From: youthna@web2.simpleupdates.com on behalf of NAD YPAC News [list@youth.nadadventist.org]
Sent: Friday, May 06, 2011 1:46 AM
To: Adventist Heritage
Subject: NAD YPAC News *The Update* May 2011
A Word From the Director

My Workshop Was Interrupted! Occasionally in ministry, something takes place that blows you mind. This was the situation at the recent United Youth Congress in Orlando, FL. In all my years of participating or leading UYCs, this was the first time I had conducted a workshop. I was asked to present our soon to launch reclaiming initiative called “Mission Lifeguard” that is based on John 10:10.

I went through the entire presentation talking about the urgency of searching for the forgotten members and how to begin search and rescue, etc. Then I appealed for everyone to return home to encourage their churches to get involved with ML. I paused and asked if anyone had any comments or questions. One young lady raised her hand and here is what she said: “Pastor, I just want to say that I was just recently found, but my church did not find me. No one came looking for me. I was in the world doing my thing and hanging with the wrong crowd. A drug dealer, who knew I used to attend church, approached me and told me I needed to leave the streets and return to church. At first I thought ‘who is he to tell me to go back to church,’ but somehow, God used the drug dealer’s words to penetrate my heart, and I decided right then and there to return to church. So, you see Pastor JB, the church did not find me, a drug dealer found me. I returned to church the next Sabbath and the next week the drug dealer was shot and killed.”

Needless to say, the workshop did not go any further. I walked over to her and gave her a big hug and welcomed her back home. Everybody applauded and hugged her as well. It was an extremely emotional moment. I have invited her to
join our Mission Lifeguard team. Please pray for her that God will help her as she begins CPR (you will soon know what this means).

Blessings,

Pastor James Black,
NAD Youth Director

Prayer and Hallelujahs

Tornado Victims -- Please remember the families of those killed and injured in the catastrophic tornados that tore across the Southeastern United States April 27-28, 2011. Several members were killed and many more lost their homes in the widespread devastation.

Source: http://www.nadadventist.org/

Atlantic Union Camporee -- Please keep the Atlantic Union Pathfinder Camporee in your prayers this weekend. Hundreds of Pathfinder kids and staff have gathered from across the Atlantic Union for a weekend a fun, service, and spiritual focus!
United Youth Congress -- Youth from many academies and churches joined the throngs who attended the United Youth Congress held April 6–10 in Orlando, Fla. The full agenda included seminars, community outreach activities and even a concert with the a capella group Committed, recent winners of television's Sing Off program.

"Approximately 15 community service options were offered to the youth attending the Youth Congress,' said Denise Houston, community outreach coordinator for the United Youth Congress and also a member of the Breath of Life Seventh-day Adventist Church in Rochester, New York. Service project areas included Three Points Elementary School, Clean the World, Harvest Tie International, Community Food and Outreach Center, Living Hope International Ministry, Salvation Army, and Second Harvest Food Bank. Orlando community leaders were excited and amazed at what United Youth Congress planned and executed to help out their organizations."


Young People Assist Southern US Tornado Victims -- According to the North American Division website, Pathfinder and Youth groups have assisted the victims of the tornado-producing storm system that swept across the southern US last week.
These include:

• McDonald Road Pathfinders are feeding emergency workers and affected families at Apison Elementary School.
• Atlanta Adventist Academy sent a group of students to the Apison area to help with clean-up this past weekend
• Southern Adventist University has offered the Hamilton County Emergency Management Agency the use of dorm rooms for temporary housing starting Sunday, May 1
• Georgia-Cumberland Conference is working with emergency management officials to establish warehouse operations in Georgia and Tennessee. The locations will be made available once confirmed Adventist Community Services is accepting monetary donations to assist with the response efforts.

You can donate on www.communityservices.org. You can send donations by mail to Adventist Community Services, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904

Source: http://www.adventistreview.org/article.php?id=4363

**Benton Arkansas Pathfinders Serve** -- "On January 15, the Benton Jesus Warriors Pathfinder Club helped serve food at the Salvation Army homeless shelter in Little Rock. It was a new experience for everyone, but the insights that our young people came away with are priceless. These are their own words:
"I learned many things that I haven't thought about much, but I should. Don't be greedy; that’s one thing I think about now because someone might need it more than me, like the homeless. I need to learn to share more....."

Read More:  http://www.swurecord.org/issue/10/8/330

Announcements

**Pastor JB's Schedule:**

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 NAD Media Summit – Simi Valley/Loma Linda, CA

**Pastor Manny's Schedule:**

May  
3-6 NAD Hispanic Committee Meetings, Silver Spring, MD  
21-23  NAD Media Summit, Simi Valley/Loma Linda, CA

Events
Upcoming Pathfinder Union Camporee Dates:

- Lake Union Camporee - Berien 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 October 4-7, 2012 (to be held at their new camp for Texas)

Conference Events:

Florida Conference Young Adult Retreat May 13-15

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'Ffill, 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

**Summer Camp Schedules:**

Most conferences provide summer camp programs for families and young people during the summer months. At least one union paper, the Southwestern Union Record, lists their camp schedules. Should we know about your Camp calendar?

Source:  [http://www.swurecord.org/issue/10/7/366](http://www.swurecord.org/issue/10/7/366)


**NAD/GC Events:**


For more information, email:  ahicks@nadasam.com

**ReCharge 2011:**
June 3-5, Berrien Springs, MI (Spanish); Sept 7-10, Dallas, TX (NAD Festival of the
Sheraton Dallas, 400 N Olive Street, Dallas, TX 75402.


Adventist Resources

NEW BOOK FROM JAMES BLACK! -- In all cultures and societies, success is usually measured by what one achieves. Young people are often challenged beyond measure to become successful no matter the sacrifice. They have very few role models who will tell them the truth about God’s plan for their lives.

As a youth minister for over 20 years, James Black has chosen to...
make himself visible through transparency. Indeed, he has learned more from his mistakes and challenges than from success. As you read about his journey you will discover that mistakes do not always result in defeat. True success is depending on God for guidance and direction!

This book, "He's Got a Plan and I'm In It" is designed for teenagers, young adults, pastors, parents, and teachers who are searching for God’s plan for their life.

Order:  http://www.adventsource.org/as20/product.aspx?ID=36399

Adventist ipod/iphone/ipad Apps --

There are over 400,000 apps available, and so far, the majority of Adventist-focused apps are free or nearly free. For youth ministry you might find a few of the following helpful:

CYE -- CYE's apps share information about the upcoming international camporee and another includes many resources, including one called Church of Refuge, a directory of congregations that are known to provide worship and programs where youth can feel comfortable.

Downloads:

Camporee-- FREE itunes store Camporee

CYE -- FREE itunes store CYE8

Beliefs -- FREE http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/beliefs/id336492083?mt=8 This app displays the 28 fundamental beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church
Sabbath School -- FREE iTunes store Sabbath School  The General Conference of SDA provides this app to provide study lessons for adults and children.

Source:  http://mcquesview.com/adventist-iphone-apps/

Health

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America has kicked off In Step for Life, a division-wide initiative to foster better health. It carries a goal to mobilize every member and institution to get active, focus on good nutrition and engage children, youth, parents, schools and the community in fighting childhood obesity.

“In Step for Life is an important program that our North Pacific Union Conference churches and schools support," says John Loor Jr., NPUC vice president for administration and health ministries director. "This program affirms the principle of exercise that has been part our church's health message for decades."

The NAD has set aside Sunday, Sept. 25, as Let's Move Day. Churches, schools and healthcare institutions are encouraged to host 5K run/walks or other active events on that day.

As part of this initiative, the NAD Health Ministries Department is teaming with the USDA to facilitate the discovery of local sites for the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP): Food That's In When School is Out". Would your school or church be interested in being a part of this program? It is an incredible service opportunity as well as a potential fundraiser.

For more information and detailed packets for all aspects of the program visit: http://www.nadhealthministries.org/letsmove.php
Honors/Awards

Have you ever wanted a really cool story to go along with the Lizards Award or Reptile honor? You've now got one in a La Sierra University teacher who has discovered 80 new species of reptiles! Source: http://www.nadadventist.org/rssarticle.php?id=732

Lizards Requirements: http://www.adventurer-club.com
Reptiles Requirements: http://www.pathfindersonline.org

New Pathfinder Honors:

Several new Pathfinder honors were voted during the YPAC Lincoln Meetings, March 2011. While the requirements and honor patches are still not available, we thought you'd like to know what is coming!

- Waterfalls
- Rivers and Streams
- The Ultimate and Advanced (a game using flying discs)
- Odonates (Dragonflies, Damselflies, etc.)
- Postcards and Advanced
- Water Safety Instructor and Advanced -- to match WSI certification requirements
- Basic Water Safety and Advanced -- to match Levels I and II Red Cross Requirements. All other existing swimming honors have been updated dramatically to match current Red Cross standards.

Young Adults Address Concerns and Needs for Adventism in Canada --
"Putting action to its words, the SDA Church in Canada Board of Directors invited a young adult representative to its recent year-end meetings to speak of the needs of that demographic of the church membership. Faith Calaminos, a 20-year-old CUC student, sat with the Board as a full participant but also took the floor to give a half-hour"


**Facebook Christians** -- The Adventist Review explores the question: "Can Facebook challenge us to live lives 'transparent' and 'filled with integrity'?"


**Leadership Changes**

No changes that we are aware of this month. Do you know someone who has changed leadership? Let us know!
Ministry Employment Opportunities

Are you looking for a teaching job or a taskforce position for the coming school year? The North American Division has a centralized website where conferences list their job openings!

Source: http://www.nadeducation.org/jobs

In Closing

Each month, we publish "The Update" as an online newsletter and resource for the North American Division. As you are likely aware, part of our newsletter is titled "Prayers and Hallelujahs" where we share the names of those that have requested and are in need of our prayers as fellow leaders in ministry.

We are requesting that you help us connect in prayer by providing us with information from your ministry field of those in need of prayers or who are celebrating God's answers to their prayers.

We wish to honor the personal privacy nature of many prayer requests, so we are ONLY asking for those prayers and praises that are of a nature where the individuals would appreciate and feel the benefit of having the youth ministry network joining them in prayer.

Whether these are prayers for a conference/union leader, an area coordinator, or a
local lay leader -- we wish to be able to pray for them. We meet for staff meeting several times per month and will also bring these individuals to God in prayer during those meetings.

Of course, other areas of our newsletter could also have the news that affects you in your conference or field. We scour the internet for calendar, event, and announcement items, looking in Union papers, conference publications, Plusline, and a host of others, but we do not discover everything that is happening for youth ministry! We would LOVE to tell everyone about your event!

To facilitate this, please email Mark O'Ffill, our NAD Youth Department Communications Specialist at: msoffill@sbcglobal.net or Gael Murray, our Administrative Assistant, at Gael.Murray@nad.adventist.org.

Blessings,

Pastor JB
Not spam
Forget previous vote