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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 ACFTODAY. You can also download ACFT for a pdf version of this document.

Word On Campus

“As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out of my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.” (Isaiah 55:9-12). The WORD on campus is the word of Christ. “In the beginning was the WORD and the WORD was with God and the Word was God...and the WORD became flesh and dwelt among us.” John 1:1 & 14. This is the word that has come down like melting snow from heaven to water the earth! There is a direct correlation with God's Word made flesh refreshing and replenishing the earth with "going forth with joy and being led forth in peace". The key to bringing good news on campus is making sure that we are working in concert with God by sharing the message of Christ and his love. When we share the WORD of Christ on campus it will never come back empty. It will always accomplish God's purpose in the lives of others. This verse reminds me of a melting mountain snow that fills the stream. I was coming down from the mountains just recently and noticed a stream I have passed many times in the dry heat of summer when the water level is low and the flow not so strong. I could not help thinking of this verse when I noticed the gushing stream. Just like the Good News of God, the river bursts forth splashing new life along the way. 2013 is the beginning of a great new year and the wonderful opportunity for proclaiming the life giving Word of God on campus. May "the mountains and the hills" (professors and campus community) "burst forth into song" at the good news of Christ, and may "all the trees" (students) "of the field" (campus) "clap their hands" for the message of Christ we bring! “How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of them who bring good news ... saying Our God reigns!” (Isaiah 52:7), especially on campus!
News & Events

1. **3ABN ACF Interview To Air This Saturday:** The 3ABN program, "Adventist Presence On Secular College Campuses" will air this Saturday, January 12 at 8 am, 8 pm and 11 pm. For those not able to receive 3ABN broadcasts we will be hosting the entire program on line as soon as possible.

2. **Helping Sandy Hook Victims:** If you have been as affected by the horrific tragedy at Sandy Hok elementary and the Newtown community and are asking how you can help, the Atlantic Union Youth ministry department of the Seventh-day Adventist church has put together some very practical ways to give back and to walk with this grief stricken community in their very dark valley. To learn more about how to get involved go to: Sandyhook

3. **Two and a Half Men TV Series Angus Jones Testimony:** The actor from the TV sitcom Two and a Half men shares his testimony about studying the bible with Adventist Christians. To listen to an audio testimony from Angus Jones go to: VOP.com. For the Youtube video interview click here. Spectrum Magazine also shares a statement from the Adventist church regarding Angus's faith journey. Check it out at: Spectrum. Christianity Today also interviewed Angus Jones on his recent conversion. You can read it at: CT.

4. **Over A Hundred University Students Baptized In Papua New Guinea:** Close to 5,000 people were baptized in this summers evangelistic campaign in Papua New Guinea (PNG) where close to 100,000 people crammed into Sir John Guise Soccer arena to hear Adventist evangelist John Carter share the message of the blessed hope we have in the soon coming of Jesus. A number of those who accepted Christ and baptism were college and university students that were being ministered too by Adventist campus ministers on surrounding university campuses. To read more check out: Baptism. To get an idea of the student ministry presence on college and university campuses in this area of the world check out: SASA (Simbu Adventist Student Association). You can also read about the role that Adventist and Adventist students are playing in government and politics in PNG by reading here: Politics.

5. **Atlantic Union God Encounters Weekend February 1-3:** GodEncounters is an annual life-changing event attended by hundreds of Young Adults and Young Professionals of the North Eastern United States. It is a time for spiritual, emotional, physical, vision, and mission renewal. A weekend of healing, when lives are changed and decisions are made for Christ. It is also a perfect opportunity for Young Professionals and Young Adults to invite their non-Adventist friends. This year, a special emphasis will be placed on Compassion and how Young Adults can become a vital part of the mission of their local church, by living a life of compassion with the priorities of Jesus. This year, we have two special features, which our young adults will enjoy big time: (1) Devon Franklin, the Senior Vice-president for Columbia Pictures will be our Featured Speaker; he is an Adventist Young Adult, he recently spoke about his Adventist Faith and his love for the Sabbath on national TV with Oprah. He has an awesome testimony; (2) We will partner with "Stop Hunger Now" to pack 12,000 meals during our time together. These meals will go to people who are hungry in America and throughout the world. An added bonus is that we will have separate breakout sessions for Collegiate Young Adults and Young Professionals. For more info and to register go to: GodEncounters

6. **New York City Area Campus Ministry Conference, February 15 - 17:** For more information contact Chaplain Ruben Sanchez at: ACF NY

7. **Connect 2013, What's Your Story? March 1-3:** Connect is a campus ministry conference hosted by the Georgia Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventist's campus ministry department. Featured speaker is Angelo Grasso, chaplain and director of campus ministries for Boston area ACF. The weekend is a time of fellowship, worship and discipleship. Cohutta Springs Camp is a new location for this annual event. For more information go to: Connect
8. **Compassion Annual Rally, New York City, March 22-24**: Join 5,000 to 7,000 Adventist Young Adults, College and University Students, Youth, and their friends and bless the City of New York with intentional acts of Compassion during the weekend of March 22-24, 2013. During the Compassion Rally you will be able to reach out through many different projects to those in need in the Capital of the World and the Super Storm Sandy affected areas. Young Adults and Youth from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Bermuda, as well as several other states and countries of the world will participate together in the projects. There will be at least one young adult from each Division of the World Adventist Church present to reach out to the big city. Become part of the Compassion Movements, which calls for Adventist Youth and Young Adults in the Northeast of the United States and the islands of Bermuda to live a 24/7, 365 days, lifestyle with the priorities of Jesus, because Actions speak louder than words. For more information go to: Compassion

9. **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)**. This union wide youth congress will challenge and equip senior youth and young adults for evangelism at their local church and community For more information contact PastorRon@andrews.edu or register at Youth Congress.

10. **Church Of Refuge (COR) Summit**: COR Summits exist to network and support local church leadership who value youth/Young Adults. Two COR Summit's are being offered in Chicago on February 10, 2013. Register today by contacting Justin Yang. For more info go to: COR

11. **the One project 2013**: February 11 & 12, Chicago, IL. Celebrating the supremacy of Jesus in the Adventist church. Undergraduate student and group discounts are available. For more info contact Japhet De Oliveria or go to: the1project.org

12. **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.

13. **ACF INSTITUTE 2013, Orlando, Florida**: If you are a campus ministry leader or would like training on how to start a ministry on your campus ACF INSTITUTE has been especially designed for you. ACF INSTITUTE features seasoned campus ministry professionals like Chaplain Michela Lawrence Jeffrey, Director of campus ministries for the Georgia Cumberland Conference, Chaplain Angelo Grasso, newly appointed campus minister at the University of Florida, Gainesville campus, Dr Subodh Pandit, Christian apologist and Ron Pickell, ACF Coordinator for campus ministries, North American Division. For more information go to ACF INSTITUTE

14. **Growing Leaders National Leadership Forum 2013**: June 23 & 24, Atlanta, GA. Join us for two days in June where we will share innovative ideas for engaging students and getting results. This forum is for campus leaders, educators, employers, youth directors, managers and pastors - any decision-maker in organizations working with young people. For more info go to: Leaders.

15. **2013 ECHO Conference**: July 24-26, Dallas, TX. For those new to the Echo Conference - Echo is a three-day gathering of artists, geeks and storytellers serving the church. Join Echo participants for inspiration, education, connection and worship. More info: ECHO

16. **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

17. ACF INSTITUTE Australia: Along with the planned 2013 ACF INSTITUTE Campus Ministry training here in the NAD, the first ACF INSTITUTE will be held overseas in Perth Australia August 9-18. Presenters will include Dr. Allan Walshe: Religious Education Department chair at Andrews University Theological Seminary, Dr. Subodh Pandit: Medical Dr and acclaimed Christian apologist, Jeff Tatarchuk: Campus Evangelist and CRAVE Campus Evangelistic Tour and Ron Pickell ACF/NAD Coordinator and ACF INSTITUTE Director. Topics will include practics in Adventist public campus ministry, spiritual life on campus, answering tough questions and campus evangelism. For more information please email Ron by clicking: ACF INSTITUTE Australia

18. Cruise With A Mission 2013: Will be traveling to Alaska September 15-22, 2013. For more Info go to: CRUISE

Resources

1. Special GYC Edition Of The Adventist Review: For some great news and information on Adventist young adults and ministry by and for young adults check out the special GYC edition of the Adventist Review by going to: AR/GYC

2. "The Great Hope": This abridged copy of the loner "Great Controversy" may be a good resource give away on campus. This small book directs people to a real and living hope in God for end times. To order copies for distribution go to: Great Hope

3. The Church Is Only A Means To An End: Check out a great article by Rich Dubose on the place of the church in our lives. I share this article with you for two reasons. First because I know that our relationship with the church is often in question during the young adult phase in life. Secondly, because I think it is important to keep the priority of the church in proper balance as we share our witness on campus. Church is good - but even more important is our personal relationship with God. Check out Rich's article on the Adventist Best Practices Face Book page at: Church and share your own comments about the place of the church in your life.

4. Figuring Out What To Do With Your Life: Graduation is the goal we are all working for in college, but it can also be one of the scariest times in our life when we are not sure of the next step. Check out these helpful suggestions by Shannon J. Harmon in the October issue of Relevant magazine on sorting through the challenges of finding your professional purpose in - and beyond college. Check it out at: LIFE

5. Books & Culture: Check out Christianity Today's online book review covering topics pertaining to Christ and culture addressing many areas and disciplines in academia engaging students today. Go to: Books & Culture.

6. The Marks Of A True Leader: Check out Relevant Magazines recent issue on "The Marks Of A True Leader" to see how God can use us on campus and in the lives of others. Check it out at: Relevant

7. Two Great New Campus Ministry Resources On Christian Apologetics: Check out two new books prepared especially for students and campus workers on non-Adventist college campuses to answer some of the difficult questions students run into on a secular campus. Always Prepared provides answers concerning basic doctrinal questions while Understanding Creation deals with the tough questions concerning faith and science. Contributing Adventist scholars from the sciences, theology and philosophy and edited by Dr. Humberto Rasi, Dr. Nancy J. Vymeister and Dr. James Gibson. Call Pacific Press @ (800) 447-7377 to order a copy of these new and great campus ministry resources.

8. Templeton Science And Religion Series: Includes a series of nine short books
concerning the sciences, humanities and religion. These books were commissioned to open intellectual doors and create discussion for readers of all backgrounds concerning the discussion of science and faith. Each expert begins with a background of their field of study with a view to the religious dimension returning to a wide variety of critical viewpoints. To learn more about these valuable resources discussing the integration of science and faith go to: Templeton.

9. 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.

10. ACF/NAD BLOG: Check out ACF/NAD Campus Ministry Blog for continuous campus ministry news and information. Check us out and follow us at: ACF BLOG

11. 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

12. CRAVE Campus Outreach: CRAVE is a great 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 relevant 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 introduce 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

13. 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 SSRC GUIDE to read more.

14. Creation/Evolution Debate in Public Schools: Check out The Revisiononaries a 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.

15. 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.

16. 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

17. 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

18. "Living It" Public High School Ministry: Check out the new web-based Discipleship Resource Center for public high school ministry at Living It. Here you can find 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 also features video testimonies from high school students and
leaders about how they have been used by God to reach their world. You can also
download the latest issue of the Living It bi-monthly newsletter by going to: LINL or
join the group on Facebook at: "Living It FB" Best of all you might win a new mini
iPad by taking the survey on the Living It web site. Go to: SURVEY

19. **Are You Man Enough?**: August 2011 of Boundless Webzine published Joshua
Rogers, "Are You Man Enough To Love A Woman?" where Rogers challenges
men on who to date and the myth of finding the "perfect" woman. Read more:
Dating

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

21. **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

22. **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

23. **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!

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

25. **Book Review: The Atheist's Guide To Reality** by Alex Rosenberg is another
among the recent books that have come out in support of Atheism as the only
intellectually honest approach to reality since life is nothing more than a random
coming together of subatomic particles. Clifford Goldstein reviews Rosenberg's
book and puts him so far over the edge that he makes "today's new atheists—
Richard Dawkins, Sam Harris, Daniel Dennett, and the late Christopher Hitchens—
look like compromising, waffling, dithering sellouts." To read more from Goldstein
go to: Fundamentalist.
1. **InterVarsity Wins Key Nondiscrimination Battle With Tufts University:** School amends “all comers” policy to exempt religious student leaders. Tuft's decision demonstrates that universities willing to engage in a conversation will recognize that any religious group must have freedom to choose leaders who affirm those statements. To read more go to: [InterVarsity](#)

2. **Six Ways To Waste Your College Education:** For a great article on the importance of living in the world but not of the world on campus check out KC Miginnis's article in Relevant magazine University section. Read more at: [College](#)

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4. **Did Scientists really discover the missing gene that makes us human?** Check out the great article in Christianity Today's December Web Only issue on the one gene that differentiates us from primates - or does it? To read more go to: [Gene](#)

5. **The First Atheist Church In The UK:** The “Sunday Assembly is calling itself the first atheist church in the UK. The group seeks to enjoy the good of community without theological disagreement. To read more go to: [Atheist](#)

6. **Five Ways To Slow Down In 2013:** Is a great article on getting the most out of 2013. Check out: [Slow Down](#)

7. **Why Your New Years Resolutions Won’t Work:** On fresh starts, false promises and a better way. To read more click on [New Year](#).

8. **A Theology Of Hazing** is a look at the need for belonging and acceptance on college and university campuses. Check out [Hazing](#) to read more about the negative effects of college hazing.

9. **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

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**Florida Conference Campus Ministries:** The Florida Conference recently hired Angelo Grasso as their new chaplain for campus ministries at the University Of Florida, Gainesville campus. Congratulations UF and Florida Conference Youth Ministries Department. Angelo and his family plan on relocating to the Gainesville area sometime this spring. Godspeed and blessings for ACF at UF.

**Montana Sate University:** The Montana SDA Conference recently created a new position for public campus ministry and hired Alan Newbold to serve as a campus chaplain at Montana State University in Bozeman. Welcome, Alan, to the new and wonderful world of secular campus ministry.

**Campus Ministry In New York City:** The Greater New York Conference just created a new campus ministry position for campus ministry in New York City college and universities by hiring Ruben Sanchez a graduate student of NYU in Religious Studies and Journalism. This is an important step for what has become a growing Adventist ministry among students in the largest city of the U. S. Welcome, Ruben, and we pray for your efforts this year in helping establish campus ministry in New York.

**Arizona Conference Young Adult and Campus Ministries:** The Arizona conference just created a new position for young adult ministry in the Arizona conference by hiring Benjamin Lundquist to serve as the Young Adult and Campus Ministry Director for the Arizona Conference. Benjamin will have his hands full as Arizona State University at Tempe boasts the largest university campus in the US with close to a 90,000 student population. We welcome Benjamin who is wearing a couple hats in his new position as well as one of our new Volunteer Coordinators for Young Adult Ministry in the North American Division.

**Minnesota Campus Ministries:** The Minnesota Conference recently created a part time position for young adult and campus ministries by hiring Anna Romuald to serve in
that homosexual acts are “incompatible with Christian teaching.” To Read More Go To: Methodist’s

10. **General Conference Leaders Affirm Care and Principal On Gay Issues:** This the church’s recent statement on Gay’s and Lesbians emphasizes compassion. To read more go to: GC Statement.

11. **Seventh-Gay-Adventist Documentary:** This film documents the life and struggle of three Seventh-day Adventist families in their life journey as gay Seventh-day Adventist. Form info: GaySDA

12. **Sorting Through The Gay SDA Issues:** Check out point and counterpoint discussion on the issue of gay’s and the SDA church as first Andy Nash contributing editor for the Adventist Review discusses the Seventh-Gay Adventist Documentary: Adventist Review. Then take a look at the Spectrum magazine blog by Steve Moran and their take on the same subject at: Spectrum

13. **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

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**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. 2012 ACF-I was a huge success as participants learned helpful campus ministry tools and were instrumental in helping gather names for a new ACF group at UC Riverside campus. The tentative dates for ACF I 2013 are June 21 - 30 and will be held on or near the University of Central Florida campus. 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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**My Campus: Atlantic Union GodEncounters Conference, February 1-3**

Students gathered from last years GodEncounters Conference at Camp Winnekeag. This years conference scheduled for February 1-3 will feature guest speaker Devon Franklin, Senior in this capacity. Anna will be serving under the Minnesota Youth Ministry Director, Jeff Wines. We welcome Anna to her new position and look forward to the growth of young adult/campus ministries in Minnesota under her leadership.
Vice President for productions at Columbia Pictures and Engage praise and worship band from Southern Adventist University. You won't want to miss this year's time of fellowship, worship and inspiration. To register go to: GodEncounters.

My Campus: Georgia Cumberland ACF, March 1-3

This year's CONNECT Conference is destined to be even bigger and better than previous years since it will be held at Cohutta Springs Camp in North Georgia. Guest speaker Angelo Grasso, Adventist chaplain at Harvard University will look at Engaging the Other (belief, lifestyle, culture...), Understanding Ourselves (stories we tell ourselves and others about ourselves vs. reality), and Knowing God (the Great Controversy--true and false narratives about God's character). Registration will begin next week. To learn more go to: CONNECT

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All For Christ and Campus
My Campus: Welcome Back Winter Semester

As the winter semester begins, remember to pray for one another and all our ACF chapters around North America that God will be able to use us and minister through us to reach out on campus and to share the love of Christ with others. We never know who God may lead us to. Often it is the most unlikely person or the student we would never have dreamed that would be open or searching for a relationship with God. Everyone needs friends and a welcoming ACF can be the start of a brand new life in Christ for someone on your campus.