

# NAD Youth Ministries Update

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### \*\*\*A. DIRECTOR'S EDITORIAL

To God be the glory for what great things He has done. We want to thank everyone who played an integral part in supporting the 33,000 North American Division pathfinders and supporters who attended the recent International Pathfinder Camporee in Oshkosh, WI. I was extremely proud to be associated with the greatest division on earth. Again, a special thanks to Pastor Ron Whitehead for directing, leading and managing such a huge event (Maybe he will go fishing with me now, LOL!!!).

We praise God that we have not heard of any major accidents and everyone return home safely. Courage to Stand was a well chosen theme and I am certain that many have been strengthened by its message. We all have highlights and moments that are meaningful to us. My highlight was the baptism. I had the privilege of baptizing a young man from Florida. He was calm until we got in the pool. I was speaking words of encouragement to him in preparation, and just before I baptized him I saw a tear fall from his eye. Needless to say, that did it for me!!! That made everything worth it.

In the days and months ahead, we will be talking about "the BRIDGE". How do we do bridge the blessings of big youth events into action in your local church. This is a must and our young people expect us to deliver. They are ready. As we plan next year's agenda, please stay tuned to plans as we launch together, initiatives that will impact every church in the NAD through pathfinder ministries. If we don't bridge these events into practice in our local communities, the reality of ministry impact becomes questionable. Please share your thoughts and ideas on how you think we can best make this happen.

\*To order CTS Videos etc. visit [www.camporee.org](http://www.camporee.org)

\*To view videos and photos taken by NAD Pathfinder Photographers please visit our website at [www.adventistyouthministries.org](http://www.adventistyouthministries.org)

Again, thanks to everybody for making an impact in these pathfinders lives.

Blessings

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### **\*\*\*B. 2010 Just Claim It Youth Prayer Congress & YPAC Youth Leadership Summit**

Last week we received the official year-end reports from our union youth leaders. We were amazed at how much was accomplished. We want say THANKS to all the youth leaders, the pathfinder & adventurer leaders, the summer and year-round camp staff, the master guides, the youth adult and public campus ministry leaders, the youth who made a difference and those who were on the receiving end, the pastors and church boards who were sensitive to the needs and challenges in their local church, to the deacons and ushers who embraced the youth who returned to church after a long absence, to the deacon who filled the baptistery, and to all who were responsible for leading someone to Jesus. Again, we say thanks. Just know that God thinks you are cool as well!!! Most of all we Praise and Thank Jesus for all His blessings in 2008. He was more cool than all of us!!!

**\*\*\*C. YPAC Committees & Taskforce Meetings (2010 Schedule)** Dear Prayer Family, I want to thank each of you for all your prayers. At age 20, I never thought I would hear the words "you have cancer!" No doubt, 2008 was the most challenging year of my life. Needless to say, the people of God came through for me. Indeed, the Lord heard your prayers and again I say thanks. I am taking the Chemo-therapy treatments along with an alternative method. I am half way through the chemo. Last week I had my first scan since the taking these treatments and the news was very encouraging. The doctors said my body is 90% free of the cancer. PRAISE the LORD!!! Please continue to pray for me that I will continue to trust God for complete healing and that my life will always be a testimony to His glory. I love all of you, Stefani Black

### **\*\*\*D. INNOVATION 2009 – 1 Day Leadership Challenge Update**

The International Pathfinder Camporee planning committee just met last week in Myrtle Beach to give progress reports. We are so excited. Under the direction of Pastor Ron Whitehead and the Center for Youth Evangelism at Andrews University, the planning team is doing a fantastic job. Nothing is being taken for granted and every detail is reviewed as we do our best to please God. We are confident that He will do the rest.

Over 13,000 have already registered. This is good news! There is a desperate need for more volunteers. Pastor Ron mentioned the need for teens pathfinders to sign up as volunteers along with all others. Let us continue to pray that God will give us all the Courage to Stand as we prepare.

### **\*\*\*E. YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES**

For the first time we have planned 13 - 1 day intensive leadership training for those interested in going to another level. The purpose for this training is encourage, motive, inspire and challenges youth and young adult leaders who do not have the privilege of attending the YPAC Leaders Summits. We see this as bringing the training closer to the local church so that anyone can attend, even the youth themselves. Please help us get the word out that we are coming with dynamic speaker and resources to help strengthen your area of leadership. For more info about a location nearest you visit [www.adventistyouthministries.org](http://www.adventistyouthministries.org)

### **\*\*\*G. STEFANI BLACK'S UPDATE**

We just completed meetings with the NAD Youth, Pathfinder, Young Adults, Advent Christian Fellowship Committees. We also meet with the Youth Advisory and the Latino Youth Directors. The Adventurer, Camp and Master Guide Committee are scheduled to meet soon. We want you to be aware and informed of the discussions and decisions made about what happens in this

division. We also want you to know what is official and what is not. The minutes for each committee are now posted on our NEW WEBSITE.

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Dr. Allan Martin has a passion for young adults. He is on a mission. His daughter will be a young adult in a few years and he would like to see some things change by then. This may sound self serving, but it's not. Future young adults should not have to be susceptible to mediocrity and disinterest our church has shown to young adults through the years. God is blessing our efforts.

If you are interested in strengthening your young adult ministry, check out what we are doing at \_\_\_\_\_???? Also, the senior young and young adults plan to impact Atlanta next year during the General Conference Session. Stay tuned for more information.

**\*\*\*I. NEW INITIATIVES & PRESS RELEASES**

The new Website for NAD Youth Ministries Network up and running – Enjoy and be blessed!!! [WWW.ADVENTISTYOUTHMINISTRIES.ORG](http://WWW.ADVENTISTYOUTHMINISTRIES.ORG) Your comments and input are welcome.

ADVENTIST YOUTH SPACE – A new social network for Seventh-day Adventist Youth/Young Adults and their friends. Please forward this information to your network. Help keep it safe and user friendly. Thanks!!! [www.AdventistYouthSpace.com](http://www.AdventistYouthSpace.com)

ADVENTIST YOUTH TELEVISION – We have 13 channels for your benefit. Let the world see what you have. Please upload your ministry videos and be a great witness to tens of thousands around the world. [www.AdventistYouthTV.com](http://www.AdventistYouthTV.com)

Our Youth Preach Guide – “Hey Youth! Preach the WORD!!!” was just recently taped by Hope Television for their internet program. The DVD series will be available soon.

**\*\*\*J. JUST CLAIM IT 2010 PRAYER CONFERENCE**

It's happening again!!! At the request of the 2007 attendees, we will have the conference in two locations, Los Angeles, CA and Philadelphia, PA. To print the beautiful color posters go

**\*\*\*K. LATINO YOUTH CONGRESS – 2011**

**\*\*\*L. NEW RESOURCES**

Remember, Youth Ministry engines cannot run without fuel. See our catalog for a list of available resources that will aid you in your ministry at AdventSource - [www.AdventSource.com](http://www.AdventSource.com) or call 800-328-0525.

Blessings,

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