they have gone back to school because of the bad economy. And, one-in-four (24%) say they have taken an unpaid job to gain work experience. Read more

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 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. 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

5. 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

6. Millennials Will Benefit And Suffer Due to Hyperconnected Lives: According to a survey of experts, teens and young adults brought up from childhood with a continuous connection to each other and to information through the online world will be nimble, quick-acting multitaskers who count on the internet as their external brain and who approach problems in a different way from their elders. To read more go to millennials

7. College Viewed Positively, But Conservatives Express Doubts: According to a recent survey conducted by Pew Research most Americans believe that college has a positive effect on the way things are going in the country. Still some Conservatives are in doubt. To read more go to College

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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@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 adventistvolunteers.org. Churches and Conferences are searching for stipended volunteers in campus ministry. Please contact us if you are interested in spending a year in campus outreach.

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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. This years ACF-I is scheduled for July 22 - August 3 and will be hosted at La Sierra University. For more info about ACF Mission Year or ACF Institute go to ACF. You can also find us Face Book at: ACF-I
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