Young Adult Ministry Training to be Held in Texas

Tim Elmore, president of Growing Leaders, will be among the featured presenters at IGNITION, a Texas Conference, Southwestern Union and North American Division young adult ministry training on April 4-6 at the Arlington (Tex.) Seventh-day Adventist Church. Young adults, educators, parents and ministry leaders are encouraged to attend. Elmore will address the latest young adult trends and how their style will impact society and communities.

According to Elmore, it is no longer accurate to refer to the Generation Y as one collective generation. The Millennials, born after 1990, are a new batch of students. They are being called Generation iY because their life is dominated by the iPhone, the iPod, iTunes, etc.

In order for young adult ministry to be effective it must be practiced. “It is exciting to see an increasing number of church leaders, administrators and pastors not just talk about young adult ministry but actually do it. Praise God for these radical church leaders,” said Manny Cruz, NAD associate director of youth and young adult ministries.

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AWR Expands its Coverage

Adventist World Radio (AWR) has added a new delivery system that enables all of its shortwave radio programs to be automatically repurposed as Internet podcasts. Now listeners can access AWR’s programs in their native languages in any corner of the world where there is Internet service. “AWR is reaching a digital continent of immigrant people,” says Marvin King, AWR web manager.

Adventist World Headquarters Week of Spiritual Emphasis

Personnel at the World Headquarters of the Seventh-day Adventist Church held its Week of Spiritual Emphasis March 7-10. The theme of the series by David Asscherick was “The Kingdom of God in My Life Today.” Click on the picture to view clips of the presentations.

During one of his presentations Asscherick pointed out that “we need to stand in unity, not uniformity.” He also said, “Ellen White’s books used to be referred to as the ‘red books’ now they are the ‘unread books’.”

Photo Credit: Ansel Oliver, Adventist News Network

Hope Channel Hosts Week Long Advisory

This week, leaders from all of the Hope Channel media centers, managers and division coordinators are meeting to discuss the mission and vision of Hope Channel. Presentations include an analysis of programming from a former DIRECTV executive, challenges and opportunities for fundraising, and how to avoid burnout. “The advisory is a special opportunity for you to understand a larger picture of the
world church, said Brad Thorp, president of Hope Channel to the attendees. The meeting will end Tuesday, March 15.

About the photo: “My challenge to you as leaders who have to prepare and produce programming is that you don’t forget your roots. Get back to your roots. Stay connected to the Bible,” said Pastor Ted Wilson, president of the World Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Adventists in the News

The following are positive stories that appeared this week in the news about Seventh-day Adventists in the North American Division territory.

Adventist Wins Fight Not To Join Union
The Huffington Post, March 10, 2011

Former Oakwood President Dr. Delbert Baker in Jordan this Week
Huntsville Times, March 8, 2011

March 7, 1897: First Morning of the Cornflake
Wired News, March 7, 2011

Hill's 20 Years on Air Celebrated with Fundraising Roast
Knoxville News Sentinel, March 5, 2011

Announcements

Adventist Ministries Convention Scheduled

The North American Division Adventist Ministries Convention is scheduled for January 15–18, 2012 at the Innisbrook Resort and Golf Club in Innisbrook, Fla.

Online

Check out the March 2011 online edition of Adventist World. NAD stories include:

“The Loma Linda Report” - page 11
“NET 2011 Emphasizes Local Church Evangelism” - pages 12-13
“Are NET Events Successful?” - pages 14-15
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The Creation Evolution Debate
May 4–8
Ron Clouzet, DMin; Timothy Standish, PhD. For handbills and handouts click here.

Vacation Bible School – The Best Evangelistic Series Webinar
May 8 at 8pm EST
Presented by Candy DeVore, editor of Kids Ministry Ideas, and Phyllis Washington, Director of Children’s Ministries for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America Learn why you should take community kids and their families into consideration as you plan for VBS this summer. To sign up click here.

Family Ministries = Church Growth Webinar
May 10 at p.m. EST
Presented by Claudio and Pamela Consuegra, directors of Family Ministries for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America. Discover how a vibrant Family Ministries program can be the foundation for significant church growth. To sign up click here.

Non-profit Leadership Certification Program
May 15–19
Basic Curriculum Link for more details click here.

Women’s Emphasis Day
June 11
For resources click here.

PSI's International Conference on Philanthropy
June 21–24
Note: Reaching Out in Love describes the important evangelism aspect of REACH North America, the new five-year plan for the North American Division. The most effective way to REACH OUT is to do it with LOVE. People respond to love and compassion. Jesus’ compassion for lost souls is now our mission. The challenge is our privilege. Read on for ideas to Reach Out in Love.

Creation Versus Evolution Seminar Date

It has been changed from May 11–15 to May 4–8, 2011.

Seminar Title Change

Due to copyright issues, The Greatest Show on Earth: Making Sense of the Creation-Evolution Debate, has been changed to, In the Beginning: Making Sense of the Creation-Evolution Debate.

Seminar Resources

There will be handbills and other print materials to advertise the event. Find order forms in the registration packet to be mailed in two weeks, online in the Adventist Evangelism website or through the host site. No other handouts or leader guides are necessary. REACH North America News and the host website will provide a sample news story to advertise the creation seminar in local newspapers.

REACH North America News

This newsletter is a must for pastors, elders, church leadership and anyone who has a passion for outreach and evangelism. Subscribe to receive this newsletter sending an e-mail to the NET coordinator, Bernadine Delafield.

REACH North America News is archived weekly on the AdventSource website. Search for “Reach” to find the newsletters.

Adventist Book Center Online Store

The Adventist Book Center offers sales items, materials for Sabbath School, Bibles and much more. Its literature and resources are available in English, Spanish and French.
Health Ministries

Health Unlimited is publishes news, resources, and training opportunities for health ministries. For more information contact Katia Reinert.

Retirement

Reflections is the official communication between the retirement plan and its beneficiaries. It provides information as to release of benefits, healthcare assistance tips and reminders of information retirees need to provide the Plan with in order to ensure updated records. It also provides quarterly listings of new and deceased retirees. To subscribe, please send an email to NADRetirement@nad.adventist.org.

Devotional

Pastor Carlton P. Byrd, DMin. speaker/director of Breath of Life Ministries, presents a mini-devotional entitled “The Power of God’s Word”

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Statement

March 9, 2011

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This move follows a recent decision by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges to discontinue AUC’s accreditation July 31, 2011, for financial reasons.

“We’re grateful that our enrollment growth and financial position enables us to continue to provide accredited higher education to the community and constituents that Atlantic Union College serves,” said Weymouth Spence, EdD, president of WAU. “Our desire is to build upon the rich heritage they’ve established with a focus on the future.”

Norman Wendth, PhD, president of AUC, added, “I have believed for many years that to unite Atlantic Union College with Washington Adventist University would create a truly impressive educational institution. I am deeply pleased that we can respond to AUC’s accreditation challenge in such a historically significant way.”

The expansion positions WAU to serve the educational needs of students in 15 states in the Mid-Atlantic and Northeastern United States and the island of Bermuda.

Officials from both entities will now work together to complete a formal and binding agreement. This process will address key questions about governance, academic programs, and services in order to facilitate a smooth transition for both current and future students. WAU will then develop a business plan and seek approval from their governing boards, as well as state, regional, and church accrediting agencies.

WAU will provide updates as they become available via email and at www.wau.edu and www.auc.edu. Inquires should be directed to William Jackson, vice president for Marketing and Recruiting at WAU at (301) 891-4475 or wjackson@wau.edu.

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About Washington Adventist University

Founded in 1904, Washington Adventist University, a liberal arts institution of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, is headquartered in Takoma Park, Md. The university offers eight graduate and 32 undergraduate programs for 1,300 students of all faiths. The mission is to produce graduates who bring competence and moral leadership to their communities by creating a culture of excellence designed to engage minds and transform lives.

About Atlantic Union College

Founded in 1882, Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster, Mass., is the oldest campus in the Seventh-day Adventist worldwide educational system. Spring enrollment is 444 students in bachelor’s, master’s, associate and certificate programs, and the Adult Degree Program. Its specialized mission is to produce service-centered professionals who have the skills needed to help create healthy communities.
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Adventist Wins Fight Not To Join Union
TORONTO -- A labor relations board in Canada has granted an Adventist worker the right to not join a union because of her religious beliefs, raising questions about whether religion should trump labor laws.

The Saskatchewan Labor Relations Board ruled last month (Feb.) in favor of an unnamed 24-year-old woman who argued that her Seventh-day Adventist beliefs forbid her from joining trade unions, allowing her the right to opt out.

However, she will still be subject to any collective bargaining agreements, and her union dues will be collected but diverted to charity.

Ken Georgetti, president of Canadian Labor Congress, told the National Post that workers -- religious or otherwise -- should not be allowed to opt out of a system that gives them economic and social benefits. "I'm sure the woman is not going to give up her pension benefits or her overtime pay," he said.

The right of Canadian workers to forgo union membership "should be universal rather than specifically religious," Niels Veldhuis, a senior economist at the conservative Fraser Institute, told the Post.

The federal government and most Canadian provinces have religious opt-out clauses from union membership.

Seventh-day Adventists "are to preserve our individuality. We are not to unite with secret societies or with trade unions," says the denomination's website.
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HUNTSVILLE, AL -- Former Oakwood University president, Dr. Delbert Baker, who is one of nine vice-presidents for the 16 million members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church around the world, is helping to lead a conference on religious freedom.

Organized by the International Religious Liberty Association, the conference, Teaching Respect for Religions Symposium, gathers political, academic and legal leaders to discuss how to increase respect among faiths as part of a global work to protect the right to a freedom of religion for everyone.

Baker, who is also a vice president of IRLA, challenged participants to make remember that respect and freedom are bedrock principles for Christians, Muslims and Jews.

Read more about the conference here:


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1897: Dr. John Kellogg, believing that a strict diet (along with vigorous exercise, fresh air and plenty of rest) benefits the patients at his sanitarium in Battle Creek, Michigan, serves up the world's first cornflakes.

Kellogg was a Seventh-Day Adventist and a passionate adherent of the “healthy living” tenets of the church, which embraced a holistic approach to health in the days when there were no antibiotics and few effective drugs of any kind. He carried his beliefs with him into his professional life as a doctor and surgeon.

The cornflakes he served at his Battle Creek Sanitarium (the word “sanitarium” having been coined by Kellogg) were sugarless, that is to say nearly tasteless, and meant not to fill you up but to round out a healthy diet.

His brother, Will, was the one who recognized and exploited the commercial value of cornflakes. He added sugar to the flakes and sold the stuff as breakfast food, deeply offending the sensibilities of John, and causing a fallout between the brothers that became a legal battle when John sued to stop Will from marketing the cereal.

Needless to say, John lost. And Will marketed as few had ever done. His signature became the company logo, and he devoted millions to advertising. In 1911, he put up the world’s largest electric sign in Times Square in New York City: 80 feet by 160 feet, with the letter K in Kellogg standing more than 60 feet high.

John Kellogg, meanwhile, was a prolific author of medical books and used the royalties to subsidize his sanitarium, which became a working laboratory for putting his strict theories on healthy living into practice. The sanitarium, which he billed as a “place where people learn to stay well,” became famous — for the services, not the cornflakes — and attracted a mainly wealthy clientele, who tended to check in for several weeks at a time.

Kellogg was no slouch as a surgeon, either, introducing new techniques (primarily to abdominal surgery) and performing more than 22,000 operations in a career spanning nearly seven decades.
The sanitarium operated at its original site until 1942, a year before Kellogg’s death at 91. The government acquired the main building and used it as a medical facility for veterans of World War II and the Korean War.

Source: Various

Photo: William Gottlieb/Corbis

This article first appeared on Wired.com March 7, 2008.
"Welcome to this brand new day. This day has never been lived before. It's a blank canvas. If you will it so, it can be your masterpiece. As you wake up and get started, think of three things for which you are grateful and then get out there and live this day with all the joy, wonder, and enthusiasm you can muster." - Hallerin Hilton Hill

If you tune in to the Hallerin Hilton Hill show on Newstalk 98.7 FM, Citadel Broadcasting, each weekday from 5:30 to 10 a.m., you will hear Hill say those words at the top of each hour.

He created the phrase to help maintain a positive attitude while on the air. The idea that it could be inspiring to others is a bonus.

"Because current events drive talk radio, it can sometimes get stuck in negativity. Life is tough, and I don't know about anybody else, but there are times I desperately need to intentionally reset mentally, so I made that up for myself," he said.

Inspiration for the phrase came from his daughter, Halle Nicole.

"I saw the way my little girl embraced life, always full of joy, wonder and enthusiasm, and I wanted that back," he said.

Hill grew up in Milwaukee, Wisc., the youngest of five children, nine years younger than his closest sibling.

His name was derived from monikers his parents had considered for his siblings.

"The name Hallerin came from a novel my mother read in the Saturday Evening Post. ... My father thought the name didn't have a hard enough edge, like Chuck or Mike. He wanted a son named Hilton, but she didn't particularly like that name. She tried to name all of her children Hallerin and he wanted Hilton, and they thought the names had expired, but when a new child came along those were the leftover names," he said.

On the radio he's known as Triple H.

"People haven't always pronounced my name properly, so for years I struggled with that. Now I don't. Triple H is shorthand for my name, and it's much easier for people to remember," he said.

Hill will be roasted by his colleagues on Friday, March 11, in celebration of his 20-year anniversary with Citadel Broadcasting (previously Dick Broadcasting).
His interest in the art of communications began as a young age. It’s something he credits his parents, Lucille E. Hill and the late Dr. Franklin S. Hill, with nurturing.

"I was a loner, a nerdy kind of kid, and I remember my parents giving me a tape recorder. I would watch news stories, like "60 Minutes," then take the tape recorder and try to re-create those stories," he said.

He also occasionally visited a radio station with his father.

"My father was a Seventh-Day Adventist minister for 51 years. He had a radio show as part of his ministry, and he would take me to the station. I remember being enamored with it," he said.

At the age of 15 he, like his older siblings, left home to attend a Seventh-Day Adventist boarding academy. Summers were spent with his parents.

"It was a life-shaping and life-changing experience. No doubt about it," he said.

While attending Oakwood University in Huntsville, Ala., he took a job at the college radio station. Within a year he had become its general manager.

The university is also where he met his wife, Nedra.

After graduation the couple moved to the Virgin Islands. Hill worked in radio management, but after Hurricane Hugo devastated the island they decided to move to Knoxville.

"We came here to start our life over. Me, my then 2-year-old son (Hallerin II), and my wife moved into a room at my sister's house. We came here with $300, no job and no car," he said.

He found production work at Dick Broadcasting (now Citadel) and has been with the company since.

During his tenure he has served as producer, news reporter, news anchor and host of various shows, including the talk show "Sound-Off."

The "Hallerin Hilton Hill Show" began 18 years ago as an afternoon show, eventually moving to its current weekday morning time slot. The first year wasn't as rosy as he had hoped.

"There was a whole racial component to this thing that was pretty hard up front. But I'm glad for it. I'm better as a result of having lived it. If you ask God to smooth out the rough edges in your life, you've got to expect some sandpaper," he said.

Politics is a hot topic for talk radio, and Hill is constantly being deemed a Democrat by some and a Republican by others. When pressed for an answer regarding his political affiliation, he said the best way to describe himself would be an independent, front-porch, common-sense conservative. However, he prefers not being labeled at all.

"I understand why people need boxes. It makes it easier to figure things out. Boxes are efficient if you are trying to move information through your head quickly. However, it
puts people at a disadvantage because it cuts down on their ability to actually hear," he said.

What often causes his listeners to place political labels on him isn't, in his mind, his political views but simple family values that his parents taught him to hold dear.

"I was raised in a home where my parents told me not to ask for handouts. There was no social or political agenda in that teaching. It was not politically driven, it was just a better way to do life. If you ask me about education, I'm going to say the responsibility for that rests with you. If you tell me about someone going through a hard time, I will tell you they shouldn't expect someone else to fix the problem. That they should do it themselves. People get frustrated with me because they arrive at that stuff through the portal of politics. I don't. I arrive at it as the way I was raised," he said.

He's never banned any caller from the show and has no plans to do so in the future.

"Deep down inside of me I really do believe in freedom, and I don't carry any ill will in my heart. Someone might perceive me in a certain way and it might tick them off, but I never come at it with the intent to do harm. I take responsibility for how I present what I have to say, but I can't take responsibility for how others perceive it."

His family is dear to him, and he credits his wife for the many successes he has achieved during their marriage. The couple will celebrate their 25th anniversary in December.

"Nedra is just brilliantly supportive. She has created a lifestyle base for me. If you launch a shuttle, nobody thinks about how stable the launch pad has to be in order for a rocket to take off. She has been my rock solid, stable and supportive launch pad. She's very keen with great ideas on what works," he said.

His son, Hallerin II, 22, is a graduating senior at the University of Tennessee majoring in music performance.

"He knows how to work hard, and he has a very logical and analytical mind. Whatever he decides to do he will do well, and whoever hires him will get a real jewel," he said.

Daughter Halle, named after Halle Berry, is a 16-year-old student at Christian Academy of Knoxville. Her father said she's interested in communications.

"Halle wants to be a writer. She loves comedy. She may just be the next Tina Fey," he said.

Faith is very important to Hill, evidenced by his best-selling inspirational book "The Seven Pillars of Wisdom."

"I'm a person who has been blessed and am fortunate to have found something that engages people and forces me to think, grown and learn. My faith has helped my career tremendously. I don't have anything without God," he said.

In addition to his work in radio, Hill's weekly television show "Anything is Possible" which airs at noon each Sunday on WBIR-TV Channel 10, is in its eighth season. The
show shares success stories of local residents.

He is also an award-winning music producer, writer and performer with a resume that includes co-authoring the song, "Who Would Imagine a King," which was recorded by Whitney Houston for the movie "The Preacher's Wife." In addition he performs on T.D. Jakes' Grammy-nominated CD "He-Motions."

Hill has chosen the Interfaith Health Clinic and the Joy of Music School to be beneficiaries of the ticket sales from his upcoming roast.

"Anything I can give back to those two things - getting your body healthy and your soul healthy - that's just phenomenal," he said.

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