**Inspirational Text**

COR Value #3 points out congregations that seek to retain senior youth/young adults must accept people just like Jesus did when He walked this earth.

Matthew 7: 1-3 says, "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?"

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**Prayer - Petition & Praise**

-On May 29, 2013, Kenny Pickett's wife, Donna, passed away peacefully at home. Kenny has served Camp Timber Ridge for decades. Please pray for comfort for him and his family.

-Pray for those affected by natural and man-made disasters. Research shows that tragedy draws people closer to God, or not? More info: Visit ChristianityToday.com

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**Personnel Changes**

**David Benjamin:** Has accepted the position as the Assistant Youth Director of the Alberta Conference leading out in Campus Ministry and Youth Evangelism. Alberta has one of the largest conference Youth Ministry Departments in North America, with three full-time Youth Directors.

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**Ministry Seekers**

**Alejandro Sarria:** Graduated from Southern Adventist University in December, 2012 with a BA in Theology, a Minor in Biblical Languages, practical ministry certification, and is also bilingual. More Info: Contact Alejandro Sarria.

**Matthew Hutchins:** Is a recent graduate from Andrews University.

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University with a Masters in Educational Counseling and Mental Health Counseling. His undergraduate is in Theology. Matthew has 12 years of pastoral experience. More Info: Contact Matthew Hutchins.

**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 University. More Info: Contact Brendon Albury.

**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.

### Ministry Openings

**Youth Worker:** Looking for a task force youth worker for next year (Approx. Sept - May) at the church in Kirkland Washington. We are looking for someone who feels called to minister to youth. This person could be close to graduating from undergrad or a seminary student. More Info: Contact Tim Peterson.

**Missionary in South Korea:** Seize the opportunity to do missions to youth & young adults through teaching English and at the same time earn income for your future plans. More Info: Contact Justin Yang.

**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.

**Youth Pastor:** Looking for a Youth Pastor to lead and organize an effective youth program in Fresno, California. Bachelor’s degree, theological education, and experience working with teens are required. More Info: Contact Rod Turley.

### Adventist Resources

**Ellen G. White Writings:** Would you like to find information on Ellen G. White? Would you be interested in reading her writings in several different languages? More Info: Visit EGWWritings.org.

**Seize the Day: Keeping the Sabbath Holy—Part 1:** Discover Doug Batchelor's practical advice for honoring the fourth commandment at the Inside Report online. More Info: Visit AmazingFacts.org.

**Living It:** This resource is especially geared towards those working with Youth Ministry and outreach on public high school campuses. If you are looking for ideas for outreach...
Living It has some awesome ideas. More Info: Visit LivingItHS.org.

**inSpire:** If you are an Adventist member with a passion for creative expression that inspires and uplifts, you are invited to include yourself in the inSpire database. More info: Visit VisitinSpire.org  (Sponsored by Pacific Union Conference)

**Parenting Teens in a Digital World:** Find resources for parenting teens in a media-saturated world. Read the Full Article.  (NAD Family Ministries)

**Intercer Ministry:** This Romanian-English Ministry celebrated 15 years of activity in May! Read the Full Article.  (Canadian Adventist Messenger)

**Youth Empowered to Serve (YES):** "A ministry of Adventist Community Services (ACS), engages young people in discipleship with two purposes - to change their lives while they change the world." More Info Visit AdventistYES.org

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**Non-Denominational Resources**

**6 Useful Websites:** Group Magazine, January/February 2013, p. 79

- Animoto.com - Creates slideshows with background music. All you need to do is upload the pictures and an mp3!
- Doodle.com - Takes the hassle out of scheduling meetings! This website sends a message to all participants and polls them to vote on when they’re available. Then it emails you the best date so you can set your meeting.
- Flickr.com/groups/cfcc/pool - This website has a Church Marketing Lab that you can visit to get creative ideas.
- Sxc.hu - "Access high-resolution, royalty-free images to enhance Power Point presentations and promotional materials."
- ThinkGeek.com - “This is the perfect source for leader gifts, game prizes, and gadgets.
- VideoHive.net - "Create high-quality video bumpers and promotional videos for ministry programs, upcoming series, etc."

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**Adventist National/International Events**

**Collegiate Project:** Join service oriented young adults for a mission trip the Dominican Republic, July 3-16, 2013. This project is led by college students and designed especially for college and university students, ages 18-24. Service opportunities will include construction, children's ministry, and community outreach. More Info: Visit Maranatha.org.  (Sponsored by Maranatha Volunteers International)

**Ultimate Workout 23:** Over 100 teens will be headed to
Ambato, Ecuador July 16-29, 2013 to experience what it means to serve others. This mission trip will be full of fun, hard work, adventure, and spiritual growth. Service opportunities include construction, painting, children’s ministry, community outreach, and medical clinics. More Info: Visit Maranatha.org. (Sponsored by Maranatha Volunteers International)

**Young Adult Project:** This mission trip is designed for this ages 18-35 and will focus on construction, community service, new connections, and spiritual opportunities. Join this energetic group August 1-12, 2013 in the Dominican Republic. More Info: Visit Maranatha.org. (Sponsored by Maranatha Volunteers International)

**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)

**Pan-European Adventist Youth Congress:** The Pan-European Adventist Youth Congress (AYC) is a large gathering of Adventist youth throughout Europe. Power of One will be July 30 - August 4, 2013. More Info: Visit AYCongress.org. (Sponsored by the Euro-Africa Division)

**Festival Of The Laity FREE Virtual Conference:** Get equipped for effective ministry with no registration, travel, or hotel expenses! Online training for Sabbath School, Personal Ministries, and Prison Ministries leaders through the Virtual Festival Of The Laity September 11-14, 2013. More Info Visit www.FestivaloftheLaity.com (Sponsored by NAD Adult Ministries.)

**CYE Events/Services**

**Cruise with a Mission 2013:** Join other young adults as you explore Alaska in 2013. The ship sails from Seattle Washington, September 15-22. More Info: Visit CYE.org/CWM or email Richard Parke. (Sponsored by Adventist Health Care)

**WeCare Mission Trips:** Group leaders and youth work together with WeCare Misions to reach out to communities in North America and around the world. More Info: email Vern Byrd, call 269.208.7183, or visit CYE.org/WeCare. (Sponsored by Private Donors)

**Church of Refuge (COR) Summit:** COR Summits exist to network and support local church leadership who seek to attract and retain Youth/Young Adults. More Info: Contact Justin Yang or Visit CYE.org/COR. (Sponsored by Private Donors)

**E.L. Minchen 180 Symposium:** October 15-17, 2013. The youth/young adult topic about why Sabbath Schools are growing or dying will be explored. If you wish to attend with a position paper Contact Stanley James. More Info: Visit
**Bible Summit:** October 26, 2013. Join us at Indiana Academy for a weekend of deep Bible study and youth-to-youth evangelism training through a variety of general sessions and workshops. More Info: Visit [Bible Summit](Sponsored by Indiana Conference Youth Department)

**Children's Ministries Training:** Sept 6-8, 2013 at Andrews University. Early Bird registration before August 1, 2013 is $69 for adults, $29 for students! After Aug 1 it will be $99 for adults, 39 for students. 5% discount for groups of 5 or more, 10% discount for groups of 10 or more! More info: Contact Walter Rogers. (Sponsored by Lake Union Conference and North American Division Children's Ministry Department)

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**Non-Denominational Events**

**Live It:** Is a spiritual awakening for high school youth to expand on living their unique lives for Christ. July 23-27 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. More Info: Visit [YouthUnlimited.org](.)

**Planet Wisdom:** Planet Wisdom events provide an experience for students to discover practical ways they can change the world by becoming more like Him. Upcoming events in 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](.)

**The Presence Tour:** “Believe is a high-energy weekend event for junior high students only. It is structured specifically for junior high students and is packed with powerful worship, intense drama and teaching from God’s Word.” More Info: Visit [CIY.com](.)

**KidMin:** The unconventional Conference for Children's Ministry. KidMin is about Renewed Passion, Deeper Learning, Authentic Conversations. You won't just sit in a chair, listen, and leave. You will zoom in, grapple, and dig. This event is October 11-14, 2013 in Columbos, Ohio. More Info: Visit [Group.com](.)

**D6 Conference:** Impressing the Gospel on the Hearts of
Families. This conference is based on Deuteronomy 6:7. September 26, 2013 the conference will be held in Dallas, TX. October 16-18, 2013 the conference will be held in Louisville, KY. More Info: Visit D6Conference.com.

Pathfinder Camporees

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


Miscellaneous

**Father's Day**: Is June 16, 2013

"Pastors' Positions on Creation vs. Evolution Vary by Region, Church Size" by Melissa Steffan, Christianity Today Newsletter, May 16, 2013 Read the Full Article.

"The Sex Lives of Unmarried Evangelicals" from Christianity Today. Read the Full Article.

**Latino Statistics**: Christianity Today, January/February 2013, p. 13

"Hispanic Americans who say their church speaks:"

- English - 53%
- Spanish - 43%
- Other - 4%

"Hispanic Americans who say they prefer services in:"

- Both Languages - 43%
- English Only - 32%
- Spanish Only - 25%

**Popular Password**: by: SplashData.com. "Jesus" is the 21st most-common password used for websites. If you're using it, you're likely to get hacked."

"Another Union Conference Takes a Stand for Ordination Without Gender Discrimination" Adventist Today, May 11-17, 2013. Read the Full Article.
Pastors' Positions on Creation vs. Evolution Vary by Region, Church Size

Pastors agree that division over origins harms outreach, but disagree on why.

American pastors have significantly different views on human origins based on where they live, according to new Barna Group research commissioned by BioLogos.

Somewhat predictably, pastors in the South are most likely to believe in young-earth creation (YEC), with 58 percent supporting YEC or leaning toward that position. But the regional stronghold of theistic evolution (TE) is not where you might think.

Pastors in the Midwest effectively tied the Northeast as most likely to believe in TE, whereas pastors from the West were least likely to support TE. (Other differences in clergy views can be found in the infographic below.)

Overall, the research results, based on interviews with nearly 750 pastors, shows that a slight majority (54%) of Protestant pastors across all regions most closely identify with YEC. One out of eight pastors were classified as "uncertain" about their beliefs. (Definitions of how theological positions were defined are at bottom of this post.)

Jesus Creed notes other interesting findings including that pastors of very large churches are most likely to be uncertain of their beliefs on origins.

Regardless of which position they personally support, clergy agree that disagreements over origins harm Christian outreach. However, they disagree on the nature of this harm.

While 85 percent of YEC pastors assert that “Christian disagreement on matters of creation and evolution is compromising our witness to the world,” 63 percent of TE pastors disagree with the statement. Meanwhile, 63 percent of TE pastors assert that “The church’s posture toward science prevents many non-Christians from accepting Christianity”, while 59% of their YEC and PC counterparts disagree.

Barna's definitions:

**Young Earth Creation: Core**
- Believe that God created life in its present form in six 24-hour days
- Assert that the earth is less than 10,000 years old
- Absolutely certain of these perspectives
Young Earth Creation: Leaning · All others who believe that God created life in its present form in six–24 hour days, but who express qualified certainty or who doubt “young” age of the earth

Progressive Creation · Believe that God created life in its present form over a period of time, but not via evolutionary process

Theistic Evolution · Believe God created life, used a natural process like evolution and express the belief that natural selection can explain the rise of new species

Uncertain · Believe that God created life, but they admit they are not certain how
What makes a difference:

**BIBLE READING?** Evangelicals who infrequently read the Bible were 70 percent more likely to have been recently sexually active than frequent Bible readers.

**CHURCH ATTENDANCE?** Evangelicals who attend church less than weekly were more than twice as likely to have been recently sexually active than weekly attenders.

**CONVERSION?** Of the sexually active singles, 92 percent had sex after becoming “born again.” That’s largely because the average age when evangelicals under 40 became “born again” was 8.

Which is right?

Probably both, depending on how you define evangelical. The National Campaign survey asked if respondents considered themselves a “born-again Christian, evangelical, or fundamentalist”—31 percent of them said yes. The Grey Matter survey used a six-point test: its “evangelicals” were respondents who attend church at least monthly and hold traditionally evangelical beliefs on salvation, the Bible, evangelism, and active faith—which was only 10 percent of those ages 18–29. In other words: If you call yourself an evangelical but don’t go to church or hold evangelical beliefs, you’re also unlikely to stay chaste.

Which do you believe?

Two different surveys, both working with the National Association of Evangelicals, asked unmarried evangelicals ages 18–29 about their sexual behavior. The results differed dramatically.

**National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy/Guttmacher Institute**

- 21% Never had sex
- 11% Had sex, but not within the last year
- 45% Currently in a sexual relationship
- 23% Not currently, but within the last year

**Grey Matter Research**

- 56% Never sexually active
- 25% Sexually active in the last 3 months
- 19% Sexually active, but not in the last 3 months
- 21% Never had sex
- 11% Had sex, but not within the last year
- 45% Currently in a sexual relationship
- 23% Not currently, but within the last year

SPOTLIGHT: The Sex Lives of Unmarried Evangelicals

It was the statistic shouted around the church: 80 percent of young unmarried evangelicals have had sex. “Christians are having premarital sex and abortions as much (or more) than non-Christians,” said Relevant (a magazine marketed to 20-something evangelicals). “Chastity is not the norm.” But a more recent survey said most unmarried evangelicals have never been sexually active. Who’s right?
Another Union Conference Takes a Stand for Ordination Without Gender Discrimination

Submitted: May 13, 2013

By AT News Team Update appended May 15

The Danish Union Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in a constituency session yesterday (May 12) voted to end gender as a consideration in the appointment of pastors. In what was evidently an attempt to avoid direct confrontation with the General Conference administration while maintaining the principle of equality, the delegates also voted to suspend all ordinations until after the 2015 GC Session, at which it is the intention of the denomination's leadership to reconcile the ongoing tensions on this topic. Five other union conferences have previously voted to change the policy against the ordination of women employed by the denomination as pastors. The North German Union Conference, the Columbia Union Conference and the Pacific Union Conference in the United States, the Netherlands Union Conference and the Norwegian Union Conference have all taken similar stands. In the U.S. many women pastors have already been ordained or issued ministerial credentials, while Adventist Today has received no reports of this happening in Europe to date. The statement voted at the constituency session in Denmark includes a clear and simple statement of a theology of ordination rooted in a creationist doctrine of humanity and the Adventist understanding of the sanctuary. "According to the Seventh-day Adventist Church's belief in creation ... God has created mankind-man and woman-in His image and therefore equal," the statement begins. "Because of sin, God instituted a special priesthood reserved for men which with its sacrifices ... found its fulfillment in Jesus Christ. There is no longer any special priesthood. Jesus Christ is our only true priest ... in the true temple in heaven." The statement continues, "All of Christ's followers--both men and women--were lifted up to be a 'chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people, to declare His praises' (1 Peter 2:9). This royal priesthood has a common purpose, namely to proclaim the gospel. This ministry is based on the spiritual gifts which the Holy Spirit gives equally to men and women (1 Corinthians 12). Paul mentions some specific grace-based ministries in the Church, including apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers
(Ephesians 4:7–16). Based on this theology of ordination, the delegates adopted a policy that "the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Denmark will not distinguish between genders when appointing pastors, and wishes to see equality between genders in all areas of responsibility." And, it "will suspend the ordaining of any new pastors until the General Conference session in 2015." The simplicity and fundamental Bible teachings about ordination in this statement "really bring into question the need for the study that the GC has underway," a retired church administrator told Adventist Today. "This document clearly shows what the biblical, Adventist theology must be on this subject." **Addendum on May 15**

An Adventist Today reporter talked with Pastor Thomas Muller, president of the Danish Union Conference. Muller said that this topic has been discussed there for a long time. In the fall of 2012 the youth advisory council of the union conference presented a document to the union executive committee asking that a decision be made about ordination. At about the same time at least one of the pastors wrote a letter making the same request.

The union executive committee appointed a theological study committee which met four or five times and brought back a draft of the document which was eventually voted by the constituency delegates. The union executive committee was nearly unanimous in recommending the document to the constituency session. Only one or two members voted against it or turned in a blank paper ballot.

The vote at the constituency session was 104 in favor of extending ordination to women and 31 against. Most of the 31 who voted against the ordination of women pastors are against women serving in any leadership role in the church despite the fact that women have been serving as local elders, pastors and in other leadership roles in the Adventist Church in Denmark for some time.

The final paragraph suspending ordinations until after the 2015 GC Session was not part of the draft document recommended to the delegates. It was added from the floor during the discussion.

There are four or five young pastors who would normally be ordained in the next two years, and two of them went to the microphone during the discussion and volunteered to wait until their colleagues who are women can also be ordained. There are three women employed by the Danish Union Conference as ministers. Two of these lead local churches and one serves as director of family ministries. All three are seminary graduates.

Of the 2,500 members of the Adventist Church in Denmark, Muller estimated that maybe 50 to 70, at most 100 are against women's ordination. "Especially among young people, its
such an ethical issue," said Muller. "This is about equality. Women are doing the work of pastors, and this is about recognizing and supporting their work. Denmark has a culture of gender equality. The Lutheran Church in Denmark first ordained a woman for ministry in 1948."

"We come from a culture where equality is very highly respected," Muller reflected. "We're struggling as a church to defend our position among Danes." Some Adventists in Denmark don't want to wait for the GC to approve ordination for women, Muller told Adventist Today. "They want to move ahead with ordination now."

But, "we are not moving to action with this document. We are just defining our position. ... It is our intent to send a signal to the rest of the world church. ... We would be satisfied if ordination for women would be opened up either on a union or division basis. We respect that in some cultures it is not fitting for women to be pastors."

It was also important to take this step for the younger generation of Danish Adventists. "They need to know where the Church in Denmark is headed, even though the world Church may be heading in another direction. We can't afford to wait another two years [because] there are young women thinking about studying theology. We need more female pastors."

No one from the GC was present at the constituency session. The president and treasurer of the Trans–European Division were at the meeting. The official news service of the GC, the Adventist News Network (ANN) reported the position paper voted by the delegates.

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