"The Update" eNewsletter, Autumn 2014

Where Do We Go From Here?

When I was forced to pause long enough to care and listen my perspective and my understanding of “Forever Faithful” changed, dramatically.

Over 47,000 Pathfinders and supporters gathered for the NAD International Camporee in Oshkosh, WI. The theme “Forever Faithful” rang clearly throughout every phrase of the camporee.

The bottom line is that everybody had a great time. In fact, I enjoyed this one more than the past two because this time I was not one of the speakers. Instead, I was able to roam around and meet and greet. Most importantly, I learned two life-changing lessons. The first lesson came one evening as I was being ushered to my seat/ People were asking for but I just wanted to get to my seat. I was also a little embarrassed yet humbled, because I am always honored to take pictures with clubs and individuals. But the program was beginning, and I really did not want to draw attention to myself so the usher told everyone “no more pictures” and I eventually got to my seat.

Well, amidst the rush and push of last-minute “no mores,” someone handed me a note that I only read once I sat down. I was stunned at the request and immediately stood up and shouted out “who gave me this?” A lady turned back and made eye contact that told me clearly she had been the one. I was able to get to her, and I apologized energetically for being in too much of a hurry to get to my seat. Then I put my arms around her and prayed with her. You see, the note read “My son is dying of cancer please prayer for him.” For her, nothing was more important at the camporee other than placing her son before God. Through tears and prayer, I challenged her to remain Forever Faithful no matter what.

The second lesson I learned was a simple reminder to help and be of service even if it’s not “your responsibility.” On Thursday evening, I was heading to my enroute to the evening program, when I was approached by a club director who was in distress. She desperately needed help getting one of her Pathfinders to a dental professional quickly – he had fallen at the ice skating rink and fractured four of his front teeth. Needless to say, I put them in my car and took them to get the dental attention they needed. I was able to listen to the young man with the dental emergency, learning he had been recently baptized and was the only Adventist in his family. I listened a lot, then challenged him to remain Forever Faithful. I am convinced that God placed me in that situation because I was just informed this week, by the club director, that Peter’s father committed suicide this past weekend. I am able to minister to Peter now because I ministered to him when he needed somebody. We never know why God places us in certain situations.

I am certain that you and your club have experiences as well. Now that the camporee is all over, the big question is: what is your plan to remain Forever Faithful? Don’t let this just be a great event you attended,
but be intentional in keeping this experience before your Pathfinders. Lives were changed now, but we want to see them become young adults in the future in the church. Challenge them each week to remain Forever Faithful.

Blessings,

Pastor JB
North American Division
Youth & Young Adult Ministries Director

Prayers

Prayer for the NAD Associate Youth Director Position Interview Process

We are continuing are search and interview process to fill the role that Pastor Manny Cruz recently vacated when he accepted the call to be Youth Director in Arizona Conference. We thank you for your prayers.

William Loveless - Loved and Lost

We pray for the family and friends of William Loveless, trend-setting pastor and long time Conference & WAU President, who passed away September 15, 2014.

Conference Leadership

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Buy a Hat for $15, Feed a Child for Two Months

Help Restore a Child feed 10,000 kids during October's UN Hunger Month and November's World Orphans Day. Tons of resources are available in a variety of FREE toolkits.

When It Comes to Talking About Sex, Should The Church Lead the Conversation?

Are you sexually satisfied or thirsty? That's the frank question Paul Graham, pastor of Potomac Conference's Restoration Praise Center in Lanham, Md., asked earlier this year through.

Announcements / Highlights / Reports

Pastor James Black:

October 5-9 – New York Conference Ministers Retreat – Pulaski, NY
October 10-12 – Kentucky/Tennessee Youth Ministries Leadership Summit – Indian Creek Camp
October 24-26 – Florida Motorcycle Campmeeting – Camp Kulaqua
November 15 – Bible Bowl Championship Southern California Conf – White Memorial Church
November 22 – Ephesus DistrictPathfinder Sabbath – San Antonio, TX
December 2-6 – Association of Adventist Camp Professional Convention – Camp Kulaqua – High Springs, FL

Impact San Antonio / General Conference Session
JULY 2-11, 2015
Impact San Antonio is a window of opportunity for the global Seventh-day Adventist young adult community (18+) to bring hope to the city. Organized in conjunction with the General Conference Session, ISA is an initiative of the General Conference Youth Department hosted by the North American Division. Please visit our website for pricing as well as Early Bird, Regular, and Late Registration dates. The registration process will be released soon.
Source: P1 Youth Connect Official Newsletter - General Conference Youth Ministries

Oshkosh FFIC 2014 Reports:

General Conference Youth Ministries Report
Adventist Review staff report that more than 600 Pathfinders were baptized at the Forever Faithful International Camporee in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, which took place from August 11-16. 44,000 people from North America and another 2,000 from 50 other countries attended. During the week Pathfinders enjoyed camping, on-site activities such as daily parades and drum corp competitions, off site activities such as water parks, and Broadway-caliber nightly shows depicting the life of Daniel. Praise God for His mighty works! If you went to the Camporee, take the survey here.
Source: P1 Youth Connect Official Newsletter - General Conference Youth Ministries

Pin Trading Brings Conversation, Fun, and Memories - AdventistChurchConnect.com 8/16/2014
Pathfinders at the "FOrever Faithful" International pathfinder Camporee in Oshkosh, Wis., cannot go anywhere without someone approaching and asking if they want to trade pins. The exact number of pins traded is Read More...

Oshkosh Youtube:
The Youtube clips and pictures are endless, here are a few that might inspire you as you remember Oshkosh FFIC2014

Camp (website)

Helping One Another...Now that is Community!
When Hector Perez arrived at his new position at Lone Star Camp, he found the warehouse was packed with dozens of bunk beds. Up to this time, the camp was selling them on Craigslist. Just prior to this move Hector had been in the Atlantic Union and remembered visiting the other camps in that territory. Most of the camps had needs. But one camp in particular came to his mind...Camp Winnekeag. They were in real need of upgrading their old and well-used bunk beds. So, he called Jose Feliciano, the camp director of Camp Winnekeag, and sent a picture of the bunk beds. The result was that fifty-eight bunk beds in excellent condition were sold to Camp Winnekeag for $50 each (which were $300 bunk beds!). Of course, Jose was delighted and two weeks later Roger Henderson (Camp Winnekeag) drove down to pick up all of the bunk beds.
(Does your camp have needs? Or does you camp have something another camp might like to have? Pass on the information to be placed in the next E-News toterry@leonimeadows.org ).
Source: September 2014 Camping Ministry E-news

Fire! Fire! Where is it At?
In recent seasons, our camps have experienced wildfires, and this season is still hot with fires around the NAD. No one likes to think about fire, but when they are spoken, you want to take quick action. If you would like to see what fires are burning in your locality, go here and you can zero in on the latest map, fire perimeters, and information.
Source: September 2014 Camping Ministry E-news

5 Ways to Star a Fire -- WIth WATER!
At this time of year, summer camp is over, but camping is not! https://www.facebook.com/video.php?v=738484836392100&fref=nf
Source: Denny Grady, Potomac Pathfinder Facebook Page
Upcoming Dates

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Want More from the AACP Newsletter?
If you enjoyed the Camp articles, sign up for the AACP Monthly E-News. Contact brnmiddag@comcast.net.

Young Adults / ACF (Public Campus website)

InterVarsity “Derecognized” at California State University’s 23 Campuses:
This article attempts to outline the decision by California State University and also analyze some of the potential fallout for public campus ministries.
Read More.
Source: Ron Pickell, September 2014

Thank you Ron Pickell for leading out in the ACF Ministry

ACF Today Monthly Newsletter
We can’t list all the resources you would receive on a monthly basis if you took the 20 seconds to sign up! Even YOU can take 20 seconds! Sign Up Now!

Mission Lifeguard (Mission Lifeguard website)

NCC Leadership Shoutout!
Shout out to Benji Ferguson, youth pastor at the Carmichael Church in Northern California. Last Sabbath during his sermon he invited church members of all ages to contact him if they were willing to be lifeguards to reach out to people of any age who are missing from church. Way to invite others and to broaden the reach, Pastor Benji!

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Adventurers (website)

Mass Adventurer Investiture in Brooklyn
Over 850 Adventurers, staff, and parents who joined together for an Investiture / award event in Brooklyn.
Read More at Adventurer-club.com

Contributed by: Roger Wade, Youth Director

REPOST: Little Lamb Curriculum NOW ONLINE!
For years we have provided the basic classwork outlines and awards for the four classes - Busy Bee, Sunbeam, Builder, and Helping Hand. We are expanding our online offerings with the addition of “Little Lamb” (and hopefully Eager Beaver is soon to come online too!)
Download Resources – Go to Website

Pathfinders (website)

Pathfinder Bible Released!
The General Conference has released a brand new edition of the Pathfinder Bible.
Pastor Jonatan Tejel, General Conference Pathfinder Director, tells us about the Bible - Youtube
Promo (share at Pathfinder Meeting or for fundraising)
Youtube or Vimeo

Add To Bag Purchase it
More info: http://www.pathfindersonline.org
Common Questions About the NEW Pathfinder Bible:

- Which Pathfinder Bible is the "Official Pathfinder Bible Experience Bible"?
- Can I purchase it in bulk?
- Is it available in Spanish or French?
- Can I still purchase the OLD "inexpensive" Bible?

Find out the answers....

2015 Pathfinder Bible Experience (PBE) Official Dates

Many are already studying for Area/District Level play...with the goal of "going all the way.

Pathfinder InStep4Life CAMPOREE 3-day Challenge REPORT

The InStep4Life Oshkosh 3-day Challenge planning team would like to thank everyone who helped this special event be a success. This 3-day FFIC special event brought together over 4,000 participants. A total of 165 Clubs were represented and competed for...Read more

Honor Focus-LEGO Design

Pathfinders tend to like to do things with their hands! This popular hobby now has an honor! LEGO Design honor (introduced in 2014).

General Conference NEW HONOR - Alive Bible

In recent months, the General Conference Youth Ministries department has teamed up with divisions worldwide to approve for the world field honors that have blessed individual divisions. One such honor is Alive Bible, a CREATIVE and KID-FRIENDLY bundle of methods and experiences to memorize extended Bible passages. Now engage that 'Sparky Brain' and jump-start your memory!

Read More...

Resources (website)

General Conference Youth Ministries Youtube Channel / Facebook
Do you want to know what is going on around the world in Adventist Youth Ministry? This Youtube channel offers updates/reports visioning for the World Church. Also, "like" their Facebook page.
Source: General Conference Youth Ministries

NEW NAD Master Guide Record Card (PDF download)
Download it here or Purchase at AdventSource.

Dunkin Donuts Franchisee Charged With Sabbath Discrimination
A U.S. government watchdog says the franchisee revoked a job offer to an Adventist who refused to work on Sabbath.
Source: AR Intouch 9/15/2014

Silent Victims
What happens to children when their parents are incarcerated? It might affect YOUR ministry!
Source: AR Intouch 9/15/2014
4 Signs You May be Addicted to Busyness
Kelly Givens from Crosswalk.com shares “The year I lived just outside of Washington D.C. was one of the most stressful periods of my life. In large part it was due to the culture of the area—everyone was busy, all of the time. Seeing anyone outside of work required several weeks’ notice; no one had time for anything that wasn’t already on their calendar. I felt a lot of pressure to do as everyone else did and pack my week with activities. Doing so left little time for the relationships that mattered most to me—particularly my relationship with God.” Read More...

The Source for Youth Ministry - The Source4ym.com
This free site offers movie reviews, discussion starters, and even PARENTING workshops and articles. Our favorite was the discussion guide for working through the recent suicide death of a famous movie actor - Robin Williams. Also awesome was the extensive detailed list of Team Builders for groups. A related website is set aside for PARENTS (an often overlooked group in YM).

Ministry Welcomings/ Openings / Ministry Seekers

Children’s/Junior Youth Ministries Secretary - Georgia-Cumberland
Please feel free to forward this information to individuals whom you believe have the qualifications and experience appropriate for this position. Please click here to see the job description posting on the GCC website. To submit a résumé and application as noted on the website, please email Connie Starkey at connie@gccsda.org. The Georgia-Cumberland Conference office is located in Calhoun, GA, within commuting distance of both the Collegedale and Greater Atlanta areas.

Lone Star Welcomes New Assistant Manager/Ranger
Bob Allen comes from New York with his wife Kristina and two beautiful kids: Jimmy and Emery.

In Closing
The ministries are rolling, Pathfinders & Adventurers are being inducted, Many young people are being welcomed to their first campout, awarded their first chip, or asked how their camp experience was. You are asking questions because you CARE. Thanks for being INVOLVED in the lives of each of the young people and CARING how their experiences with Jesus are unfolding!

NAD Youth Ministries Team

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