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A Word from the Director

I am excited about two events taking place this month in the North American. Let me share them with you.

United Youth Congress - This week thousands are traveling to Orlando, FL for the *iServe United Youth Congress*. Established by the Regional Conference Youth Ministries over 33 years ago, the United Youth Congress continues to be the largest Senior Youth/Young Adult event in the SDA World Church. According the current president, Elder Vandeon Griffin (Also the youth director for South Central Conference), over 10,000 are already registered for this week. This does not include the general attendees for the weekend. They are estimating nearly 20,000 for Sabbath.

Due to the fact that regional conferences are now serving a diverse constituency of youth from all cultural and ethnic backgrounds, They have chosen to join together to begin what is called the iServe Movement. This is more than simply a big event. Following the preaching, workshops, community outreach initiatives, concerts, recreation, Pathfinder village, marching/drilling and drumcorp exhibitions, young adult cafe, resource exhibits, Bible Bowl Championship, etc, thousands will return to their local communities and church to begin an iServe Movement in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

As a former president of BAYDA/United Youth Congress (1997-2001), I know the pressure of the task that is ahead for this week. Please join me in prayer as we pray for God’s bountiful blessing upon all who attend and that the Holy Spirit will be realized in the lives of thousands and that those thousands will influence thousands more to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. For more information and the follow up report visit www.iservemovement.org

NAD Young Adult IGNITION Arlington, Texas– Young Adults in the North American Division are proud of their theme word “IGNITION”. This weekend in Arlington, Texas hundreds will gather to be Ignited for Christ. We are so thankful that we have something young adults can claim as theirs'. This movement of young adults is not complaints about what the church is not doing for them. Instead, they are doing for Christ.

Our goal is to inspire and equip leaders to do their parts in creating young adult ministries in their local communities. Our NAD Young Adult Coordinator, Dr. Allan Martin, and Associate Youth Director, Elder Manny Cruz, are appealing to churches across the division to send delegates for this Igniting experience. For more information and follow-up report visit www.godencounters.org or email: amartin@GODencounters.org
Announcement

We Will Be There! (Youth Department Schedule)

Pastor Black's Schedule:

April
6-10 United Youth Congress – Orlando FL
10-12 NAD Camp Committee – Cohutta Springs, GA
15-16 Midland Academy – Kansas City, MO
20-25 British Union Youth Congress – Birmingham, England

May
5 Atlantic Union Camporee – New Hampshire
7 Loma Linda Southern Asia Church
13-14 Reno Area-wide Youth Rally
21 Hyattsville SDA Church – Hyattsville, MD
22-23 Media Summit – Semi Valley, CA

Pastor Manny’s Schedule:

April
4-6 Young Adult Ignition, Arlington, TX
6-10 United Youth Congress, Orlando, FL
10-12 NAD Camp Comm
15-16 Idaho Pathfinder Teen Retreat
Prayer and Hallelujahs

We offer many heartfelt thanks to the Lord for leading us during the recent Lincoln Ministry Meetings. The decisions made and issues wrestled with will strengthen our ministry and our church. Look to the mid-month edition of this newsletter for detailed information on the results of this meeting.

Adventurer Fun Days are happening across North America! We praise God for the safety of thousands of Adventurers and their families as they join with like-minded friends to earn awards, praise Jesus, and make a difference for eternity.

Camps’ Camping Season is approaching with many camps beginning in late May or early June. Please keep Youth Directors/Associate Youth Directors in your prayer this month as they wrap up staffing and programming details for another great Spirit-filled summer in YOUR conference.

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
- Mid-America Union Camporee - Crazy Horse Campground, Custer, SD July 25-28, 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:

Central California Conference "The Race" Teen Girls' Retreat April 8-10, 2011
Soquel Conference Center.
Central California Conference "Man Up!" Teen Guys Retreat April 8-10
Campground near Oakhurst.
Cost is $30.00; food will be provided. An adult sponsor required.
More Info: Jon 509-301-9438 or e-mail: cccguysretreat@gmail.com.

Carolina Conference "Bug! Unique Like Me" Adventurer Fun Day April 10
More info: http://www.carolinasda.org/youth

Georgia-Cumberland Conference Pathfinder Camporee April 14-17
Cohutta Springs Camp and Retreat Center
For More Info: jhaldeman@gccsda.com

Georgia-Cumberland Conference Camporee: TEENS GOT TALENT
For Pathfinder Teens
What: Talent Show
When: Friday, April 15, 2011 10:00-12:00 a.m., 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Where: Camp Amphitheatre Pathfinder Teens (Grades 7-12), plan to share your talent! Bring your music, instrument(s), and/or any props needed for your performance to camporee. Auditions begin on Friday morning with finals on Friday afternoon. Top 3 winners (or winning groups) will be scheduled to perform during one of the camporee programs. Please plan your talent presentation so that it upholds Adventist Christian standards.
More info: Ginnie Sanders at ginnie120@aol.com.

Chesapeake Conference Adventurer Fitness Day April 17
More info: Samantha Young, Children's Ministry Director, syoung@ccosda.org

Potomac Conference Adventurer Fun Day May 1.
More Info: Sherilyn O'Fill, Associate Youth Director, sherilyno@pcsda.org

Chesapeake Conference Pathfinder Fair May 15
More info: Carl Rodriguez, Youth Director, crodriguez@ccosda.org

Potomac Conference Pathfinder Fair May 15
More Info: Sherilyn O'Fill, Associate Youth Director, sherilyno@pcsda.org

Young Adult Retreat - Southern & Southeastern California. May 27, 2011 - May 29, 2011
Pine Springs Ranch, 58000 Apple Canyon Road, Mountain Center, CA 92561.
This year Southeastern California Conference is partnering up with Southern California Conference to open the event
up to many more young people. You don't want to miss out! We're going to have a lot of fun. Sign up today and get ready to be blessed. Please keep in mind that this is a young adult environment and childcare is not provided, so we are asking that children be left at home.

Phone: 951-509-2260 For more information, email: Liz.Adams@secc-sda.org

**NAD/GC Events:**

**ReCharge 2011:**
June 3-5, Berrien Springs, MI (Spanish); Sept 7-10, Dallas, TX (NAD Festival of the Laity); Sept 16-17, Silver Spring, MD; November 18-19, Montreal, Quebec.


**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](http://www.iservemovement.org)

**IGNITION**, a young adult ministry training event: April 4-6, 2011
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://www.godencounters.org](http://www.godencounters.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](http://standout.andrews.edu)

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

Resources

Adventist Resources:
Investiture Achievement – Beginning in the fall of 2011, Investiture Achievement will be the official “classwork” of North American Division Pathfinders. Find out what is coming. http://www.investitureachievement.com

New Book Release – Pastor Black’s latest book is being released this week. Entitled “The Youth (Doing) Ministry Formula (y+m)=YM2” will definitely get your young people’s attention. YM2 is a simple strategy for showing youth how to turn their interests into ministries. While preaching in Australia, Pastor Black used this formula with 15 Aboriginal Youth and in one hour and fifteen minutes they organized 96 new ministries. If you are a youth group leader, AYS leader, youth federation leader, youth pastor, church school/academy teacher, you want to order a copy for each of your youth/students. Available in English, Spanish and French at www.AdventSource.org ($5.99 each – 72 pages)

ARTICLE: Adventists Grow As Other Churches Decline: “Rest on the Sabbath. Heed Old Testament dietary codes. And be ready for Jesus to return at any moment. “If these practices sound quaint or antiquated, think again. They're hallmarks of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the fastest-growing Christian denomination in North America. Newly released data show Seventh-day Adventism growing by 2.5 percent in North America, a rapid clip for this part of the world, where Southern Baptists and mainline denominations, as well as other church groups are declining. Adventists are even growing 75 percent faster than Mormons (1.4 percent), who prioritize numeric growth.

“For observers outside the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the growth rate in North America is perplexing. “'You've got a denomination that is basically going back to basics ... saying, “What did God mean by all these rules and regulations and how can we fit in to be what God wants us to be?'”,’ said Daniel Shaw, an expert on Christian missionary outreach at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif. ‘That's just totally contrary to anything that's happening in American culture. So I'm saying, 'Whoa! That's very interesting.' And I can't answer it.'” Read More: http://www.adventistreview.org/article.php?id=4272

Adventist Youth Space – Social Networking is huge, yet have you ever wanted to find friends, answers, and
community among fellow Adventist teens/young adults? http://adventistyouthspace.ning.com/ Adventist Youth Ministry
Logos – Pathfinder, Adventurer, Youth, AY, and more. Hi-resolution logos for your Adventist youth Ministry
http://www.adventistyouthministries.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=section&layout=blog&id=14&Itemid=123

Other Resources:
In March, Federal Researchers Declared the Eastern Cougar Extinct.
Link: http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20110302/ap_on_sc/us_eastern_cougar
Pathfinders: Cats Honor http://www.pathfindersonline.org
Pathfinders: Endangered Animals Honor http://www.pathfindersonline.org/

Mom’s Minivan Travel Games – Need to find ways to keep the kids entertained in a non-digital way while traveling? If
your kid is an Adventurer, they can even begin to earn the Spotter Award!
http://www.momsminivan.com/bigkids.html
Tie-ins  Spotter Award: http://www.adventurer-club.com

Make a Pet Bug-rock – Whether earning the Insect honor for Pathfinders or the Zoo award for Little Lambs, this site
and related links will get you started. http://crafts.kaboose.com/earth-ladybug-rocks.html Coffee Filter Butterflies – Add
a fun twist to the Moth’s and Butterflies Honor or Little Lamb
Insect Award http://crafts.kaboose.com/butterfly1.html

Youth Daily Devos – Take a moment to read a Bible passage, some thoughts on the passage, and reflect with some
introspective questions. You can even Twitter or FB your comments directly to the author. (Neal Bowes, lay youth
worker, United Methodist Church, Connecticut). http://www.dailydevos.org/

Leadership Changes

No listings this month

Ministry Employment Opportunities

Allegheny East Conference -- Is requesting qualified applicants for the following positions:
In Closing

Mid-month, we will have an extensive newsletter dedicated to the votes, information, and global strategies that came about because of the God-led Lincoln Ministry Meetings.

As a result, the "Adventurer edition" of the mid-month "The Updates" newsletter will be published in May, 2011.

If you have any stories, articles, links, events, or resources you'd like to see listed here, email them to Mark O'Ffill, NAD Youth Department Communications Specialist.

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