

**North American Division Adventist Christian Fellowship Advisory Minutes
Adam's Mark Hotel, Dallas, TX
Saturday, February 16, 2008 6:30pm – 10:00pm**

Invitees and ex-officio members present:

Present:

	David	Achata	* Bret	Schlisner
	Janice	Becca	Donald	Smith
	Sherene	Becca	* Mike	Stevenson
*	Lane	Campbell	Nick	Vence
*	Bill	Cork	* Gary	Wagner
*	Bill	Crofton	* Brian	Wahl
*	Beverly	Duckett	* Jeff	Wines
*	Alex	Espana	* Bill	Wood
*	Matthew	Gamble	* Zane	Yi
	La Tanya	Greenridge		
	Steven	Gusse	* Advisory member	
*	Lisa	Hope	Regrets:	
	Robert	Jacobson	James	Black
*	Kirk	King	Debra	Brill
*	Elliot	Lee	Terry	Clem
	Rockefeller	Lindo	Gary	Council
	Maya	Mackey	Manny	Cruz
*	Carolyn	Macomber	Claude	Harris
	Pete	Maldonado	Cyndi	Looc
	Gio	Marin	John	Matthews
*	A. Allan	Martin	Leah	Miraglia
	Jose	McLaughlin	Rick	Norskov
*	Cyril	Millett	Sergio	Torres
	Richard	Parker	Carol	Turk
*	Ronald	Pickell	Jonathon	Vigh
	Javits	Rajendran	John	Washington
	Les	Rilea	Allan	Williamson
*	Phil	Rosberg		

Summary of official recommendations made by Advisory:

1. **Establish ACF contact persons for each union and local conference.**
2. **Empower executive of three people, active in actual campus ministry, to be the contact for new ACF groups.**
3. **Encourage annual Union wide events and a division wide convention every three years and also to ask for funding to help subsidize students.**
4. **Strong recommendation that the NAD to create a full-time (salaried) position for national coordinator of public campus ministries.**

Committee Chair: Ron Pickell (in lieu of Debra Brill's absence)
Secretary: Zane Yi (in lieu of James Black's absence)
NAD/ACF Coordinator: Ron Pickell

1. Invocation: Harold Duckett (in lieu of James Black's absence)

2. Introductions: Ron Pickell (and everyone)

3. Reports:

a.) AU Certificate Program - Allan Martin gave an update on the Andrews University Certificate program for campus ministry as well as distributed some resources.

b.) ACF Campus Groups – Reports were given from various parts of the division on activity/ministry pertaining to ministry on non-Adventist college campuses.

i. House(s) – There is talk about the possible purchases of houses/student centers in the Boston area as well as the University of Illinois-Champaign/Urbana.

ii. Texas A&M (Robert Jacobson) - 10-20 people are active in the group and about 15 students on a regular basis. The group is starting to gel. Different people are taking various responsibilities. Students want to do things.

iii. Texas A&M, as well as other Texas campuses (Bill Cork) – A&M is doing well. A lot of pieces are coming together from administration, church as well as student leaders and area pastors.

iv. Cal Poly Tech at St. Luis Obispo (Bret Schlisner) – People at the local church have shared that they are “addicted to the college students.” The congregation has grown to love the students and miss them when the students are not there.

v. Canada, Ontario Conference (Cyril Millett) – The conference had an ACF retreat and the speaker was a former student leader for a chapter and has entered the ministry. At the University of Windsor there is the potential of using a church across from the university as a base for a ministry to the students there; the new pastor is excited about doing this.

This summer, the conference will be organizing a high school transition project for students that are going to the public campus giving them tools, making contact, and keeping track of them.

vi. Syracuse, NY (Pete Maldonado) – The college group went to GodEncounters and had a positive experience. Report about a student from a Baptist background, but wants to become Adventist by profession of faith.

vii. University of Washington (Matthew Gamble) – Last year there was a fluctuating/fledgling group at U. W. There would be 5-7 students on Friday night. This year, the average is 23-25 every meeting. This past week, one of the young people preached! There is talk about giving students official recognition as lay pastors by the conference. The students are excited. Prayer is vital.

viii. University of Missouri, Mazoo (Jeff Wines) – A couple years ago there was a great group of college students and young adults, numbering about 30-40 people. This last spring, many of the leaders graduated/left, as did half the student body. All of a sudden, nothing seemed to be happening. Prayer ministry started. They started praying for young adult leaders. Two young adults volunteered to lead a Sabbath School. A week later, a couple said they were willing to work on a campus.

ix. University of Tennessee, Knoxville (Lisa Hope) - Shared about Advent House and her prayer based on Habakkuk 1:5 that God will and expand the ministries. There will be a conference wide ACF meeting this year in Georgia-Cumberland, and hopefully a Southern Union meeting in the near future.

x. North Carolina (Phil Rosberg) – Terry Clem, the former leader of campus ministry in this conference has transitioned to a new ministry.

xi. Central California Conference (Maya Mackey) – There is a newly appointed leader at conference level for the Central California Conference. 23 “missionaries” from CAMPUS HOPE will be coming into the conference to encourage college students, leadership training, etc. on various campuses.

[Michael Stevenson, Richard Parker (Upper Columbia), Sharene Becca (Baylor), Daniel Shivers (Houston), joined the meeting.]

c. Sub-committee Reports:

1. Finances
2. Marketing & Networking
3. Resources
4. Missions

(These groups did not give reports, and met last year. If there is interest, these groups will meet briefly with leaders after the meeting. Sub-committees will meet later during the year via phone-conference.)

d. New videos (Ron Pickell) Ron showed two new DVD clips on ACF. One is targeted to college students the other to churches near college campuses followed by discussion and feedback from the advisory. Questions were raised about distribution, which currently will be through Advent Source. Suggestions were made that the clips be put on the DVD that goes out to pastors as well as on YouTube for free distribution.

e. Campus Ministry Dissertation (Carolyn Macomber) - Students were called up and they read some letters written by actual students. Some results/generalizations were shared from the study.

1. Many students before college report that “they were going through the motions.”
2. There are those that are struggling with the drinking/party scene on the campuses. They are looking for a place to belong.
3. A lot of the students talked about being in “a bubble” and having the bubble burst. They are surprised when they discover good people outside of the church.

f. New brochure (Ron Pickell) – There was discussion about the new mock-up for the brochure. A suggestion was made to add a blank spot for local chapters to add their own information.

g. Curriculum Training Project update (Kirk King) - A book will be coming out in April with the 10 principles of campus ministry. It will also have programming ideas as well as 7 examples of successful campus ministry programs. Book will include a DVD with the new ACF clips as well as Powerpoint files that are adaptable. Asked for volunteers to give feedback (3-5 people). Also asked for stories. There was a discussion of cover for the book.

h. High school senior tracking (Ron Pickell) There needs to be update and improve ways to do this working with the present church infrastructure.

i. Student resource kit through Adventist Chaplaincy ministries - (Representatives for Gary Councell: Les Rilea, Jose McLaughlin) Kits are available through AdventSource. Feedback is needed. Some packs were given out.

j. Website update (Elliot Lee) – A brief overview of the site was given. Looking for more feedback and help. There is a to-do list on the site available for the advisory to interact.

k. Peacefeed.com (Ron Pickell) – A new podcast resource for young adults and college students is available. Ron is recommending that Peacefeed become a podcast resource for ACF/NAD

l. Other

4. ACF/NAD Budget (Ron Pickell) - There as a brief discussion about the need to raise funds. Some ideas included local conferences and as well as union dues. The possibility of private funding, possibly from alumni was mentioned.

5. Five Year Plan

a. **[ACTION] Establish ACF contact persons for each union and local conference.**

This was made a motion by Gary Wagner and seconded by Bill Cork.

Discussion – What would these people do? To begin this would be the people that Ron P. would in close contact with.

Contact Elder Black to talk to Union presidents. Cyril Millet. suggests a meeting with union presidents and then to follow up with letter. Jeff Wines says that the youth director usually handles this for each conference. This is the person to contact and they can hand off if needed. Ron Pickell says he will do an e-letter that goes out to everyone.

Nick Vence stated that since conference officials already have a lot to do, individuals need to be from the local church and bottom up.

Harold suggests contacting alumni of public campus ministries for funding ideas.

A vote called for on the motion and the motion passed.

There was dissent by Nick Vence.

Nick Vence made another motion to choose a handful of people actively involved in an actual ACF group and have them be the contact people.

Elliot Lee clarified that the motion that passed does not specify who that person needs to be. We can work on getting the correct person(s) in position.

Restatement of motion: To preserve enthusiasm, a set of three contact people that are actively involved in a local ACF chapter to be a direct path for campus ministry interests. Seconded by Mike Stevenson. Call for vote. Second call for vote.

Rephrase: **[ACTION] Empower executive of three people, active in actual campus ministry, to be the contact for new campus ministries** (Ryan Wall). 2nd by Mike Stevenson. Vote carried.

b. Union Wide Campus Ministries Retreats/Conferences (Annual)

c. Division Wide Campus Ministry Convention (Every Three Years) to get students a chance to at least once to attend.

Mike Stevenson shared vision of finding people that will put money together so they could come to this event for free as students that attend Adventist campuses are already subsidized by local conferences.

[ACTION] Motion to encourage annual Union wide events and a division wide convention every three years and also to ask for funding to help subsidize students.

Harold Duckett suggested for 2 years.

Mike Stevenson suggested tagging the meeting with others that are already happening.

Vote with 2 year amendment.

Question: Who will make this happen?

Vote taken: Carried

More Discussion about various ideas. Meeting in Vancouver with Olympics?

- d. Student Leadership training curriculum.
- e. Short term and long term campus missions

Alex Espana finding out Adventists that are staffing and faculty is important because they are already on campus. Adventist professional's network.

- 6. Dreams/Prayer requests (shared by Ron Pickell)
 - a. Public campus ministry resource center
 - b. ACF chapters on all major University campuses.
 - c. Campus houses

[ACTION] A motion was made by Kirk King to strongly recommend that the NAD to create a full-time (salaried) position for national coordinator of public campus ministries. 2nd by Gary Wagner. Vote: Carried.

Other items: Zane Yi also stated need to focus on graduate students in the next 5 years.

7. Next scheduled Advisory: Nov. 7-9 or 14-16, 2008. (Ron suggested need to for a student advisory.) **A decision was made by vote for Nov. 14-16.** The place is to be determined. Carolyn M. recommended Andrews University.

Closing Prayer: Ron Pickell
Meeting adjourned: 10:00pm