North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists: Youth Ministry

Devotion & Prayer Time - Armando Miranda Jr.

Mark 3:14 - "He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him." He wants you to spend time with Him. After that you are ready to go out and share about Him. How many times are modern disciples eager to race off and work for Him, rather than spend time with Him. He asks us to come when we are weary and He will give us rest.

Greetings – Debra Brill

MGA 2016.1 Prior Minutes

Voted: To receive the minutes from March, 2016.

New staff introductions - Debra Brill

We have expanded the ministry team: Adventurers, Pathfinders, Master Guides - Armando Miranda Jr. Young Adults - Tracy Wood

MGI #16.01 2016-2020 Committee Members & Committee & Advisory Clarification

The seven committees of the Youth Department will be structured according to the NAD standard at the beginning of this quinquennium. The unions will be working with NAD to select the membership of the committees.

- Adventurer Committee
- Pathfinder Committee
- Master Guide Committee
- Youth Executive Committee
- Young Adults Committee
- ACF Committee
- Camp Committee

Every two years they will meet at Ministries Conv. for Committee and Advisories. The off years will be Committee members only.

MGI #16.02 Terms of Reference

Our Terms of Reference is available for everyone to see on the youth website

MGI #16.03 AdventSource update

Brad Forbes report:

- MG Star and Chevron for Adventurers available
- Master Guide scarfs, printed and embroidered for both Adventurer and Pathfinders will be available soon.
- MG Beret Flash available.
- Still seeking a quality vendor for MG Slide.

Minutes 2.16.16

NAD Master Guide Exec. Committee Ontario, CA 8:00 AM - NOON

Officers Present

Chair - Debra Brill - NAD Secretary - Armando Miranda Jr. -NAD Coordinator - Jasmin Hoyt (NAD/ NE) Acting Recording Secretary Lily Hernandez - (Texas)

Members

Forbes, Brad – AdventSource (NAD) Hoyt, Jasmin - MasterGuide (NAD)

MGI #16.04 Vision and philosophy

Armando Miranda Jr. reported.

NAD Youth Ministries has a new logo. The purpose of NAD Youth Ministries is to support, minister, serve. Shirts are being provide for all the



YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

attendees of this committee session.

Youth Ministries website is being redesigned to be mobile centric. There will be lots of links near the top to take you to affiliated websites.

There will also be a new Master Guide website also designed to be mobile centric.

Teamwork

- "The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team." —Phil Jackson
- Synergy between Conferences and Unions
 - Examine programs (Teen aimed programs)
 - Share lessons
 - Walk together to get better

Mentorship/Leadership

- Change is constant
- Change is necessary
- Change is scary
- Mentor someone intentionally
 - Bring them along
 - Make them part of your full team
 - Grow together

Resources

- Committees have a purpose
 - Be present (by phone, e-mail, etc)
 - Do your part
 - Share

Challenge

- How can we be more effective in reaching non Adventists?
 - Need to emphasize outreach
 - Reclaim the ones that once were

Master Guides

- Resources
 - AYMT MG material
 - Club Resource
 - Bible based program
 - Media Ministry resources
 - Master Guide TV
 - Webinars
 - Official Website

MGI #16.05 Union Reports

Attendees gave informal reports on the general state of Master Guide Ministry in their Union or the conference from which they hail. Some highlights:

North Pacific

How do we get more people involved in Master Guide Leadership?

Pacific Union

Challenge to work with Master Guides. Older generation do not want to change Master Comrade and Master Guide. Trying to pull everyone together.

Southern Union

Offer a year of service banquet to receive a years of service pin. Restructure policy and procedure.

Want the Master Guide program to help the Master Guide have a closer walk with God

- How do we get more master Guides involved?
- What does it mean to be a Master Guide?
- Have the component of Service
- Developing a Data Base of specialty

Canada

Ontario Conference – Strong MG program.

- They hold Leader training, they offer New club training, Re-certification
- Six districts area structured and have a Master Guide Club
- Over 450 Invested Master Guides
- Master Guide Mission trip to Moosuni Alberta Conference
 - new to establish Master Guide clubs

Columbia Union

• Master Guides have embraced the AYMT program (received well)

Lake Union

In Michigan have two master Guide clubs – their mission is two work with their local club. In Lake Region Conference they assign a mentor to the candidate.

Southwest Union

Arkansas Louisiana – Master Guide is really strong

Texas – We have 3 Filipino church, one French church

Mid America Union

Active Master guide program only in Minnesota.

Atlantic Union

Southern New England Conference has a lot of activity with the Master Guide Club. There is a sense that most Hispanic groups think the master Guide Clubs is a social club. Two suggestions are to develop videos to show what Master Guide Clubs are in NAD and create a resource page.

North Eastern Conference has too many Master Guides and do not have enough things for them to do. They have identified Master Guide Ministry Coordinators to serve to train, teach, and mentor.

MGI #16.06 General Discussion

Pastor Armando stated that the MG ministry is viewed by many as a Spanish program. The GC Youth Advisory will be discussing the idea of MG ministry. The GC views it as an extension of Pathfinders. We need to change this idea.

Brad – Appreciates that Pastor Miranda has stepped up with the Master Guide program

Jeff – We need to include Young Adults in the discussion of Master Guide Ministry

Miranda – Vision – All the things we talk about need to be shared and discussed with young Adults.

Tracy – As we move forward and redefining outside of the ADV and PF world. Look at the idea as Master Guides as leaders in NAD

The Master Guide is the only leadership development curriculum we have in the church. It should be used for Elder education as it teaches church history, leadership, etc...

Todd – Great idea to share and integrate with Young Adults

Pedro Perez – In Florida there is a disconnect on how the NAD relates to conference. We can put energy to plan and then NAD will say "We are only advising." So we seem to never move forward because everyone does whatever they want. Iliki, from Guam – We look for structure from the NAD. They need to be the leaders, and have it trickle down. Not the other way around.

What is Master Guide?

- Club ministry
- Training Ministry
- Some still defining what it is

Prayer - Brad

Best role for NAD is to help us decide as a group and every year ask for statistic information – Did you have an annual leadership convention?

Ask the question that will prompt the youth director to ask why we should or why are we do not?

Roger - I want to applaud that we do have standards. Not everyone that comes to this meeting comes every year. Lets be consistent with what we say.

MGI #16.07 Resources report

Jasmin Hoyt presented several recommended motions.

A motion to modify the curriculum made but failed to pass:

- To change item #3, under "Spiritual Development" in the new MG Curriculum from "Do one of the following" to "Do the Following".
- To replace item #3B "Steps to Discipleship" with "Complete a seminar on the Sanctuary."

Discussion included:

- Are we doing away with Steps to Discipleship?
- Feels the effort is being duplicated. Others feel that we should not take out *Steps to Discipleship* but add the seminar on the Sanctuary.
- *Steps to Discipleship* is a good program but a lengthy program.
- *Steps to Discipleship* are not available in other languages so Hispanic and French Master Guides will not work on it.
- Maybe add the Sanctuary Honor Under #4 Skills development or add it as a continuing education class for Master Guides.

MGA 2016.2 Master Guide Club

Voted: To research Master Guide Club Ministry and resources to bring to the Executive Committee for consideration.

involved in the Master Guide Ministry.

There were many statements made that people do not want the ministry to become the club. The consensus was that it should be a Master Guide Ministry. If that is so, then what are the basic principles of the Master Guide Ministry?

Ontario – Explained the purpose of how the ministry works

MGA 2016.3 Master Guide Re Certification

Voted: Master Guides that have been inactive for more then 5 years, will need to complete the re-certification curriculum.

The following conferences have agreed to pilot the Master Guide Re-certification program

- Southern California
- South Atlantic
- Utah
- Texas

MGA 2016.4 Master Guide / AYMT alignment

Voted: To develop Master Guide resource materials in alignment with AYMT.

MGA 2016.5 Master Guide Cord

Voted: The Master Guide cord will match the style of Pathfinder cords.

- 2 loops with a single Gold tip drop
- Invested Master Guides who hold no office that has an assigned cord color will wear a red cord.
- Wear only one cord at a time

MGA 2016.6 Master Guide Convention

Voted: To establish a subcommittee to work on defining a purpose of a Master Guide Convention. The subcommittee will include:

- Brad Forbes
- Ernestine Lockett
- Jaceil Pagán
- Lisa Gary

MGA 2016.7 Master Guide ID Card

Voted: To NOT have a Master Guide Identification Card

MGA 2016.8 Ministerial involvement

Voted: Form a committee of pastors to come back next year with suggestions on how do get ministers more

- Pastor Patrick Carter
- Pastor Abraham Henry
- Pastor Rogers Johnson
- Pastor Apple Park