Mid America Union
Camporee – Custer, South Dakota

The Mid America Union Camporee (Truth2Freedom) was a blessing to its sellout group of over 1200 Pathfinders and staff. In the days leading up to the Camporee, the Enemy tried to cancel the camporee with a serious wildfire, but to no avail. While the planned location for the Camporee, Custer High School, became home to hundreds of firefighters instead of thousands of Pathfinders, the Camporee was able to relocate to the nearby High School football and track field. It was tight but it all worked out. In fact, for programming, the bleachers were a blessing.

I was impressed that the camporee planners made full use of their gorgeous and nature-rich location for planning activities and honors. Twelve different AY Honors were offered, and each was associated with a Black Hills field trip, which meant that the young people didn’t just read about this stuff from a book, but instead, they got to touch, taste, see, and feel what they were learning about!

The honors list included:

- Caving & Bat Honors / Wind Cave National Park & Jewel Cave National Monument
- Native American Lore Honor / Crazy Horse Monument
- Hiking Honor / Harney Peak
- Fossils & Geology Honors / Mammoth Site - Hot Springs
- Pioneer Honor / Flag Mountain Camp
- Gold Panning Honor / Gold Prospectors Camp
- Reptile & Mammal Honors / Reptile Gardens & Bear Country USA
- Biking Honor / Mickelson Trail
- Photography Honor / all locations
I had the privilege of preaching at the closing ceremony for the camporee at the Mount Rushmore Outdoor Amphitheater. This awe-inspiring location brings thousands of visitors from around the world each day, and this was no exception. The Presidential Faces in the cliffs, looking down upon the pomp and circumstance associated with the closing ceremony was awe inspiring and made it easy to preach a message that made a great impact on hundreds of tourists who were visiting Mount Rushmore along with our Camporee attendees. At the end of the closing message the tourists witnessed approximately 500 Pathfinders at altar in rededicating their lives to Jesus Christ. I pray that somehow, the call to Jesus touched the hearts and minds of the tourists and not only the Pathfinders. Maybe in the kingdom we will hear a salvation story connected to that evening that might otherwise have not been told. Only God knows.

Thank you Hubert Cisneros, Mid-America Youth Director, for your leadership on this event.

Blessings,

Pastor JB
Youth & Young Adult Ministries Director
North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists

Flickr Photos from Mid-America Pathfinder Camporee

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Prayers and Hallelujahs

Bill Wood, retired Atlantic Union Youth Director, had knee replacement surgery last week and is healing well. Thank you all for your prayers.

Announcements / Highlights

Just Claim It Branding Logo Contest!

Help us choose the BEST design from among these entries for the Just Claim It logo to be used beginning in 2014 in Miami. As you evaluate the logos remember -- Prayer, Bible Study, Community Service and Worship are the focus.


Schedules -- Travel Calendars:

**Pastor Black's Travel Schedule**
August 3-4 -- Korean Youth Campmeeting -- Berrien Springs, MI
August 5 -- Florida Conference Leadership Training -- High Springs, FL
August 5-8 -- NAD Teacher’s Convention -- Nashville, TN
August 8-11 -- Columbia Union Camporee -- Camp Mohaven, Ohio
August 21-26 -- Ukraine Youth Congress -- Kiev, Ukraine

**Pastor Manny's Travel Schedule**
August 3-4 -- NCC Hispanic Youth Leadership Convention, Antioch, CA
August 5-7 -- NAD Teachers’ Convention -- Nashville, TN
August 8-11 -- ASI Convention -- Cincinnati, OH
September 21-23 ReCharge Minnesota Pathfinder Leadership Training, MN
September 28-29 ReCharge Vancouver, BC

**Congrads to the Oakwood College Aoelians Choir**, who won three gold medals at the 7th World Choir Games in Cincinnati, OH. The choir won the Championship Trophy in the "Spiritual" category, competing against 15 other choirs. They also won in the categories of "Music of Religions" and "Musica Contemporanea." More than 15,000 choristers in 362 choirs competed in 23 different musical categories.

**Columbia Union Historic Vote on Ordination** - "A special July 29 constituency meeting called by the Columbia Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists voted a resolution: “That the Columbia Union Conference authorize ordination to the gospel ministry without regard to gender.”

Using secret ballots, delegates from the eight conferences of the union’s mid-Atlantic United States territory voted 209 in favor and 51 opposed, with nine abstentions. The Columbia Union says it has 135,000 members in more than 700 congregations.

According to a statement issued by the Columbia Union Conference late Sunday, the union executive committee will no longer deny requests from conferences to ordain proven female ministers to the gospel ministry, but their calling will be fully recognized on par with their male counterparts."

*Read More from Adventist News Network or the Adventist Review*

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**Let's Move Day Webinar for Pathfinder Director’s and Staff**

We, the NAD Youth Department, have partnered for a second year with the North American Division Health Ministries Department with a goal of walking, biking, running, or even swimming (does this bring up images of the olympics anyone?) ONE MILLION MILES this year.
There is a special reporting tool available to us to report our miles, and the miles of our clubs and Pathfinders. This short webinar will help pathfinder Directors and staff be able to help their Pathfinder's miles count toward the million mile goal.

Join us on Thursday, Aug 2, 2012 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM EDT

Let's Move Day -- Webinar for Pathfinder Directors & Staff

Thursday, Aug 2, 2012 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM EDT

1. Click here to register: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/979130240

2. You will be connected to audio using your computer's microphone and speakers (VoIP). A headset is recommended.

Or, you may select Use Telephone after joining the Webinar.

System Requirements:
PC-based attendees
Required: Windows® 7, Vista, XP or 2003 Server

Macintosh®-based attendees
Required: Mac OS® X 10.5 or newer

Read our Audio Checklist for tips on using your computer's microphone and speakers with GoToWebinar.

World Conference on Youth and Community Service (WCYCS) 2013, Praetoria, South Africa
Are you looking for a Mission Project & Spiritual Retreat all rolled into one? Impact South Africa might be for you and your group!

More Info: impactgcyouth.org
Service Projects: impactgcyouth.org/Projects/

NOTE: The NAD Youth Ministries office is willing to provide a subsidy of $100.00 to the first hundred registrants from the NAD. All our office needs is a completed application and a $100.00 deposit. The deposit will be non-refundable but transferrable. The deposit plus the subsidy will pay the youth congress fee ($200.00 earlybird). Please email Gael Murray, NAD Youth Ministries Admin. Assistant.

Forms/Letters:

- Application Form
- Congress Fee Remittance Form
- Congress Participant's Form
- CSP Participant's Form
- CSP Fees Remittance Form
- Daily Program
- Memo from General Conference Youth Department
- Registration Form
- Letter to Leaders
- Workshops

Youth / High School

**Changed Latino Youth Net**

Launched in January 2012 by the NAD Multilingual Ministries in partnership with the NAD Youth & Young Adult Ministries, “Changed – Real Lives in a Real World” is the Hispanic Youth Evangelism initiative of the North American Division.

Evangelism Kit $14.95 – http://www.changedlatinoyouth.com/kit/
LIVE Broadcast from Orlando, FL  October 13-20, 2012  More info: www.changedlatinoyouth.com or download the NEW app! Go to the Apple App Store and search "Changed -- Real Lives in a Real World."

Living It Public High School Ministry

Proposed Pathfinder Honor in Campus Ministry: This is a brand new honor and we are looking for pathfinder clubs to help pilot it this year so that it can become official. Check it out on the Living it Pathfinder page.

PBE Application Guides: Living it has been asked to provide Application Guides to go along with the Pathfinder Bible Experience books of the Bible for 2013. The Application Guides for Acts and 1&2 Thessalonians will be posted as a free resource in mid-August and will also be available in hard copy from AdventSource. http://livingiths.org/resources/pathfinders

At-Risk Help is contributed by Loma Linda University’s Behavioral Health Institute. Here you will find overviews of various at-risk behaviors that you may encounter and ideas for helping to deal with each kind of situation. This is an invaluable resource!

Join the Living It conversation with other youth leaders on Facebook and sign-up to receive regular updates.

JOIN THE LI NEW NEWSLETTER COMMUNITY -- www.livingiths.org

Pastors: Stewardship Sermon

Stewardship Sermon Contest. Deadline is August 9, 2012. If you are about finished with your manuscript there is just enough time to get your sermon in before we end the contest on August 9, 2012. We want your sermon before the evaluation process starts that will judge which sermons will be selected. Your
participation will help create a valuable resource for use in the local church. A big thank you to those that sent in a sermon and for those who forgot or haven't sent in one on purpose, you still have time and know what to do. Results will be announced at the 2012 year-end meetings. John Mathews, Director

Young Adults

GODEncounters: Sam Lenor

Sam Lenor, chaplain at La Sierra University, will be the featured presenter at the 2012 GODencounters Conference, August 30 – September 1, 2012, held at Arlington Seventh-day Adventist Church, 4409 Pleasantview Drive, Arlington, TX 76017. Free and open to the community, the conference begins Thursday, August 30th at 7:00 PM, and culminates with a free concert, 7:00 PM, Saturday evening, September 1st with Younger Generation Worship. For more information go to www.YGchurch.com.

Adventurers / Pathfinders

Congrads to Beatrice Hill
Gulf States Conference recently recognized Bea for 22 years of Adventurer Ministry in their Conference. She began working with Adventurers during the pilot phase in 1989 and has continued her ministry into the present. Thanks Bea!
Source: July 2012 Southern Tidings

Animated Bible Stories

We pray that you will be blessed by these animated Bible stories that we have discovered as assistance resources on Youtube. What other tools have you found on Youtube?
Abraham and Isaac 26.27 min

Bread From Heaven – 25.22 min.
Built Upon the Rock – 26.30 min
Daniel – 26.36 min.
Daniel and the Lion’s Den – 46.22 min
David & Goliath – 24.26 min.
And many more....

Resources

Bible Timelines contains a series of over 20 free timelines showing God's love throughout recorded Biblical history. Being able to see the gospel in a timeline sometimes helps us see God's love for us in a whole new way. bibletimelines.org
Use: various chips, awards, and honors

Welcome to the Team

Roger Wade -- Joins the NAD Youth Ministry team in a new capacity as Northeastern Conference Youth Director. He joins the Northeastern Conference team after serving as Youth Director in Southwestern Regional Conference.

Read More...

In Closing...

Find a calendar, the one you use to plan your youth events, Pathfinder outings, Adventurer field trips, and Sabbath School experiences. Now, look at those events and picture the young people who will be blessed
by them. Pray for them. NOW, look at those same events, and think of the people who will be a part of your team to make those events a success. Pray for them TWICE as long as those you prayed for previously, thanking God for each of them.

We are all truly blessed to be surrounded by people who give of their time and resources for God's young people. Thank you!

The NAD Youth Ministry Team

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Northeastern Conference Delegates Elect New Officers at Session

The Northeastern Conference convened its twenty-sixth regular constituency session on Sunday, June 10 at Camp Victory Lake in Hyde Park, New York. When all was said and done, a change in leadership was voted by the delegates. The new officers elected for the next four years are Daniel Honore, president; Oswald Euell, executive secretary; and Edson Bovell, treasurer. They will serve the more than 50,000 members in the conference.

Departmental directors voted to serve are:
- Lawrence Brown – Stewardship, Trust Services, and Religious Liberty
- Pollyanna Prosper-Barnes – Family Ministries and Children’s Ministries
- Leroy Daley – Personal Ministries and Health Ministries
- Fitzgerald Kerr – Community Services and Sabbath School
- JeNean Johnson – Communication
- Ainsworth Joseph – Ministerial Ministries
- Roger Wade – Youth Ministries
- Viola Chapman – Education
- Stacy Gordon – Adventist Book Center
- Jose Joseph – Franco-Haitian Ministries
- José Burroughs – Hispanic Ministries

The Women’s Ministries position was referred to the executive committee for action.

Representatives from the Atlantic Union Conference: Donald King; president; Carlyle Simmons, secretary; Leon Thomassian, treasurer; Pierre Omeler, vice president for Haitian

Newly-elected Northeastern Conference administrators and departmental directors with Atlantic Union Conference administrators. Not pictured are Fitzgerald Kerr and Roger Wade.
Ministries; Dionisio Olivo, vice president for Hispanic Ministries; and the union directors, associate directors, and assistant directors were on hand to assist with the session. They were joined by representatives from the North American Division: Dan Jackson, president; Tom Evans, treasurer; and Alvin Kibble, vice president.

Thanks and appreciation were extended to Trevor Baker, Larry Bailey, and Ebenezer Agboka, and the departmental directors for their leadership and service during the last four years.

The delegates received reports and voted recommended changes to the Constitution and Bylaws. Among the changes was the vote to impose term limits on the office of president and secretary of two consecutive terms, and the office of treasurer of three consecutive terms. In addition, term limits were also voted for all departmental directors of two consecutive terms, and the education director for three consecutive terms. All items on the agenda were completed at the session that concluded at approximately 11:20 p.m.

A complete report will be included in the July issue of the Atlantic Union Gleaner.

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