Greetings from the Ministerial Department!

March E-Newsletter

Across The Division

Our first NAD Ministerial Webinar took place March 20.

Watch it Here >>

The next webinar will be Tuesday, April 17 at 1:30 p.m. E.S.T. with Del Johnson presenting Pastor Retirement issues.
NAD Ministerial Team Visits AU Seminary

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A.I.M. Adventist Information Ministry

This is a viable resource for evangelistic needs. The use of this contact center will allow connection and follow-up with people in creative ways. Read this story of baptism connected through A.I.M. Read the full article >>

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Recommended Reading

How to raise a leader - God’s way by Dr. Prudence Pollard

Prudence LaBeach Pollard
WestPoint “Connecting with Christ”

Innovative Strategies for Outreach, Discipleship, & Fellowship
April 8 – 11, 2012 San Mateo Marriott San Francisco Airport, San Mateo, CA

WestPoint’s focus will be three days of speakers and seminars designed to inspire and strengthen God’s call to connect your community with Christ. Meeting in the heart of the Silicon Valley, you have access to leaders from Facebook and Google to guide you towards the ways these two global-reach technologies can impact your local church’s mission. Click Here for more information >>

NAD Ministerial Welcomes
Roger Hernandez & Melvin Santos as Field Liaison”s

Pastor Roger Hernandez, the new Evangelism and Ministerial Director for the Southern Union, will aide NAD Ministerial with significant support of Latino resources for Ministerial Directors and pastors.

Pastor Melvin Santos, Senior Pastor of the Nashville First SDA Church will address ways in which NAD Ministerial can help to supply pastors with Discipleship resources and to be a voice of connectivity with NAD Asian/Pacific Islander pastors.

2nd Anual Leadership Conference!

Ministerial Quote
"True freedom strikes at the very heart of who we are and what we are called to be."
Galatians-A Fiery
Pre-session: July 20-22    Conference: July 22-23, 2012
Join us for this unique, two-day opportunity to explore the theme of Emotional, Social, and Spiritual Leadership featuring expert panel discussions and paper presentations. The keynote speaker will be Daniel Goleman, the best-selling author of the book Emotional Intelligence, with more than 5 million copies sold in 40 languages. Beginning on Sunday at 7:00 pm, the event is co-sponsored by the Office of the Graduate Dean, the Department of Leadership, the Christian Leadership Center, and the Journal of Applied Christian Leadership.

Pre-Conference Plenary Sessions and Workshops: The pre-conference sessions will begin with a Friday evening and Saturday morning keynote address by Richard Blackaby, co-author of Spiritual Leadership, followed by a series of pre-conference workshops on topics related to Spiritual Leadership on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. The pre-session is coordinated by the Christian Leadership Center of Andrews University and the Journal of Applied Christian Leadership. Fee: $150 (AU Graduate Students - $35)

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Esther Knott, Associate Director of NAD Ministerial and Associate Pastor of Pioneer Memorial Church hosted an evening supper where about 50 female seminary students met with NAD Ministerial Staff. Dave Gemmell, from NAD Ministerial was moved to tears as he listened to each of the women share in two minutes or less, their call to ministry. “No one can deny that these stories are real” remarked Donna Jackson of NAD Ministerial after the emotion packed presentation. The ladies then shared some practical ideas on how women might be able to serve more effectively in the Adventist denomination.

While at the seminary, Ivan Williams convened a brainstorming session with leaders from the Seminary, NADEI, and NAD Ministerial to see how the three entities could more effectively work together in preparing and sustaining pastors for ministry in the NAD. The conversation took several turns as those in the group shared their frustrations, challenges, hopes, and dreams for the pastoral education experience. Denis Fortin, Dean of the seminary expressed his vision of a partnership between undergraduate colleges, conferences, NADEI, NAD Ministerial and the Seminary in establishing a single set of competencies for every pastor that all the entities could work toward. The importance of this work was underscored when Dave Gemmell shared some preliminary research results suggesting that up to 50% of the pastors of the NAD will be eligible for full retirement benefits within ten years.

Ron Clouzet, Director of NADEI shared that the division may wish to take a look at the Mentoring/Apprenticeship model featured in the Bible with the goal of character building as the heart of pastoral training. He also noted that NADEI’s role is about 50% teaching and 50% work directly for congregations. Walt Williams, of NAD Ministerial shared how the InMinistry program seeks to equip pastors
who are already serving with the formal education they need to enhance their natural gifts.

Ivan Williams acknowledged that the ad hoc gathering had no formal authority but that the Division had recently voted a committee entitled Board of Ministerial and Theological Education that will have oversight of the entire pastoral educational experience in the NAD.

On the final day of the visit, the NAD Ministerial team met with many conference and union Ministerial Directors to chart their course forward for the next few years. Perhaps the biggest agenda on the item occurred when Ivan Williams announced plans for a division wide Ministerial Convention in 2015 held just following the GC session in Texas. Although division wide pastoral conventions are common in other parts of the world church, this will be the first such event for the NAD. Elder Williams would love to see every NAD pastor blessed by this event.

As Williams reflected on the agenda filled trip he hoped that this will be a beginning of a stronger partnership between all of the entities. His desire is that congregations in the NAD will be equipped with strong spiritual pastoral leadership. He hopes that the Andrews University visit will turn into at least an annual event.
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WestPoint 2012 from Pacific Union Conference on Vimeo.

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- Seminars and workshops on church growth and evangelism, communication, the cutting edge resources for ministry, leadership, and Biblical teaching presented by experts who are not just reading about it but living it in daily ministry.

- A ministry toolkit for God to move your congregation from the sideline to the frontline of kingdom growth.

- A time to recharge your spiritual batteries through uplifting worship, challenging messages from Scripture, prayer, and networking with people who think that God is ready to do a “new thing” in our world.

- In a beautiful location, at a new time of year, and a reasonable cost, to provide leaders like you—pastor, evangelist, chaplain, conference leader, or lay member—the opportunity to take full advantage of this unique opportunity.

Special emphasis will be placed on using social media to increase the impact of your local church's outreach. Are you already on Facebook? Let us know by answering our poll question.

Do you use Facebook as a part of your church ministry?

- Yes
- No

Vote

Summary of Events for One Soul Connected through the A.I.M. Ministry

Sister Edge called in through the Amazing Facts line requesting to speak with a chaplain. When Chaplain Charles got in touch with her it was evident that God was leading her to seek the truth about the Sabbath as a result of listening to Ps Bachelor preach. She requested to be connected to a Sabbath keeping church and she was connected to Elder Bonham of the Sumter SDA Church.

Elder Bonham contacted her concerning the bible studies but although she expressed interest she was not able to attend. Elder Bonham lost contact with her for a while till chaplain Elmer requested for an update on Sister Edge. Elder Bonham re-established contact with her and invited her to attend bible studies. Sister Edge attended the bible studies and invited her friend Karen to attend as well.

As result of the bible studies, Sister Edge and her friend Karen were baptized into the church on February 14, 2012. Praise the Lord for His manifold mercies! Sister Edge says they felt right at home at the church and they are really enjoying their new walk with the Lord. Ps Bonham also indicates that Sister Edge is very active in bible studies, Sabbath school and in church service. God indeed is good!