A monthly e-newsletter for Adventist youth leaders

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Inspirational Quote
"Being positive in a negative situation is not naïve. It's leadership." via @Inspire_Us on Twitter

Prayer - Petition - Praise
Prayer for the family members of Anthony "Tony" Kelly. Tony passed away on November 1st. He served as the Lake Region Conference Youth Director, and was serving in the Southern California Conference as a senior pastor.

Ministry Openings
The San Marcos, Texas, SDA Church seeks an experienced Senior Pastor. A halftime Associate Pastor position is also available. A husband-wife pastoral team would be a plus; especially if one has youth ministry skills and training. San Marcos is a 275 member church with a 12-grade day academy. Contact Kristi Reeves.

You too can become a missionary in Korea by teaching English and Bible at their language institutes. The students range from college students to CEOs in major corporations in Korea. Contact

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Ministry Movement

Arizona Conference: Pastor Tim Feig has joined the Arizona Conference team as the Associate Youth Director. He will oversee summer camp, and outdoor school.

Atlantic Union Conference: Pastor Jose Cortes Jr., AUC Union Youth Director has joined the NAD Ministerial Department leadership team.

Hawaii Conference: Pastor Erik VanDenburgh has joined the Hawaii Conference team as the Youth Director. He worked with the Arizona Conference as the Literature Ministries Director, and then as the Youth Director for nine years.

Adventist Resources

Digital SDA Bible Software: The Logos Bible Software company has collaborated with SDA publishers, authors, pastors, seminary professors, and church leaders to create three new packages of Bible study resources available on many different digital platforms.

Bible Breath: Providing some of the best state of the art 3D animations and other forms of multimedia for enhancing your presentations. Bible Breath is creating a database of Christian media that is true to scriptures.

Kids Ministry Center: From classroom management tips to trainings and upcoming events, the Kids Ministry Center newsletter provides excellent information regarding children's ministry, and everything leadership needs to know.
Join the Club: If you are a car aficionado then the Adventist Rodders club may be for you. This group of christian car buffs have been meeting since 1997 and sharing their love for Jesus and cars with others. Sign up for the newsletter...

Youth Connect: Subscribe to this special newsletter from the GC youth ministries department. Stay up to date with the latest events like Global Youth Day 2015. Learn more...

New NAD Facts About Sr. Youth/Young Adults: A reflection and response to the Young Adults Retention Summit, and the NAD Year-End Meetings with eye opening statistics. Read more...

The Haystack: A central posting site for Adventists with videos that they want to network and share with others. Go to...

Non-Denominational Resources

Technology and the Mission of the Church: Ed Stetzer explains how technology is a resource that can be used to enable the mission of the church. Read More...

Barna Group Millenials and the Bible: The Barna Group in partnership with the American Bible Society, and InterVarsity Christian Fellowship present an insight of Millennial's beliefs, perceptions, and practices surrounding scripture. Read more...

Adventist National / International Events

Songwriting Contest: The inSpire songwriting contest, sponsored by the Pacific Union Conference is inviting all adventist song writers to participate in submitting a song, and enter to win an iPad and
cash rewards. Submissions are now through November 19, 2014. Read more...

**Short Term Mission Conference:** This conference will cover different topics regarding short-term mission trips like standards of success, organizing, relationships with hosts, and many more. It will be held February 19-22, 2015. Learn more...

**Cruise With A Mission 2014:** This annual young adult mission trip is a cruise, and a spiritual retreat, all wrapped up in one meaningful adventure; a vacation with purpose! The ship sails from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, December 14-21. Early-bird registration is available until July 28, 2014. Learn more... See video...

**Cruise With A Mission 2015:** The CWM team announces their return to Alaska July 26 - August 2, 2015. Some of the ports include Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway, Tracy Arm Fjord, and Victoria, BC. Register before January 1, 2015 and save! Learn more...

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**Pathfinder Camporees**

**FFIC Blacksmith Honor Highlights:** One of the many honors pathfinders could work on at the international camporee was the Blacksmith honor. Take a look at the process of this awesome craftsmanship...
2014 FFIC Debrief Meetings: The Center for Youth Evangelism will have three debrief meetings on November 20, December 8, and December 10 to discuss ways to improve for the next 2019 Chosen International Camporee.

South Pacific Division Camporee: This camporee will be January 6-11, 2015. Learn more...

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Research and Surveys

Digital Learning: According to a Study Blue survey, the amount of studying done on Digital devices 56%, Pen and Paper 43%, and other 1%. Something we should all consider is how will this study trend affect the way youth and young adults study the Bible or read their Sabbath school lessons?

Where Americans Purchased Books: According to the Association of American Publishers the purchase of online books between 2010-2012 doubled. From 25.1% in 2010, to 43.8% in 2012. This trend will affect Adventist publishing houses as well.

Are You Happy at Work? According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 7 out of 10 people are disengaged and do not like their jobs. The top five jobs which are most likely to say that they better the world are clergy, managers of religious programs, surgeons, school administrators, and chiropractors. The top 3 happiest places to work are San Jose, Washington D.C., and San Francisco. The top 3 unhappiest places were Cincinnati, Orlando, and Indianapolis.

Millennials in Adulthood: The Millennial generation ages 18 to 33, are relatively unattached to organized politics and religion, linked by social media, burdened by debt, distrustful of people, in no rush to marry— and optimistic about the future. Read more...
Is an Online Church really a Church?  More and more congregations are looking to online ministry. Can an online gathering of Christians be classified as a church? Let's think through this by asking five questions. Read more...

David Kinnaman and Jon Tyson Discuss Millennials: “Nones” and a Renewed Vision for Church: General church attendance has been on the decline for the past decade and nearly one-third of Millennials who grew up in the church have dropped out at some point. Yet many continue to return two days a year: Christmas and Easter. Read more...

Miscellaneous

Adventist Church Plant Information: According to the Ministry magazine October 2014 issue, the top four conferences in church planting between 2001-2011 were Texas with 31 churches and 26 companies, Georgia Cumberland with 22 churches and 31 companies, Greater New York with 40 churches and 8 companies, and Florida conference with 13 churches and 35 companies.

Are you my neighbor? In a poll conducted by Money magazine in October 2014, 47% of people don't know their neighbor's names. What are you and your youth group doing to get to know your neighbors?

Consumer Advisory: The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has provided a list of U.S. vehicles under recall due to faulty airbags. See if your car could kill you. Read more...

New Apps to Consider: Having trouble managing tasks, or planning the next vacation? The Todoist app is a list making and task management organizer that can sync automatically to a web browser, PC, or desktop programs (Money Magazine). The top 5 apps if you're constantly on the road according to Fortune Magazine September 2014 issue are, Google Maps, Kayak, Expedia, Yelp, and Skype. All of these apps are free to download.
through your mobile app store.

**Most Expensive Car in the World:** According to TIME magazine September 2014, the most expensive car ever auctioned was a red 250 GTO Berlinetta. With just 36 of these models built from 1961 to 1964, it sold at a whopping $38.1 million. Could this be a sermon illustration?

**Household Food Waste:** According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, a third of the food available to consumers goes uneaten. That is 133 billion pounds annually, or $162 billion dollars worth more than the General Motors sales for all of 2013. How can your youth group feed the hungry in your community?

**Sermon Dispute in Houston:** In an opinion piece posted for Fox News, Todd Starnes shares thoughts regarding the subpoena against five Christian pastors for going against the Houston Equal Rights Ordinance (HERO) act. Read more...