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A Word From The Director

We want to wish a “Happy New Year!” to all North American Division Youth and Young Adult Ministries enthusiasts.

Today, I challenge you to praise the Lord for all of the successes and blessings received in 2011. Indeed, we are grateful for all of the youth and young adults who accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and were baptized in 2011. May I affirm your involvement in their lives that helped make that eternal decision a reality for them!

We are also thankful to the committed leaders dedicated to serving in each of these areas:

- Teens
- young adults
- Pathfinders
- Adventurers/Eager Beavers/Little Lambs
- Camp staff
- Master Guides
- Adventist Christian Fellowship
- Public High School ministry
- Mission lifeguard
- Certified lay youth pastors
- Just Claim It (both volunteers and sponsors)
- Leadership SUMMIT
- Ignition

We could not have done it without you. As Jesus says, “Well done, good and faithful servants.”
We also want to challenge you to literally wave good-bye to every trial, tribulation, accidents, frustration, and anything that did not go right in 2011. Prayer for a renewed perspective as we are now “…forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth to those things which are ahead. I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.” Phil 3:13-14.

I wish to take this opportunity to remind you of our focus for the next 4 years during this quinquennium:

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Prayer & Bible Study
Equipping Leaders
Reclaiming the Forgotten
Ministry in Action
Shepherding

By God’s grace let’s make this the best year ever in youth and young adult ministries (more details & specific ministries can be found at http://bit.ly/5Pivots

Blessings,
Pastor JB

Don’t Forget!

JCI PRAYER CONGRESS/SUMMIT/IGNITION EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION
ENDING! Early Bird Registration (and saving of $20-30 per registration) ENDS JANUARY 12, 2012. Please do all you can to help promote and assist young people in becoming apart of this life changing experience. We have youth and leaders coming from around the world for this event. Now is the time to rally the forces as we claim God’s promises. Register Now!


Prayers and Hallelujahs

David Solomon Sr. ~ Youth Director in Nevada-Utah Conference, had surgery on December 22. On Dec 27 he posted on Facebook "Five days ago I had a rare & challenging type of Open Heart Surgery of which only three surgeons in the world could do. I am still praising God for bringing me and my family safely through this procedure. Yes, I am in a great deal of pain, but so grateful to God to be able to feel this pain. To God be the Glory!!" Please continue to keep him in your prayers as he heals.

Pastor James Black – his health is improving and his blood count is up and stabilizing. Let us continue to pray for him as he slowly gets back in saddle of leadership.

JCI3/SUMMIT/Ignition – We invite everyone whether you are attending or not to pray for this experience. God wants to do something special for our youth/young adults and we believe it will happen at JCI3 and continue in your local church.

Youth/Young Adult Leaders – Leadership can be a lonely road. Let us pray for those who make daily sacrifices for the young generation. Pray that God will give them purpose, determination, focus, and faithfulness as they lead.

Safety – We praise God that in 2011, there were fewer accidents in youth ministries. At the
same time, we pray for safety in all of our youth ministries for 2012, particularly in areas of SDA Camps/Retreat Centers and Pathfinder Ministry.

Do you know of a prayer need or a praise you'd like to share? Please contact us

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Announcements

eNews "The Update" Ministry Resource for YOUR Leadership Community --
Do your friends in ministry get this monthly newsletter? Do you find yourself forwarding this email to an extensive list of leaders in your conference or church community? Encourage them to sign-up directly

NAD Youth Ministry Department Travel Dates --

Pr. Manny Cruz Travel:

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September 21-23  Minnesota (Spanish - Pathfinders)
September 28-29  Vancouver, British Columbia

**Real. A Young Adults Worship Experience**  comes to New Hope February 10-11 featuring anointed speaker Roger Hernandez! Download the Press Kit and get more info at www.youngadultsconnect.com/GODencounters.

**YES Team Missionary Opportunities & Dreams**  Is interested in assisting with domestic mission trips. Initially, AdventistYES Michigan is interested in partnering with another group to perform a meaningful domestic mission experience in 2012. Contact Justin Vibbard  www.AdventistYES.org or http://t.co/nqSaIFc3

**(GC) General Conference Youth Depart Calls Us to Impact Africa**
Lions, Tigers, Mission, Praise, and Service.
Are you being called to serve?  [Link](#)

**CLYP (Certified Lay Youth Leader Training)**  The next two CLYP webinars will be canceled (participants’ request) in order to give participants more time to complete assignments. The NAD Youth Ministries has expressed gratitude to the CLYP Directors (All SDAs) for what is being accomplished with this first online youth ministries training program for lay volunteers in the Adventist Church and Interdenominational Youth Ministries. Please take a moment and check it out at www.clyponline.com . We need lay youth ministers in every church.
Submitted by - Lance Mishleau – Asst. Director, CLYP Administration

**Pastor Manny Cruz’s "Youth Ministry Stuff"**  -- Check it out at [Papers.li](#)
Resources

If Mary and Joseph Had Facebook -- We know it's a few days past Christmas, but the creative retelling of the Christmas story is memorable nonetheless -- Watch the video. Source ~ Gleaner Online, December 22, 2011

Free Art, Photographs, and Logos -- Shared or sold by Christian artists. You can search, download, or purchase form a worldwide selection of graphics suitable for many occasions. Link - Creationswap.com

World Prayer Congress

Calling Young Musicians! Become part of something bigger than yourself -- Join the mass choir and orchestra performing on Sabbath at JCI. Music

downloads available NOW!

Leadership begins with service -- Volunteer time while at the JCI/Ignition/SUMMIT to make a difference in other's lives and experience. Greeters, IT and A/V, Recreation, Prayer warriors and more are needed. Sign up as a volunteer now.

Distinguished Youth Award -- Does your club, church, or school have a young person who exemplifies leadership, involvement, academics, and leadership? If so, contact your conference youth director -- He/She has the opportunity to nominate one youth for the
Distinguished Youth Award.
Criterion Details & Local Youth Nominee Form
Conference Nomination Form

It's Easy to Get Comfortable with What We THINK We Know About Leading Young People! Become uncomfortable! Youth ministry is changing as quickly as the society around us. Catch up with training offer at Leadership SUMMIT, part of the NAD World Prayer Congress (JCI).

Tracks for the 2012 Convention seminars

JCI / SUMMIT Pre-Convention
Pre-convention Advisory, taskforce, and committee meetings will take place March 4-7 prior to the World Prayer Congress in Greensboro, NC. If you serve on one or more of these groups, please make your plans to attend the preconvention in addition to the World Prayer Congress.

Adventurers

Leader Alert -- Teach with "Felts" on your iPad? No longer do you need a flannel board to tell the children's story or lead Sabbath School! A free storytelling app is now available for iPad users. Titled "Gracelink," the app is available in the iTunes app store. A default library of virtual "felts" can be used to tell stories from Scripture. The plan is to release weekly graphic packs that relate to that week's study and corresponding animation. "Crayons" are provided so children (and the rest of us) can draw stories, or add "color" to complement the story told with the "felts." Read More from the Adventist
Young Adult / ACF

Connect with ACF leaders and campus ministry training at one of these upcoming division wide events:

- One Project, Seattle, WA February 13 & 14. For more info "The One Project"
- Ignition Young Adult Prayer Conference, Greensboro, NC, March 7-10.
- ACF/NAD First Annual Campus Ministries Convention, Columbia University, New York, NY, April 13-15
- NEW! Download a printable brochure

Won X One: Transforming The Campus One Student At A Time
1). Pre JCI3 campus ministry training in local churches. If you would like to learn how to launch a campus ministry program on your campus you might want to get in on the pre JCI Campus Catalyst training in one of the local churches. For more information go to: www.acflink.org and click on JCI3
2). On campus outreach scheduled during JCI3 at UNC Greensboro campus. If you want to get out there and meet some students and share what Jesus has done for you — then check out Campus Outreach at JCI3 when you get here.
3). Daily workshops on how to launch a campus ministry from your local church as well as sharing your faith on campus will be presented during JCI3.
4). ACF presentations during Ignition conference.

These are some of the many ways you can learn and grow in campus outreach opportunities at JCI3.
Look for the new Quick Start Guide for Campus Ministry from AdventSource due out this month. This is a very helpful cliff notes kind of guide for launching an Adventist ministry on your college or university campus. The Campus Ministry Quick Start Guide will also be available online through www.acflink.org this month.

Faith for Today’s Mike Tucker offers this endorsement: "GraceRoots Movement is a one-stop site for worship, articles, music, and connection. Check us out at www.gracerootsmovement.com, and/or click "Like" at http://www.facebook.com/gracerootsmovement."
Source: NAD Young Adult Advisory Facebook Page http://on.fb.me/NADYAMAFB

Now in its fifth year, CONNECT: ACF Leadership Conference is a linking point for Adventist students who attend public (and private non-Adventist) universities and colleges and it is also a leadership training time to help students better impact their campuses for the glory of God. This year’s topic will be “Hands & Feet” as we discover ways to serve our various campuses through our Christian witness and the gifts God has given us. I encourage you to invite your church’s ACF students to join us February 24-26, 2012 on the campus of University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Each year, the weekend is sponsored by the Georgia-Cumberland Conference in partnership with the Southern Union and is open to all ACF students from throughout the Union. For more information, visit www.acfgcc.org.
ACF Social Networking - Facebook

To post campus ministry events for all to share go to the Adventist Christian Fellowship North America Facebook page. We encourage you to make this our place to share the events and activities of our campus ministry news and information. You can also list your own campus ACF Facebook page on this site.

Pathfinders

Official PBE event dates:

- Area/District/Level Events ~ February 4
- Conference Level Testing ~ March 3
- Union Level Testing ~ March 31
- Division Level Event ~ April 21

Note: Some area or conference schedules may vary from published standard dates. Please check with your local conference office for details.

NEW! Forms & Tools for the PBE
Area/Conference/Union Levels of Play -- Download Media Releases, Statement of Integrity forms as well as Conference & event forms! Download NOW!

Official SDA Bible Commentary Sections available for download at Pathfindersonline.org.
Sample online Bible Quiz Simulation helps prepare PBE teams for events

More info: Contact Gene Clapp (wclapp@satx.rr.com), or visit pathfindersonline.org

Pathfinder Union Camporees:


GC/NAD/Organizational Events

NAD Ministries Convention including Mission Lifeguard Training
January 15-18, 2012
Join James Black, Manny Cruz and a host of others at the NAD Ministries Convention in Innsbrook, FL
Early Bird Deadline December 1, 2011  Register NOW!
AdventistMinistriesConvention.com

3rd NAD/World Youth Prayer Congress
Need Leadership Training? Need PLA, PIA, ALG, Youth doing Ministry Formula or the NEW Pathfinder Leadership Certification tracks training/certifications? SUMMIT Leadership Convention is part of The NAD World Prayer Congress!
March 7-11, 2012, Greensboro, North Carolina  Register NOW!
JCI3.org

Mission Lifeguard Training
January 16-18, 2012
NAD Ministries Convention in Palm Harbor, Florida

Changed Latino Youth Rally
Friday January 27, 2012 at 7:00 PM
San Antonio, TX
FREE ADMISSION
Speakers include: Willie Ramos, Jose Rojas, Manny Cruz, Carlos
Camacho, Yami Bazan, Jose Cortez Jr, Carlos Acosta Guests: Ernest Castillo - NAD Vice President, Sandra Juarez - Esperanza TV, Vertice - Young Adult Ministry from Mexico, El Centinela Magazine and many more
Special Feature: Launching of book Changed 3 and Changed Latino Youth Evangelism
For more info: www.ChangedLatinoYouth.com

**the OneProject** comes to Seattle, Washington
February 13 - 14, 2012
www.the1project.org

**Church of Refuge (COR)**
February 15, 2012, Seattle, WA
More info about COR is found at COR Website

**Just Claim It / SUMMIT / Ignition**
March 7-10, 2012
Calling all teens who want to pray and service a CHANGE into their community! If you're just wanting a “good time” this is NOT the event for you, but if you desire an event that could reignite your prayer life and get your youth group excited about serving their community,
REGISTER NOW!: JCI3.org

**Pathfinder Bible Experience**
April 21, 2012, NAD Headquarters, Silver Spring,
Maryland. NAD Pathfinder Ministries introduces a Pathfinder team challenge on immersion in the Word of God. This year the books of Mark and 1 Samuel are those being studied by teams. More info: Contact Gene Clapp (wclapp@satx.rr.com), or visit pathfindersonline.org

Mid-America Union Hispanic Youth Leadership Convention
May 25-27, 2012, Union College, Lincoln, Nebraska
More Info: Hubert Cisneros hucisner@maucsd.org

Maranatha Young Adult Mission Project
August 1-13, 2012
maranatha.org

GODencounters Conference
September 13-15, 2012
Arlington, Texas, USA
GODencounters.org

Impact Africa
July 1-13, 2013
Pretoria, South Africa
www.impactgcyouth.org

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Conference/Local Church Events

PA Conference Pathfinder Winter Retreat
January 27-29, 2012
Laurel Lake Camp, Rossiter, PA

PA Conference Area Level PBE’s
Sabbath, February 4, 2012

Junior Bible Camp
February 3-5, 2012
Southeastern California Conference

Youthfest 2012 – A Washington D.C./Metropolitan rally for Youth and Young Adults
February 3 & 4 2012, Potomac Conference
More info: Denny Grady youth@pcsda.org

Texico Youth Rally
Feb. 10-11, 2012, El Paso, TX

PA Conference Level PBE
Sabbath, February 18, 2012
Texas Conference Latino Youth Fest 2012
March 23-25, 2012
More info: Gene Clapp Gene.Clapp@valero.com

Columbia Union PBE
Sabbath, March 17, 2012
Hagerstown SDA Church, Hagerstown, MD

Texas Conference Pathfinder Camporee
April 5-8, 2012, Lake Whitney Ranch, Clifton, Texas
More info: Gene Clapp Gene.Clapp@valero.com

BACA Adventurers United Spring Escape
April 26-29 @ Lake Junaluska

Oklahoma Conference Pathfinder Camporee
April 27-29, 2012, Wewoka Woods Adventist Center

PA Conference Adventurer Family Retreat
April 27-29, 2012 @Laurel Lake Camp, Rossiter, PA

PA Conference Pathfinder Fair
May 6, 2012 @ Blue Mountain Academy
PA Conference “Adventurer” Fair
Sunday, May 6, 2012 @ Blue Mountain Academy

Is your event not listed here?
More events on our website

Fesja Youth Rally
May 4-5, 2012, Odessa, TX

Texico Adventurer Camporee
June 1-3, 2012

In Closing

Most of us have New Year's Resolutions. Does yours include spiritual objectives? Does it include ministry goals? Does it include health initiatives? If not yet, may we at the NAD Youth Department encourage you to revise that list? We are already editing ours!

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