A Word From The Director:

First of all let me say: “Happy New Year” from our NAD Youth & Young Adult Ministries team to all of you awesome youth leaders across the North American Division. We praise God for the great things He has done!

As we begin this New Year, we already have been reminded of the sinful world in which we live. The flooding here in Australia and the recent tragedy in Tucson, AZ had me thinking about John 10:10 which states: “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy…”

The reality is that God has called each one of us to do ministry here in this messed up world. Sometimes the pain, the suffering, the tragedies are so great that it may seem like we aren’t doing much to encourage or give hope to this dying world. But be of good courage; the last part of the verse in John 10:10 states: “I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

That is great news! Jesus has come! Let’s not forget that. Jesus has already come, He has already defeated the enemy!

Praise Requests and Hallelujahs:

We praise God for being with Pastor Ron Whitehead during his recent surgery and his recovery. We wish to thank all of you for the prayers that went up on Pastor Ron’s behalf. Many of you have asked how he is doing. He is doing well, and as he put it: “I am back in the saddle.”
We are thankful to God for His mercy shown during Pastor Japhet De Oliveira’s recent operation. He is recovering well in his home and will be back at the Center for Youth Evangelism in a few more days.

We want to thank all you for your prayers this last week. God blessed the Australian Union Pathfinder Camporee in spite of the harsh rain. More than 1200 camporee participants came forward during the altar call—making or renewing a commitment to Jesus—with 446 of them requesting baptism.

Announcements:

North American Division President, Dan Jackson issues statement on shootings in Tucson, AZ “We join with many across the United States in extending our deepest sympathy and prayers for those who were victimized by the tragic shooting in Tucson, Arizona, on Saturday, January 8. The shooting is yet another illustration of the fact that we are living in dangerous times. Let’s continue to pray for the families of those who were slain, for Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords and for those who along with her are battling for their lives. Let us unite our thoughts and prayers with all people during these solemn hours. Source: tinyurl.com

Australian Union Camporee ends on a high note despite the weather. Camporee Director, Tony Knight stated: “For more than 2500 young people from around Australia, Toowoomba will be remembered—and, despite the challenges posed by the weather, most of those memories will be very positive.” Full story & website: tinyurl.com

SONscreen Film Festival Deadline Extended to February 18! Don’t miss this opportunity to submit your entries to the 9th Annual SONscreen Film Festival. More Info: tinyurl.com
Memorial Service for Elder Neal C. Wilson, former president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists (1979-1990), will be broadcast live on Hope Church Channel and streamed live on HopeChurchChannel.org on Wednesday, January 19, 2011, at 2 p.m. ET.

Looking for your Best Youth Service Tips! Adventist Youth Empowered to Serve (www.AdventistYES.org) is inquiring about real-world tried-and-true tips for involving youth in service and general tips for community service. These ideas can be beginner, intermediate, or advanced. They desire tips that are practical, realistic, and that really work! If your tip is selected, it may appear in the new book “Tips for Involving Youth in Community Service.” To submit your tip(s): tinyurl.com.

40 Days of GODencounters, is a movement of young adults wholeheartedly pursuing a 24/7 experience with Jesus Christ. Pastor Allan Martin, NAD Young Adult Coordinator and Pastor of Younger Generation Church, is encouraging the GODencounters movement to launch 2011 with 40 days of wholeheartedly pursuing the living GOD. Use the book, the music, the Facebook group/page, and videos as spiritual resources in the encounter. Join Godencounters in their quest to return to the heart of GOD. To get involved: tinyurl.com

Upcoming Events:

Las Vegas Youth Rally: January 21-22, 2011
Mountain View Church (Friday Night)/ Winchester Cultural Center (Sabbath). More info: tinyurl.com

GODencounters Young Adult Retreat: January 28-30, 2011
Sponsored by the Atlantic Union Conference Young Adult Ministries. For young adults ages 18-35. More

the One Project: February 7-8, 2011, in Atlanta, Georgia. Celebrating the supremacy of Jesus in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. More info: tinyurl.com


Indiana Conference Youth Rally: February 18-19, 2011. Friday, February 18 at Indiana Academy, Cicero, IN - Sabbath, February 19 at Indianapolis Junior Academy, Indianapolis, Indiana. Beginning at 10:00am and ending around 9:00pm. There is a free lunch provided. Contact Trisha Thompson, 317-844-6201 for more details. Website: tinyurl.com

NAD Executive Youth Committee Spiritual Retreat: February 20-27, 2011. In preparation for the YPAC Committees and Advisories, the NAD Executive Youth Committee will meet for a time of prayer, spiritual renewal and to finalize the 2011-2015 strategic plan for NAD YPAC Ministries

Connect Campus Ministry Leadership Conference: CONNECT 2011 will be held on the campus of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UTK), February 25-27.
CONNECT is the ACF (Adventist Christian Fellowship) Leadership Conference sponsored by the Georgia-Cumberland Conference and the Southern Union. Their presenters this year are Adrienne Townsend, Nate Dubs and Chris Picco. More info: tinyurl.com

NAD YPAC Committees and Advisories: March 13-16, 2011 in Lincoln, NE. North American Division Youth, Young Adult, Pathfinder, Adventurer, Master Guide, ACF Committees and Advisories will gather on the Campus of Union College for 4 days of meetings. NOTICE of Special Meeting! ALL Conference Youth Directors are asked to be present. More info: www.adventistyouthministries.org or call NAD Youth Ministries at (301)680-6472.


iServe United Youth Congress: April 6-9, 2011. Orange County Convention Center, 9860 Universal Blvd, Orlando, FL 32819.

Join over 20,000 youth from around the world in Orlando for 4 days of Youth Leadership Training, Community Outreach, Evangelism, Prayer, Youthful Worship, Community Service Projects, Concerts, Recreation and much more! For more info: tinyurl.com

3rd North American Division World Youth Prayer Congress “JCI3” March 7-11, 2012 Greensboro, NC More information to come….. Please save the date!

Leadership Changes
Southern New England Conference welcomes Josue Feliciano as their new Youth Director. Josue is the former Youth Director of the Iowa-Missouri Conference.

Wisconsin Conference welcomes Greg Taylor as their new Youth Director. Greg is the former Pastor of the Glendale SDA Church in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Illinois Conference welcomes Manny Ojeda as their new Youth Director. He has been serving as a Pastor in the Indiana Conference prior to his new appointment.

Bermuda Conference welcomes Kylah Allers as the Youth Ministries Associate Director for Young Adults.

Resources

Changed Too Real Lives in a Real World – The 3rd Latino Youth Sharing book of the year featuring real stories of people who have been changed by the power of God. Available soon at your local Adventist Book Center or online: tinyurl.com Adventist YES! – Formerly known as YES Corps, the new Adventist YES! (Youth Empowered to Serve) is
a ministry that engages and networks youth and young adults in Service Ministries (Ministries of
Compassion) for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America. YES! is fundamentally rooted in the
mission statement of ACS: "Serving communities in Christ's name."
Website: tinyurl.com

**LIFE/VIDA “Love, Interests, Faith, Economy”** – A new bilingual Bible Study series for Youth was recently
developed by the Oregon Conference Department of Hispanic Ministries and the North American Division
Youth Ministries. It can be used for small groups, discipleship series, Sabbath School and other Bible study gatherings. It includes relevant topics for the modern, urban Adventist young person who is desiring Biblical answers to today’s toughest questions. The series includes DVD with video clip intros, powerpoint presentations for group leader and student workbook. Available from Oregon Conference Hispanic Ministries (503)850-3500.

**Adventist Youth Transition Network** - This site is a resource for church leaders who are concerned that too many young people lose contact with their Spiritual Community when they transition from Academy/High School to College. The web-site provides tools to help maintain contact with students in transition as well as materials to use to teach young adults in transition how to develop sustainable faith through college and beyond. www.aytn.org

**7 Principles for Youth Ministry Excellence (Spanish)** – Helps Youth Leaders that don’t speak English catch the vision of ministry to youth in the USA. Available here at Adventsource.

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**Ministry Employment Opportunities:**

ACF @ UTK is looking for an **Assistant Chaplain** for the 2011-2012 school year. This is a
taskforce position. If you're interested in serving, please email Michaela Lawrence Jeffery at
mlawrence@gccsda.com for more details. The ideal applicant is someone who is familiar
with public campus ministry.