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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 ACF/T for a pdf version of this document.

Word On Campus

"I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and harmless as doves." (Matthew 10:16). The message here? BE CAREFUL! The ministry of Jesus is dangerous work. Shrewd like a snake because in taking the
campus on as our mission field there are some snakes to deal with. Of course the ultimate snake is the devil himself. It's best to know who we are dealing with from the start. Sharing the good news of Jesus on campus is boldly entering the viper's pit. Our enemy described in C. S. Lewis' Skrewtape - the well known treatise on mentoring a young demon - the forces of evil are very cunning and have a thousand ways to lure young people away from a loving God. Some of the most famous around the college campus are the big issues like doubting God's very existence, pride, sensuality, busyness, fame, the wisdom of man. The university is a mindfield of temptation and distraction from the purposes of God. No wonder Jesus warned his disciples to be careful. The Devil's schemes could prevent them from any success, but even more important - they could also be led astray themselves. Jesus also instructed his followers to be harmless as doves. Dove-like evangelism sounds like an oxymoron. Still, when we consider Jesus own example this is exactly what we find. A famous quote from Ellen White is instructive here: "Jesus never made truth cruel." Gospel Workers, p. 117. Some examples are his acceptance of children, the woman caught in adultery and even the compassion and sensitivity he had for his own misguided disciples. In my own years as a campus minister I have come across campus evangelists who never learned this principle of Jesus. I have watched open air self proclaimed campus evangelists turn students away by shouting out invectives and condemning student behavior. I have also experienced campus workers who have preyed upon students with pressure and guilt. Cult groups lead students away from their families and friends and pressure students to give more and more of themselves to the group. They may start off sounding like a dove, but they prove to be more snake like than doves. Be careful Jesus warned. There are snakes out there and you need to be as shrewd as them without their venom. Shrewd like a snake, but harmless as a dove. This was Jesus style. He can teach us. We can learn from Jesus how to be careful for others and ourselves while ministering the healing balm of Christ for students who are so trusting, yet in such need of direction, friendship and the love of God in Christ.

News & Events

1. **ACF INSTITUTE 2012 Campus Ministry Training:** If you know of campus ministry leaders or prospective leaders looking for a great introduction to campus outreach and ministry on today's campus, make plans to join us for this summer's ACF INSTITUTE, scheduled for July 22 - August 3 at La Sirrea 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 go to: [ACFI](http://www.acfi.org). To register go to: [Institute](http://www.acfi.org).

2. **Church In The Wild:** Rapper Jay-Z claims that there is no church in the wild in his popular music video. *Baby Isaac*, the ACF group at University Of Florida decided to challenge Jay-Z by sponsoring *Church In The Wild* in Gainesville from April 2-7 as a campus outreach event. ACF students took over a Christian cafe near campus and turned it into a meeting hall where speakers Jeff Tatarchuck and Justin Wilson talked about the pressing issues of who Jesus is and God's love for the outsider and the pious. Hundreds of students attended the service throughout the week and 14 made decisions for baptism. Bible workers are still doing follow up on hundreds of student interests. To see and learn more go to: [Church In The Wild](http://www.churchinthewild.com).

3. **Adventist "Mission To The Cities" Evangelism Project:** Church leaders in Spring mission planning meetings of the church selected 24 cities around the world to target with major evangelistic effort for sharing the gospel and outreach efforts of the Adventist church in 2012. What are the implications for this outreach effort for college and university campuses in this broad initiative of the church? How can we take seriously an outreach to these cities without a well planned effort for reaching students gathered from all over the world on these campuses? To
learn more about the churches Mission To The Cities go to: CITIES. To learn about the mission to New York go to: Take Gift NY. To join the discussion on how to involve campus ministry in the Mission To The Cities Campaign got to: ACF/NAD

4. Impact Tampa: July 8-22, 2012, in Tampa, Florida. This youth and young adult mission trip is open to all from the NAD. There will be various forms of outreach opportunities, worship, small groups and more. More Info: Contact Robert Hines, Call 407.644.5000, or visit the Event Page. (Sponsored by the Florida Conference & NAD Youth Departments).

5. GYC Europe 2012: July 20 - 24. Special ministry training in Linz, Austria to help young adults reach their peers in a post Christian European culture. For more info go to: GYC EUROPE

6. 2012 Echo Conference: For Artists, Geeks and Storytellers, July 25-27, Dallas, TX. For more info go to: ECHO

7. The Collegiate Project: July 15-30, 2012, in Nicaragua. This mission trip is designed for college-aged young adults. Participants will build One-Day Church structures in rural communities. More Info: Visit Maranatha. (Sponsored by Maranatha Volunteers International)

8. 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).

9. InterVarsity’s 2012 West Coast Faculty Conference (Campus By The Sea, CA), August 5-10: Salt and Light - Bringing Christ's Redeeming Influence To The Peoples. Ideas and Structures Of Higher Education. For more info go to: IVFC WEST COAST

10. Florida Conference Campus Ministry Retreat: August 31-September 3. For more info go to: FCMConline. To register go to: The Next Chapter

11. AMiCUS Campus Ministry Conference, Portugal: (September 10-14). This years conference will feature presentations on the questions of origins with discussions on the creation/evolution debate. For more information go to: Amicus


13. Urbanna 2012 Student Mission Conference (December 27-31): The International Fellowship of Evangelical Students (IFES) sponsors a student world missions conference every three years at St. Louis, MO bringing together the best in Christian speakers on campus and world missions encouraging students to reach out to their world in Jesus name. Urbanna brings together thousands of students from around the world and connects them to mission agencies for short and long term mission opportunities. Urbanna is a great event to inspire students
to reach their campus for Christ. For more info go to: Urbanna 2012

14. **GYC 2012:** (December 28 - January 1) Go to GYC to learn more and register for the 2012 college and young adult GYC Conference in Seattle, WA.

15. **Lake Union Conference Youth Congress Jesus - All Or Nothing for senior youth/young adults offering specialized training** In Public Campus Ministry, Chicago, IL, (Feb 8-10 -2013). More information contact PastorRon@andrews.edu or 269-208-1344

16. **InSpire 2013:** (April 27, 28) InSpire is a web community where Seventh-day Adventist members gifted in and passionate about the creative arts can share their ideas and creations in a collaborative way. Songwriting, drawing, painting, photography, sculpture, poetry and more can be used in powerful ways to convey God's message of hope and healing to our churches and surrounding cultural environments. This website, by Pacific Union Conference Church Support Services, represents an intentional effort to stimulate dialog and creative engagement in mission among Adventist artists. Visit InSpire.

17. **Impact South Africa 2013:** This event is sponsored by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventist's Youth/Young Adult Department as a world conference on youth and community services. Join us in South Africa bringing together world leaders of the Seventh-day Adventist church to focus on community service needs and harnessing the resources of our youth. For more information and additional news about GC world youth/young adult ministries go to: GC YOUTH

**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. Quick Start guides are now downloadable from the ARC Campus Ministry Resources Web Site by going to: ARC

4. **Doctoral Research on SDA Students attending non-Adventist College and University Campuses:** My name is LaShonda Anthony and I am a Community Development Specialist at the State University of New York at Oswego and a doctoral candidate in the Educational Leadership Program at Western Michigan University. I am engaging in a study of committed Seventh-day Adventist students matriculating at public (state) universities. I would like to invite you to participate in this study, which is part of the requirement to complete my dissertation. It is my hope that this study that will lead to a better understanding of the experiences of committed Seventh-day Adventist students and the impact of their faith practices.
on their college experience. If you are between the ages of 19-24 and a sophomore student or above and would be willing to participate in this study, please contact LaShonda via email at: Lashonda

5. **CRAVE Campus Outreach**: CRAVE is a new approach to campus evangelism being pioneered by Jeff Tatarchuck (SECC Youth Conference Evangelist) and Marquis Johns (Youth Pastor, NY) utilizing very traditional evangelistic methods with a non-traditional message of setting up a tent on campus and preaching to students about their deepest cravings and our cravings can lead us to God, the only one who can fill our deepest needs. This traditional approach with a new relvant message has had huge success uniting campus ministry groups and introducing students to the message of Christ and his saving love. We are very excited about the prospects for CRAVE and are even now working on pre campus evangelism package and follow up materials that will intoduce students to small group Bible studies and a Christian community on campus. To see more check out the CRAVE TOUR Video of Cal State San Marcos from fall of 2011: CRAVE

6. **SSRC Guide: Religious Engagement Among American Undergraduates**: Recent studies of college students' attitude toward religion suggest that the academy is no longer the bastion of secularism it was once assumed to be. These studies further reveal that the spiritual landscape on today's college campuses is virtually unrecognizable from what we have seen in the past. To help make sense of these changes, the SSRC offers this online guide derived from a series of essays commissioned from leading authorities in the field of higher education. Go to SRCC GUIDE to read more.

7. **Creation/Evolution Debate in Public Schools**: Check out The Revisiononaries a new documentary on state standards of education concerning the creation/evolution debate in the Texas school system. Go to The Revisiononaries for a view of the movie trailer.

8. **Tools and Resources For College Student Bible Study**: If you're looking for some good resources on college student bible studies and topics for Friday night meetings - go to InterVarsity's Ministry Exchange where you can find loads of topics and bible study discussion ideas for student related questions and issues.

9. **Commit Locally**: A recent blog in Neue Magazine discusses the growing trend among young adults of plugging in wherever they are planted. With Millennials fast on the move there is an ever increasing need for community. Planting roots locally for even those planning on a short stay is becoming an important step in relationship depth and overall happiness for today's young adults. Does this present an opportunity for churches in helping meet the need for displaced young adults spiritual life and community? Read more in Neue.

10. **Dream Church**: Looking for the dream church where you can belong and plug into? Check out Dr. Joe Kidder's great article on a Jesus Centered life that leads to a dream church community. To read more go to: Dream Church

11. **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

12. "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"


14. A Place For Christian Refugees: In a recent 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

15. "Still" is a recent 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

16. Veritas Forum; The Veritas Rif Podcast continues to provide relevant, insightful commentary on today's most pressing issues. Check out one of the latest in the series of campus talks on "Why Health Care Reform Needs Spiritual Reform" by Dr. Ray Barfield of Duke University. Check it out at Veritas

17. 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

18. 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.

19. **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 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 online class is free!*

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

21. **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](#).

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

23. **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](#)
Cultural Trends

1. **48% - The Burden Of Student Debt:** About half (48%) of students who took out college loans say that paying them back has made it harder to make ends meet after they left school. To read more go to: Student Debt

2. **College Graduation: Weighing the Cost ... and the Payoff:** This year's college graduation season comes against a backdrop of rising concern over the costs of higher education, the burdens of student debt and the challenges graduates face in a difficult job market. A round-up of surveys by the Pew Research Center explore the views of the general public and college graduates. Read more

3. **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

4. **49% - Hard Economic Times for Young Adults:** Many young adults have 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

5. **Englands Atheist's To Outnumber Christians In The Next 20 Years:** Christianity is waning in England and could be outnumbered by nonbelievers within 20 years, according to a new study. For more info go to: Atheist

6. **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...

Summer Ministry Plans

- **Summer Ministries At Advent House UTK:** Will involve a paired down version of our regular schedule. Once the summer session begins, we’ll have our Wednesday Night spaghetti dinners and Friday Night vespers on alternating weeks until the end of July. If there’s enough interest, the month of June will contain a book club. We will also connect students to the summer activities of our local church, Knoxville First Seventh-day Adventist Church. Michaela Lawrence Jeffery, Chaplain of the Advent House, a campus ministry at the University of Tennessee.

- **ACF @ UC Berkeley:** A number of our students will be staying on through the summer so we will be holding a summer Bible study at our student advisor, Lynn Savedra's home, where students feel comfortable unwinding from a week of summer intensives. We also plan to take in some fun outings like rafting the American River and take in an A’s game. Student leaders have been planning well for fall semester so we will being gearing up and preparing for fall throughout the summer. Ron Pickell UC Berkeley, California.
9. **Christian faith.** Go to: Secularization

7. **Pope Warns Catholic Colleges On Fidelity To Church Doctrine:** Pope Benedict XVI on May 5 called on Catholic colleges and universities in the U.S. to do more to affirm their “Catholic identity,” particularly by ensuring the doctrinal orthodoxy of their faculty and staff. To read more go to: Doctrine

8. **Recent Methodist Decision On Homosexuality and Christian Teaching:** Despite emotional protests and fierce lobbying from gay rights groups, United Methodists voted on May 2 to maintain their denomination's stance that homosexual acts are “incompatible with Christian teaching.” To Read More Go To: Methodist's

9. **Changing Views of Gay Marriage: A Deeper Analysis:** President Obama’s recent expression of support for same-sex marriage has highlighted long-term changes in opinion on the issue. Combining data from a number of surveys makes it possible to track changes in opinion among smaller groups in the population -- including younger and older people across racial, ethnic, partisan and religious groups.

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. **Boomerang Generation:** Feeling OK about Living with Mom and Dad?

Most young adults living with their parents do not see a stigma in that arrangement. More than three-quarters of them say they are satisfied with their living situation and upbeat about their financial futures, in part, perhaps, because it has become such a widespread phenomenon.

12. **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

**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 while helping others maintain their faith. 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
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