Inspirational Text

"All of our dreams can come true - if we have the courage to pursue them."

-Walt Disney

Prayer - Petition & Praise

Connecticut School Shooting: Pray for the victims and their families, who experienced this tragedy. If you know people who have experienced grief and loss please feel free to access the following books: "Grief is Like a Snowflake" and "Adolescent Grief and Bereavement".

Personnel Changes

Jose Vicente Rojas, former NAD Youth Director, will be leaving the North American Division (NAD) on December 31, 2012 to assume a new role. He will launch a new ministry titled, "MOVEmentum." More Info: Visit NADNewsPoints.

Gary Blanchard has joined the Texas Conference. He is the Youth & Young Adult Ministries Director. More Info: Visit TexasAdventist.org.

Armando Miranda, Jr. has also joined the Texas Conference as the Associate Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries. More Info: Visit TexasAdventist.org.

Jeff Villegas has joined the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference as the new Youth Director. More Info: Visit ArkansasLouisianaSDA.org.

Ministry Seekers

Brendon Albury: Is located in Miami, Florida, working part-time at the Florida Conference. He is very interested in finding a position in Youth Ministry. Brendon has a Bachelors degree in Theology from Antillean Adventist
Claypole "CJ" Cousins, Jr.: CJ models a joyful lifestyle of evangelism and discipleship through speaking, media ministry, small groups, public evangelism, youth & young adult ministry, seminars, singing and writing. More Info: Contact CJ Cousins.

Melinda Wilson: Has a Masters in Administrative Leadership-Adult and Continuing Education, with many years of experience working with the youth. She possesses qualities in youth leadership training, teaching, counseling. More Info: Contact Melinda Wilson.

Alejandro Sarria: Will be graduating from Southern Adventist University in December, 2012 with a BA in Theology, a Minor in Biblical Languages, and practical ministry certification. More Info: Contact Alejandro Sarria.

Betty Toussaint: Received her Master of Arts in Youth Ministry from Andrews University in 2009. She has experience as a Youth Ministry Leader, Ordained Elder, Youth Minister, and Director and Founder of Take Her Hand Ministry. More Info: Contact Betty Toussaint.

Alan Petersen: Graduated from Union College in 2011 with a BA in Theology, with a minor in Youth Ministries. He has 7 years of experience working with youth. He is interested in youth/young adult ministry as a way to mentor. More Info: Contact Alan Petersen.

Timothy Feig: Graduate of Southern Adventist University with a BS in Outdoor Ministry. For the past 5 years, Timothy has served as volunteer chaplain, worked with Pathfinders, and taught Sabbath School. More Info: Contact Timothy Feig.

Ministry Openings

Camp Manager: Camp Yorktown Bay is looking for a Manager. More Info: Contact Steve Orean.

Associate Youth Director: The Florida Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is announcing this position opening as of January 1, 2013. This person will be responsible for advancing/supporting Adventurer, Pathfinder, Youth, Young Adult, Campus Ministries in South Florida (over 100 churches). More Info: Contact Pedro Perez.

Young Adult Pastor: The Santa Rosa Adventist Church, in California, is looking for a part-time Young Adult Pastor. A degree in Religion or Theology is preferred but not required. The person for this job would have to fit in well with a non-traditional culture. More Info: Contact Ron Aguilera.

Christian Radio Station Office Manager: Looking for an individual to work as task force worker in Twin Falls, Idaho. This person would be responsible for overseeing the office,
making it a ministry center in the community, acting as liaison with churches and represent the station. More Info: Contact Brian Yeager.

**Group Sales Representative:** Camp Kulaqua, in Florida, is looking for a person who has experience in group Resort, Camp and Conference Center Sales. Must possess negotiation skills; persuasive, with proven ability to achieve sales targets while promoting our Christian Mission. More Info: Contact Melodie Hopkins. *(Sponsored by the Florida Conference)*.

**Adventist Resources**

**Escaping Postmodernism:** Today there is no longer a consensus on the foundation of knowledge in our postmodern culture. In this book Pr. Luis Beltré, Jr. presents a new Christ centered solution to the challenges of postmodernity by providing a viable way of escape. More Info: Contact Luis Beltre.

**Epic Church Opening:** At Epic Church in Chicago, Illinois, they are on a journey to embrace Jesus’ personality, playfulness and grace. This new church plant will soon be endorsed as a COR congregation. More Info: Visit EpicWiredSDA.com.

**Non-Denominational Resources**

**You Lost Me DVD:** Starting Conversations Between Generations...On Faith, Doubt, Sex, Science, Culture, and Church. More Info: Visit YouTube.com.

**Hobbit Trailer Lesson:** This lesson includes questions, link for a video, and a powerpoint that are all tied to the new movie that came out in December, The Hobbit. More Info: Visit YouthMinistry.com.

**How Can I Find a New Church:** Sticky Faith Teen Curriculum Free Sample by Kara Powell and Brad Griffin. This is a 10-session journey exploring everything from the gospel and faith identity development to how to plan for the party scene at campus. In the sample session you can download free below, you can tackle with students the important question, How can I find a new church? More Info: Visit YouthSpecialties.com.

**Adventist National/International Events**

**Lake Union Conference Youth Evangelism Congress:** February 8-10, 2013, near Chicago, Illinois. This unionwide youth congress will challenge and equip senior youth and young adults for evangelism at their local church and community. More Info: Contact Dale Simpson, Justin Yang, or Ron Whitehead, or visit JesusAllOrNothing.org. Registration deadline is January 8, 2013. *(Sponsored by the Lake Union Conference Youth Ministries Department)*.
the One project: February 11-12, 2013, in Chicago, Illinois. Celebrating the supremacy of Jesus in the Adventist Church. Late registration open until January 1, 2013. More Info: Contact Japhet De Oliveira, or Visit the1project.org.

inSpire Gathering: April 26-28, 2013, in Berkeley, California. Plan to attend this gathering if you are a creative type and want to be inspired by rubbing shoulders with other like-minded Adventist creatives who have a passion for sharing God's love. More Info: Visit VisitInSpire.org. (Sponsored by the Pacific Union Conference).

Impact South Africa: July 1-13, 2013, in Pretoria, South Africa. The 3rd World Conference on Youth and Community Service (WCYCS) is divided into two phases - service projects (July 1-5) and Youth Congress (July 8-13). More Info: Visit ImpactGCYouth.org. (Sponsored by the General Conference Youth Ministries Department).

inSpire Design & Songwriting contest: Began August 15, 2012 through February 22, 2013. Works submitted must be newly created by you (within the last 12 months) and not derivatives of other copyrighted works. Best of show in each category wins an iPad. More Info: Visit VisitInspire.org. (Sponsored by Pacific Union Conference).

CYE Events

WeCare Mission Trips: Group leaders and youth work together with WeCare Misions to reach out to communities in North America and around the world. If you are interested in setting up a mission trip please email Vern Byrd or Call 269.208.7183. More Info: Visit CYE.org/WeCare.


Church of Refuge (COR) Summit: COR Summits exist to network and support local church leadership who seek to attract and retain Youth/Young Adults. Two COR summits will be offered in Chicago on February 10, 2013. More Info: Contact Justin Yang or Visit CYE.org/COR.

Non-Denominational Events

Planet Wisdom: Through an in-depth look at God's specific attributes, Planet Wisdom events provide an experience for students to discover practical ways they can change the world by becoming more like Him. Upcoming events are in various locations including Twin Cities, Minnesota, Lakeland, Florida, Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas, and Washington DC. More Info: Visit PlanetWisdom.com, or Call (888) 346- 4179.
Acquire the Fire: 27 hours set apart to give your teens a life-transforming experience with Christ. ATF tours occur periodically throughout the year at various locations. Check out the dates and locations for 2013 Spring Tour now. More Info: Visit ATFTour.com.

Dare2Share: The 2013 "Follow" Tour, taking place in various locations on various dates, provides training conferences to help teens find a life worth living, a message worth sharing and a Savior worth following. More Info: Visit Dare2Share.org.

Nothing to Lose: This January Smoky Mountain Student Bible Conference is being held in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. The dates are January 19-21, 2013. More Info: Visit StrengthToStand.com.

Pathfinder Camporees


Nevada-Utah Pathfinder Camporee: June 13-16, 2013 will be in Springville, UT. More Info: Contact David Hall, Sr.


Miscellaneous

2014 FFICamporee Newsletter: How do you "stay in the loop" to receive all the latest details about the world's largest 6-day Adventist youth event? Sign up for the FFIC Newsletter.

Rock in the Road: This animated video was created by students at Southern Adventist University. The production of this video had many problems along the way, but has now been released and has gone viral. To watch "Rock in the Road" click here.
411 is a free newsletter of the Center for Youth Evangelism located in the Andrews University Theological Seminary, Berrien Springs, MI 49104 | 1-800-968-8428
Rojas to Assume New Post; Begins New Ministry

Jose Vicente Rojas will be leaving the North American Division (NAD) on December 31 to assume a new role. He will launch a new ministry titled, "MOVEmenutm." Under his leadership of MOVEmenutm, Rojas will conduct evangelistic meetings and speak for many Adventist events, provide consulting services to assist denominational leaders and organizations in strategic planning and implementation, as well as provide leadership training and consulting services to international governments and corporations within the context of Adventist values.

Elder Rojas began working for the North American Division in 1994 as the youth and young adult ministries director, a position he held until the year 2000. Since then, he has been the director of the Office of Volunteer Ministries which oversees all Division volunteer missions programs including student and taskforce missions, tutoring and mentoring sites, short-term mission groups and a host of networked outreach ministries across North America.

While working as the youth director at the Division, Rojas also worked from 1996 until 2000 at the United States White House, assisting the Bill Clinton administration in many humanitarian issues and legislative initiatives. He also served with General Colin Powell in the launch of America's Promise: The Alliance for Youth, which has led to large-scale participation of volunteers serving at-risk youth in their local communities.

"Jose has been very instrumental in empowering men and women to fulfill their calling in life," said Elder Dan Jackson, NAD president. "His deep passion for young adult and volunteer ministries is evident and has been felt across the Division and seen in the rich legacy he has established."