February 2011

A Word From the Director: A Journey I Will Never Forget

My recent trip to Australia and New Zealand was filled with memories, natural disasters, and adventure. From earthquake aftershocks in Christchurch, New Zealand, to internationally televised flooding in Toowoomba, the weather was a dominate feature of my experience. However, what stood out even more were the hundreds of youth and young adults from a variety of cultures and backgrounds who made lasting decisions to follow Jesus Christ. Not only that, but many youth were able to tangibly envision themselves as active ministry leaders in their local churches!

Read More....

Announcements:

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: http://tinyurl.com

Upcoming Events:

Upcoming Pathfinder Union Camporee Dates:
Atlantic Union Camporee - Westerly, Rhode Island May 5-8, 2011  
Lake Union Camporee - Berrien Springs, Michigan September 15-18, 2011  
Pacific Union Camporee - Glen Helen, California March 22-25, 2012  
Columbia Union August 8-11, 2012, Camp Mohaven  
South Western Union- Texas September 4-7, 2012 (to be held at their new camp for Texas)  

**Conference Events:**

**Re-Charge Hawaii Youth Leaders Training:** February 11-13, 2011  
This training event is for local church ministry leaders involved in Pathfinders, Adventurers, Master Guides, Youth, Young Adults, Children's Ministry. For more info: Hawaii Conference Phone: 808-595-7591

**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. The event begins at 10:00am and ending around 9:00pm. There is a free lunch provided. For more info: [http://tinyurl.com](http://tinyurl.com)

**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 Leadership Conference sponsored by the Georgia-Cumberland Conference and the Southern Union. Presenters include Adrienne Townsend, Nate Dubs and Chris Picco. More info: [http://tinyurl.com](http://tinyurl.com)

**NAD/GC Events:**

**Children's Ministry Convention** in Columbia Union, February 26, 27 2011. This event takes place at The Children's Evangelism Center of the Review and Herald Publishing Association; 55 West Oak Ridge Drive;
Hagerstown, MD  21740.
This training event is for leaders in Children's ministry, Adventurers, Sabbath School, VBS and the Creative Arts. Pastors, parents, and teachers are also encouraged to attend. Seminars include: VBS, Storytelling, Children's Church, Biblical Parenting, Creative Arts, Leadership & Team Building; Special Needs Children, and other Basic, Advanced and Specialty Certifications. Sponsored by Allegheny East Conference Children's Ministries, Adventist Children's Ministries Association (ACMA), Review and Herald Child Evangelism Center, and the Columbia Union. Registration: One-day training ($25); Two-day training ($35). Call 301-680- 6425 for registration and more information.


Friday evening programming will begin at 7 pm. Sabbath morning will begin at 10 am. Complimentary Sabbath Lunch and Dinner will be provided. Sabbath afternoon will feature a variety of options including: In Unity Concert, Community Outreach, RAK, Snow Activity, Video, and more. Stay tuned, there won't be a dull moment this year! Saturday Night will be our annual 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament and Dodgeball Tournament. Bring your sneakers and be prepared for some fun! Phone: 800-254-9687. For more information:http://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

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: http://tinyurl.com/

NAD Campus Ministries Convention: March 16-19, 2011 Walla Walla University – Rosario Beach Laboratory.

**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: http://www.iservemovement.org

**STANDOUT**. Apr 15, 2011 - Apr 17, 2011, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI. STANDOUT is a **spiritual retreat for high school students**, hosted on the campus of Andrews University.

Throughout two days of spiritual exercises and group activities, we'll challenge you to tap into the amazing power of God so that you will STANDOUT and set your faith in motion! Phone: 269-471-6372. For more information, email: standout@andrews.edu or http://standout.andrews.edu

**IGNITION, a young adult ministry training event:** April 4-6, 2011 at the Arlington Seventh-day Adventist Church, 4409 Pleasantview Drive, Arlington, TX 76017.

Tim Elmore, president of Growing Leaders, will be among the featured presenter. Young adults, educators, parents, and ministry leaders are encouraged to attend. Registration and information are available online at http://tinyurl.com/

**Festival of the Laity 2011.** Sep 7, 2011 - Sep 10, 2011, Sheraton Dallas, 400 N Olive Street, Dallas, TX 75402.

Come for training and strengthening your ministry capacity in the areas of: Bible Instructors, Children, Christian Education, Communication, Community Service, Deacons & Deaconess, Disabilities, Elder, Family & Singles, Greeters & Ushers, Health, Hospitality, Information Technology, Pastors, Pastors’
Leadership Changes

Potomac Conference welcomes Sherilyn O'Ffill as their new Associate Youth Director, responsible for Pathfinder, Adventurer, and Camp Blue Ridge summer camp ministries. Sherilyn formerly served as Children, Youth, and Family Ministries Pastor at Napa Community Church in Northern California Conference.

Resources

Adventist Resources

Valentines Activity Idea – Coupons are becoming increasingly popular in our challenging economic times. Use this concept to have your youth or children's group to create “Coupon Books” for members or families with ministry coupons. For example, a Pathfinder group might create coupon books for their churches' ministry team with coupons such as “Will help pick up the offering on any Sabbath you choose” or “Will help vacuum the children's Sabbath School classrooms this week.” Have the kids decorate each page in their book before giving the coupons to their intended recipients! LOVE your church THIS weekend!
100 Creative Way 2 Learn Memory Verses – a timeless book by Karen Holford gives ministry leaders NEW ideas to assist children and youth in learning timeless Bible truths. Multisensory activities such as Alphabetti Verse, Secret Codes, Stepping Stones, Recycled Tunes, and Edible Verses make spiritual concepts real and exciting to kids of all ages. Take your pick – the ideas crammed into this book will suit a variety of interests, skills, learning styles, group sizes, and available materials. Best of all, kids come away from each activity with God’s message to them embedded firmly in their hearts and minds.

Available at Adventist Book Stores or Adventsource: http://tinyurl.com/

The Word on Campus (Public Campus Ministry) -- The Word on Campus book and DVD (http://tinyurl.com/nadypac32) will be welcomed as essential reading by any Adventist interested in ministry at secular college and university campuses. It is the first, and only, systematic treatment of the subject by a Seventh-day Adventist. Kirk King and Ron Pickell, working in collaboration with a number of other experienced campus ministers, have produced a valuable resource—but it's been a long time coming.

Ellen White began to urge the Adventist church to see public universities as a ripe mission field back in the 1890s (see Selected Messages, Book 3, pp. 231 ff.)—the same time period in which other denominations were starting their public campus ministries. She even suggested encouraging missionary minded young Adventists to enroll in secular universities, counseling them to Read the rest of this review at Adventsource. Get the Book -- http://tinyurl.com/

Christian Resources:

Storytime idea from creativebiblestudy.com

Audience: Children (with adaptations possible for youth and adults)

The Bible speaks about how the Christian Church is filled with individuals with unique giftedness. We often mentally think that pastors, deacons, and teachers are the “gifted” ones in our churches. But for this story put some unusual tools in the toolbox to demonstrate how God not only wants to use pastors, deacons, teachers, but He wants to use each and every one of us in His work.
The major point of this Christian object lesson is to show that we are all God's tools and usable to Him to build up His church. Also, God has given us a variety of tools or gifts to equip us to work with Him.

**Object:** Toolbox filled with regular tools such as hammer, screwdrivers, wrench, etc. Also, include other "tools" such as a whisk, wooden spoon, pen, ruler, and Bible.

**Bible verse:** 1 Corinthians 12:4-7  "There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men."

---

**Ministry Employment Opportunities**

no listings this month

---

**Newsletter Focus**

In the coming months, we are adding a second monthly newsletter, each with a focus on a specific ministry. Whereas "The Update" covers the spectrum of youth ministry across the NAD and focuses on events and resources for all the youth-based ministries, this newsletter will offer specific insights, resources, stories, and inspiration on ONE of the many youth-based ministries in the NAD. Our first newsletter will focus on Pathfinder Ministry.

**Upcoming Features:**
Youth Ministry
Young Adult Ministry
Public Campus Ministries
Adventurer Ministries
Camp Ministries (both reports of summer ministry and evangelism but also creative things YOUR camp does!)
If you have an inspirational story, pictures, resource, or "this really works" idea, please email it to the NAD Youth Department Communication Specialist, Mark O'Ffill.

Blessings,

James Black
NAD Youth Director

To unsubscribe from our list(s), CLICK HERE