NAD Youth Ministries Update <ypac@nad.adventist.org>

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Adventist Heritage

NAD Youth Ministries Update Message
Union Pathfinder Camporees - The Cycle is Now Completed

We have never been more proud of Pathfinder ministry in the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists. I had the privilege of traveling to all the camporees (2 in 2011 and 6 in 2012) and each was a tremendous blessing.

What stood out the most at each camporee was the obvious goal of trying to make each event better and more unique than the last one. We saw genuine progress. The spiritual focus was at an all time high. The decisions to accept Christ and the actual baptisms left an indelible imprint on every Pathfinder.

It is also obvious that without committed leadership there is no way these camporees can succeed. We want to especially thank each volunteer leader for keeping the spirit of Pathfinder ministry alive and well. As we look forward to the NAD International Pathfinder Camporee in Oshkosh, we ask everyone to remain committed to make "Forever Faithful" the same.

Blessings,

James Black, NAD Pathfinder Director
Manny Cruz, NAD Associate Pathfinder Director

Pastor Manny’s Report

Changed Latino YouthNET
Last week I participated in the NAD Latino YouthNET which is an initiative by the North American Division Multilingual Ministries in partnership with
EsperanzaTV and NAD Youth & Young Adult Ministries.

We did a LIVE Spanish broadcasts each night October 13-20 and recorded an English program that will be broadcast November 3-10 via Hope Church Channel. Our speakers each night were Jose Rojas,...

Prayers

Victims of Hurricane / Superstorm Sandy

Our thoughts and prayers go out to those adversely affected by the Superstorm Hurricane Sandy that affected the major population centers along the Mid-Atlantic and New England coast this past week. The images on television and on the internet remind us of the power of nature and the nearness of Jesus' soon return. The world "groans....."

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Announcements / Highlights

Travel Schedules

Pastor James Black:
October 31- Nov 2 – NAD Diversity Summit – Silver Spring, MD

November 2 – 6 – NAD Year End Meetings
Nov 9-10 – Kansas/Nebraska Youth Rally – Kansas City, MO
Nov 24 – Christian Fellowship Church 75 Anniversary – Brooklyn, NY
Nov 27 – Dec 1 – Association of Adventist Camp Professionals – Liberty, SC
December 2-5 – Pastors Evangelism Conference – Huntsville, AL
Dec 13-16 – NAD Directors/Administrators Retreat – Williamsburg, VA

**Pastor Manny Cruz:**
November 2-6: NAD Year-end Meetings - Silver Spring, MD
November 9-10: Changed Latino Youth Rally - San Diego, CA
November 11-12: Pacific Union Conference Hispanic Pastors Meeting - Westlake Village, CA

December 2-4: Pastoral Evangelism and Leadership Council - Huntsville, AL
December 13-16: NAD Director's Retreat

**NAD Health Highlights**

According to NADHM,
October is Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Awareness Month– October 1-31

October is Domestic Violence Prevention Month and Bullying Prevention Month [read more]

**BAYDA Bible Bowl Nationals 2012**

St. Petersburg, FL was the place October 26th and 27th where different agegroups of Bible scholars gathered for the National Bible Bowl Championships sponsored by the Black Adventist Youth Directors’ Association (BAYDA). Over 300 hundred team members...


**Southern Union Pathfinder Camporee**

Check out pictures / re-live memories
PBE Activity Study Guides


All Things PBE 2013

NAD Committee Reports

In the spring of each year, The North American Division Youth Ministry Department meets to provide resourcing and direction for its ministries. Below are links to the Committee reports.

Reports:

- Adventurer
- Camp
- Master Guide
- Pathfinder
- Youth

Choose12 Initiative

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The chOose12 Initiative

"The Jesus Way to Youth Discipleship" (JWYD)
Jesus impacted an entire world starting with 12 people. You can do the same if you choose to follow these 8 steps:

1. PRAY
2. CHOOSE12
3. INVITE

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General Conference Youth Ministry

General Conference Global Youth Day March 16, 2013

The General Conference Youth Ministries Department has consulted with the 13 division youth directors and has received overwhelming support for adopting a "Global Youth Day" in order to bring together youth around the world in a spirit of mission and service. March 16, 2013 has been chosen as it marks the beginning of the Youth Week of Prayer globally....

Read More...

World Conference on Youth and Community Service

9WCYCS 2013, Praetoria, South Africa

Prayer for WCYCS and those from North America attending this event.

Travel to South Africa in 2013!

Watch the video
OYIM Update from GC Office

the new schedule is as follows:-

1. First six months (January – June): Chosen volunteers will be on location in New York city. They will receive online Passport to Mission training as necessary orientation in their countries of origin prior to departure and will receive further training on location in NY city.


3. Last five months (August – December): Debriefing in their countries of origin and assisting in the setting up of Phase 2 of the project in their respective Divisions.

Youth / High School

Living It Public High School Ministry

PILOT RESULTS NEEDED! Please let Pastor Scott discover what you've learned as you've implemented this newly proposed NAD AY Honor in Public High School Campus Ministry Living it Pathfinder page.

Pastor Scott, NAD Volunteer Living It High School Coordinator, conducted two seminars on public high school ministry at the SECC Youth Ministries Convention last month and also made a presentation during the main evening session Saturday night at the request of conference youth department. The seminars were attended by 25 people, all of whom indicated that they were going to get out there with their public high school students helping them to learn what it means to live their faith in the real world! SECC leaders, youth pastors and lay people are fired up about public campus ministry and making it a top priority to reach the 70% of Adventist youth that aren't being reached by our Christian schools!
Book: Authentic: Where True, Life-changing Christianity Begins
by Pastor Scott Ward has just been released by R&H (http://www.adventistbookcenter.com/authentic.html)
This new book presents the fourfold gospel commission as the foundation of a person’s personal relationship with Jesus and the driving force for reaching our world for Jesus. Even though it was just released very positive reviews are coming in--especially from young adults. Check out this new resource and be sure to ask for the quantity discount.

LUC Youth Evangelism Congress
The LUC Youth Evangelism Congress is a delegate-based Congress in which 500+ Senior Youth & Young Adult (from 16-35) Delegates from the LUC churches will gather together to be empowered & resourced with practical evangelism tools they can take and implement back in their local churches. There are currently 100 seats available for the following conferences: Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and Lake Regional. Pastors in LUC! Please be sure to select and support at least 2 senior youth/young adult delegates to attend this Congress.

Facebook Event Page: http://ow.ly/eE9Vj
Register Today at AdventSource: http://ow.ly/er4ig

Young Adults

iThirst 2012 -- a soul quenching event
Potomac Conference Young Adult event
November 9-10 @ Camp Blue Ridge

Some young adults can't live without this
More info: https://www.facebook.com/events/419622801429740/

2nd Annual Eastern Ontario ACF Retreat SUCCESS!
The weekend of September 14-16, 2012, was a spiritual, uplifting, and memorable experience for participants in the 2nd annual Eastern Ontario
Adventist Christian Fellowship Retreat, held in idyllic Gatineau, Quebec.

**Berkeley** ACF celebrated their first alumni weekend on September 14 & 15 when several former students returned to a welcome back event with the Berkeley SDA church. The weekend included a special Friday Day Night Fellowship meeting with alumni, Sabbath worship and message as alumni challenged students to continue to engage their campus for Christ. The afternoon and evening included a church picnic, desert and game night. The weekend concluded with an alumni breakfast at the house of the ACF student advisor. It was a great weekend bringing students back together reminding them how God had been with them and developed their life in him while a student at Cal.

**ACF Georgia Cumberland Conference:** On October 19, fourteen ACF student leaders gathered at Cohutta Springs for Leadership Reboot, campus ministry training. Students from seven different campuses came together from across Georgia and East Tennessee to learn about campus ministry skills in the areas of Listening, Hiding Places, Balancing Ministry & Studies, Interfaith Dialogue, Bible Study, Leadership Transitions and Outreach, Budgets and Finding Students. When asked about the benefit of being a part of Adventist Christian Fellowship on their campus one student wrote, "I relish every ACF meeting…because it gives me the opportunity to belong…it has helped me grow spiritually…I'm able to share my faith openly now and I'm more relaxed and calm now than I've ever been." Go ACF/GCC!

**Campus Catalyst Conference-wide Campus Ministry Launching**
Arizona conference will be hosting a Campus Catalyst weekend on November 9 & 10 at the Camelback SDA church, Phoenix, AZ. The weekend will include an introduction to the ACF philosophy of campus ministry and how to get an ACF group started and registered on campus. Our goal is to see at least two and possibly three ACF groups get off the ground in Arizona for 2013.

**AFC Upstate NY Rally**
December 1 at Ithaca, NY on the campus of Cornell University. Time: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Organized by ACF Cornell students. All Upstate NY college and university students, as well as High School and Academy Seniors are invited to attend. Additional information when available by emailing drprgrw at gmail dot com.

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Adventurers

South Florida Fun Day 2012

South Florida Adventurers will be having their Fun Day on Sunday Nov 4th. More than 25 Clubs have chosen a Bible Story that they will be displaying at the event. Their displays might include a craft, game, or even food samples that help illustrate their chosen story. The Adventurers will also have the chance to earn Awards, Chips and Stars during the day, make crafts, and say the Books of the Bible and memory verses they have been learning for Fun Day.

Rainbow Promise Idea

A waffle half (frozen type thawed), food coloring, and some whipping cream provide a tasty and fun craft for the Rainbow Promise award.

Pathfinders

Bread on a Stick

Old Tradition Updated Tools? On New England club uses refrigerated bread dough...

"I usually buy some of that biscuit dough in a cardboard tube - the kind that pops open when you bang it, or twist it, or peel off some of its outer cover. One biscuit slice gets wrapped thinly around a stick, and then it's roasted over a fire. I love making it, and so do the kids." Source: Jomegat's Weblog
Investiture Achievement is in full swing for the second year. You've worked out a lot of the kinks for your club, and have tips and "answers" to share with those less experienced than you.

You read the requirements, and feel like you need coaching.

Either way, the Pathfindersonline.org Investiture Achievement wiki is for you. Join us in creating a top-notch "Answer Key" that doesn't age, but stays relevant to YOUR ministry.

Add "what works" to the IA Wiki today!

The Honors Wiki has moved to wiki.pathfindersonline.org!

New 2012 Philosophy of NAD AY Honors

Do you want to propose the next BEST NEW NAD AY Honor? We have new and improved requirements for submission!

Download: http://www.pathfindersonline.org/pdf/Philosophy_AY_honors.pdf

2013 Pathfinder Bible Experience Activity Study Guide


Resources
Why Be A Team Player

1. The youth ministry is not the church—it may be the best part of the church, but it’s still just a part.....


Pastor Manny's Youth Ministry Stuff -- Daily paper.li edition

Fresh tips, articles, links, and resources you might find helpful for your ministry.

More info

We Welcome

Gary Blanchard is the new Youth Director in Texas Conference. He has served in the Texas Conference for over 6 years. He also has twelve years of youth ministry experience -- serving as a youth pastor, bible teacher, academy chaplain and task-force associate youth director. Gary has also been a featured speaker at summer camps and dozens of Adventist Academies and camp meetings. Gary has a wife (Erica) and three teenagers (Gary, Ben, Sierra). Gary enjoys reading, jogging, paintball/air-soft and giving Bible studies. His goal as youth director is to bring youth to Christ, train them for ministry and send them into the harvest. Welcome to the team Gary!

Source: Texas Conference Youth Department

Armando Miranda Jr. is the new Associate Youth Director in Texas Conference. Pastor Armando was born and raised in Mexico, but for the past 10+ years has called Texas his home. He received his BA in Theology with a minor in Biblical Languages from Southwestern Adventist University and his Master of Divinity (MDiv) from Andrews University. We welcome you to the team Armando! May you be part of a new team in Texas that is a blessing to the young people of all ages and ethnicities in Texas!

Source: Texas Conference Youth Department
Leon George is serving the Lake Region Conference as interim Youth Director. We welcome hi to the team, albeit it for a short period.
Source: Lake Region Conference Administration

In Closing...

Please keep those involved in the cleanup of their lives, homes, churches, and ministries in your prayers in the coming weeks. Hurricane Sandy may be history, but its effects will affect millions for months to come. If you can make a mission out of your assistance, please do...for God's glory.

Pastor JB

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