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Word On Campus

Working While The Son Shines!

"We need to be energetically at work for the One who sent me here, working while the sun shines. When night falls, the workday is over." John 9:4, 5 (Message Bible). Welcome 2014!

These words from Jesus to the disciples concerning the healing of the man born blind inspire me as we open to another year of ministry on campus. This story reminds me that we are all born blind and Jesus has come to restore our sight. Forget about who's to blame and how things have gotten this way. God is present - God is for us and wants to open our eyes to the difference He can make in our lives. The day is not over until Jesus returns. Until then we have work to do. There are 22 million students on campuses in the North American Division and the majority need to have their eyes opened to the new life that only Jesus can give. We have our work cut out for us. Let's work energetically on campus for the sake of the kingdom while the sun shines!

Pastor Ron Pickell
ACF Coordinator

News/Events

ACF/NAD Committee Meeting at NAD JCI4 Miami, 2014: Sunday, February 16, 9 - 12 pm.

ACF Chapter Registration: In an effort to get Adventist campus groups registered on ACFLINK.ORG the official public campus ministry web site for the NAD, ACF/NAD is choosing one Adventist campus ministry group to receive a $500 award who registers their chapter on ACFLINK.ORG between now and
April 30, 2014. The award is to be used for campus events and to help grow their campus group. To be considered for the drawing group leaders will need to complete the full registration process for your group between now and April 30, 2014. The winning campus group will be chosen at our first scheduled 2014 Campus Catalyst Training event, April 18 - 20 weekend (Atlantic Union Campus Catalyst). To register your group for this drawing go to: ACFLINK and get registered on ACFLINK. ORG.

CRAVE Campus Outreach at NAD Just Claim It Miami, 2014: February 19, 2014. Join us for CRAVE campus outreach event at Florida International University, Miami Florida, on Wednesday, February 19. Creation Health Expo from 11 am - 3 pm south side of FIU Student Center. Also, join in with the evening performance from 7 pm - 9 pm with guest speaker Nico Hill, worship band, Moes burritos and iPad give away. More information will be coming at: CRAVE

Ignition Young Adult Conference, February 19 - 23, Miami: Three day long young adult leadership summit featuring founder and director Catalyst Conference guest speaker Brad Lomenick. Brad will be speaking on becoming a catalyst leader. For more information and to register go to: IGNITION

CONNECT ACF Leadership Conference: February 28 - March 2 at Cohutta Springs Camp. CONNECT is about Worship, Fellowship and Discipleship. If you are a student on a non-Adventist college campus in the Southeast this weekend is for you and spiritual development. For more information and to register go to: CONNECT

Atlantic Union Campus Catalyst: April 18 - 20: Watson Homestead Christian Retreat Center, 9620 Dry Run Road, Painted Post, NY 14780. To register go to: Campus Catalyst

Andrews Research Conference, May 7 - 11, 2014: The Office of Research at Andrews University, in cooperation with the Andrews University STEM departments, is hosting a Research Conference for early career researchers in STEM. Fr more info go to: STEM

ACF/NAD INSTITUTE 2014: Next years North American Division campus ministry intensive for student leaders, pastors and volunteer student missionaries will be held in Lincoln, Nebraska at Union College directed toward the University Of Nebraska campus. The dates are May 16 - 25. ACF INSTITUTE will prepare you to be a missionary on your campus. It covers the basics on how to launch a ministry on campus, the nuts and bolts of starting, growing and sustaining an Adventist campus ministry, practical on campus outreach during at the UNL campus, student discipleship and leadership, and Christian apologetics. To register for ACF INSTITUTE 2014 go to: ACF I

CAMPUS L. E. A. D. S. Campus ministry Training, July 23 - 27: Michigan Conference Campus Ministries offers a summer training program that includes inspiration and training. To learn more go to: CAMPUS

Forever Faithful International Camporee August 11 - 16 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, USA is seeking 1,000 volunteer staff, who pay their own way, to run "the city" of 35,000 - 40,000 Pathfinders for 6 days. Sample needs include: photographers, security, maintenance, construction, honor & activity instructors, etc. For
Cruise With A Mission: 2014 Cruise With A Mission to the Caribbean is open. The dates for this year's cruise is: December 14 - 21. Ports of call include: Montego Bay, Jamaica, Georgetown, Cayman Islands and Costa Maya, Mexico. For more information and to register go to: CWM

AMiCUS (Adventist Ministry in College and University Settings), the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventist Official Organization For Public Campus Ministry: Recently at GC Committee meetings, a job description for a director for public campus ministries as an associate in the Youth Department was approved and a full time budget was also voted. This is a huge step for the thousands of Seventh-day Adventist students attending non-Adventist universities around the world. Please pray for the selection process of who will be asked to direct this very new and important campus ministry leadership for the church.

Resources

Student Campus Ministry Volunteers Needed for 2014/2015 Academic Year: ACF Mission Year is a student taskforce campus ministry volunteer initiative of ACF/NAD designed to encourage students in campus ministry leadership and outreach by spending a ten month academic year helping launch, grow and sustain ministry on college campuses across the NAD. We are looking for student volunteers for the 2014/2015 academic year. Positions will be listed as they are firmed up and in place on the HeSaidGo website at: ACF MISSION YEAR. To learn more about ACF MISSION YEAR go to: ACF MY.

Dialogue Magazine: College and University Dialogue magazine is a resource for college and university students published by the General Conference Education Department. Dialogue comes out three times a year and appears in English, French, Portuguese and Spanish. If you are a student and would like to be receiving Dialogue magazine go to: Dialogue and learn how to subscribe or to read Dialogue on line.

I Shall Stand Resource On College Sex and Dating: Check out I Shall Stand for books and resources on sex, abstinence and dating in the college scene. Go to: Stand for more info. Dustin Hall's new book on the subject, The Elephant In The Room: Sex, The Gospel and The Church is coming out this month. To see a video promotion of this book check out: Elephant

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.

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.
Veritas Forum: The Veritas Riff 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.

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