



OPENING EDITORIAL

It's that time of year! Graduation season has come upon us again, and we're so excited to celebrate! During this time we are allowed to reflect, celebrate, and embrace new chapters in our lives. As students and graduates, the academic journey has come to an end which means you have successfully completed the requirements to enter the next stage of life, wherever it takes you. You've reached the pinnacle of success in this stage and life is here to offer you new experiences. As family, friends, and supporters we celebrate the diligence, perseverance, and strength that each student exceeded in as they journeyed through their academic season.

The prayers, words of encouragement, and advice prove themselves in the success of our students. As a whole, we embrace the new challenges and experiences that present themselves as graduates move on and level up. Whether you graduated, attended graduations, or saw graduation decorations in the store, we all have reason to celebrate. Graduation is a symbol of momentum: strength gained through progress. As the hustle and bustle of the busy graduation season approaches, remember to reflect, celebrate, and embrace what comes next.

I couldn't be more excited to share that I was able to complete my educational journey by marching on May 6, 2022 from the Andrews Theological Seminary of Seventhday Adventist with the DMin in Organization Leadership. The pandemic did not allow me to walk in the Spring of 2021 when I finished, but God's timing is perfect. As supporters gathered from near and far to help me celebrate, the evidence of God's faithfulness filled the weekend. A huge heartfelt thank you to many of you who reached out to me and helped me to celebrate. May the celebrations



continue as we share some of the upcoming happenings from the NAD Youth Department.

Blessings, Vandeon, Tracy, Armando, Reby

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Resource Table Monthly Feature





This month's NAD Youth & Young Adult Ministries Resource Table features -

Let's Pray!



1. Teach Me How to Pray

Available on AdventSource Available in **Large Print and Braille** at Christian Record.

2. All The Way Up - Week of Prayer

Available on AdventSource



3. #GYA Prayer Guide

Available on AdventSource

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With the upcoming NAD CALLED Pastors Family Convention and the PK (Pastors Kids) Journey – Let's Pray!

With the upcoming General Conference Session and the election of a new GC Youth Director – Let's Pray!

With the many students graduating this spring and moving on to new places – Let's Pray!

With young adult staff launching into weeks of Summer Camp Evangelism – Let's Pray!

With health issues and COVID continuing to challenge our families – Let's Pray!

With churches and schools looking for new pastors and teachers – Let's Pray!

With our Gen-Z and Alpha Gen families and friends growing up – Let's Pray!

With youth & YA directors needing more resilience – Let's Pray!

With all of us needing more of Jesus - Let's Pray!

Hey – Let's just keep on Praying!

#OneTeamNAD

Updates from Club Ministries

Pathfinder Club

Pathfinder teams from across North America and the world gathered in person and remotely on April 22-23, 2022, for the **Pathfinder Bible Experience** division finals. There were sixty-three teams in person at the Lane Events Center in Eugene, Oregon, and 30 teams that joined remotely.

This event was a tremendous blessing and the Pathfinder families that attended had a great time. <u>Click</u> <u>here to read more</u>.





Master Guide

The Master Guide Outdoors Rocky Mountain Expedition 2022 is open for registration.

DATES: July 31 - August 3, 2022

Space is limited!!! Reserve your seat today!

Click here for details.



The **2022 Master Guide Convention** is getting closer.

We are celebrating 100 years of Master Guide Ministry and of service with the theme **"Leading The Way"**.

For information and registration, please click here.

SAVE THE DATE - 2022 ACF Institute



All ACF student-leaders, campus chaplains and pastors, conference and union youth & young adult ministries directors, and any leaders desiring to learn about ministry with and for college students on non-Adventist campuses are invited to a gathering for networking and leader-training.

<u>Click here to view</u> preliminary planning information, schedules, workshops, and other details.

Early Bird In-person and Virtual Registration is now open.

---> *Early Bird In-person Registration*, \$25 per person: March 1-May 31, 2022 (includes dorm lodging, meals & resources)

---> Virtual Registration, Free: March 1-July 30, 2022 (includes virtual access and online chat)

REGISTER HERE

Save The Date - DO IT TOGETHER Conference





Momentum Youth Church & Youth Sabbath School - 'All The Way Up!'

Join us weekly for Momentum Moments on our <u>YouTube channel</u> and <u>Facebook page</u>.

Youth Week of Prayer sermons and slides are available here online.

Featured Sermon - What Do You Really Want?

Sometimes it's hard to wait for what you really want. When we are put into a situation where we must choose, we often choose what is okay over what is great. This sermon focuses on Esau in the Bible because his story helps us to understand how to determine if what we want is worth it.



PK (Pastors Kids) Shark Tank



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KSHARK TANK

AT NAD CALLED CONVENTION JUNE 20,2022 @ 9:30 PM LEXINGTON, KY

> Up to **\$1,000** in awards for the top projects!

ELIGIBILITY

All registered youth in Grades 7-12 are invited to participate.

Semi-finalists will be notified on June 3.

APPLICATION

Register your service project idea by May 31.

For more information **PKSharkTank@gmail.com**

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Semi-finalists will be required to:

- Create a visual board for public display.
- 2 Develop a detailed business plan.

3 Present a LIVE 5-10 minute pitch.

The Back to School Congress will be postponed to 2023!

2022 NAD Camp Committee Report



On April 12-14, 2022, the **NAD Camp Committee** met at Indian Creek Camp in Liberty, Tennessee. This committee has been reconstituted for the next four year (2022-2025) under the leadership of Wendy Eberhardt (NAD Vice President for Ministries) and Tracy Wood (NAD Youth & Young Adult Ministries Director).

Each of the nine unions of the NAD has representation on this committee. The union youth & young adult directors have all designated their union representative (a full-time camp ministry professional) to serve with them on this committee. We have a Union Officer on this committee. Also, the three AACP presidents serve on this committee.

In addition, there are Members at Large who serve representing: Adventist Risk Management, AdventSource, BAYDA, National Camps for Blind Children (CRS), and others representing different aspects of camp ministry.

This committee will meet annually in-person with a mid-year online meeting to keep all the actionable items that were approved moving forward.

<u>Click here</u> to view the actionable items that were voted.

NAD Young Pastors Network

NAD Youth & Young Adult Ministries, in collaboration with NAD Ministerial, are looking forward to an in-person gathering at the NAD CALLED Pastor's Family Convention.

We are planning on a **Young Pastors Reception Meal** while we are there. If you as a youth director or young pastor are coming, please register for the Meal Reception. You may include your spouse and kids as well.

There is limited seating, so register soon. The max attendance is the first 140 registered or the deadline of June 14th, whichever comes first.

DATE: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 TIME: 4:30-6:30 pm PLACE: Hyatt Regency Lexington at Lexington Center - Ballroom 1&2 (Lobby Level)



View the **Registration Link**. We hope to see you there!

For more details, click on the **Young Pastors Network Initiative** document.

Online Course: Adventurer Club Director Certification



The **Adventurer Club Director Certification** course is designed to develop the skills required to be an effective club director of an Adventurer Club. Participants will learn leadership skills, the process of building a team, and basic elements on how to lead a club. Each participant must own an Adventurer Club Director's Guide.

Following the completion of the course and the workshops, the participant must complete the required field work and portfolio review before receiving the certification.

Click Here for Details

Online Course: NAD Camp Staff Safety



Camp Directors – this invitation is for you!

If you would like to use this NAD Camp Safety Training for your summer camp staff training, here are the simple steps.

- 1. Take the course for yourself to see if it covers what you need for safety training of your staff.
- Contact <u>TracyWood@nadAdventist.org</u> to set up your camp's online account that you and/or your Course Coach can manage for your staff training prior to coming to staff training week.
- 3. Gather your staff emails and send them invites, directions, and deadlines.

Simple as that! There are no fees!

The **ALC Camp Staff Safety** course is designed to equip camp staff with tools and guidelines for camp performance, from the NAD Code of Conduct to work and interact with minors, their parents, and other camp staff. This course is divided into seven learning modules with learning activities and quizzes that will assist you in understanding your role and functions as a camp staff.

Participants will learn safety procedures and responsibilities as a camp staff member. They will also acquire safety skills for appropriate communication and healthy boundaries that will help provide a safe experience at camp for everyone.

Enroll In This Course



DAY CAMP AND IT'S SAFETY

Before you know it, summer will be upon us and parents will be asking, "What will I do with my children?" Some families are exploring local sports programs, such as swimming lessons at a public pool, or overnight summer camps. However, with the threat of COVID-19, many parents are concerned about children sleeping in crowded cabins, elevating transmission risk. In this case, day camps are a great alternative and provide wholesome experiences for kids.

Click here for full article

180° Symposium 2022 - NAD Report



The **180° Symposium** addresses current issues facing youth ministries, while seeking to generate principles for effective and healthy change through moderated discussion between administrators, academics, and practitioners in youth ministry. This year it was a hybrid experience hosted May 9-11, 2022, at Andrews University. On May 11th, the 180° Symposium Administrators Focus Group met around a table in the Pioneer Memorial Church Youth Chapel.

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NAD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



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OFFICE OF VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES



The **NAD Office of Volunteer Ministries** is looking for volunteers who are baptized church members between the ages of 18-79 for their *long-term* and *short-term* mission projects. View current volunteer and teaching opportunities, volunteer stories, updates, and other information in their *latest newsletter*.

EVENTS AROUND THE DIVISION



Columbia Union Pathfinder Camporee

DATES: August 10-14, 2022

LOCATION: Summit Bechtel Reserve, Glen Jean, West Virginia

Click here for information and registration.

Lake Union Pathfinder Camporee

DATES: September 15-18, 2022

LOCATION: Berrien County Youth Fairgrounds, Berrien Springs, Michigan

Click here for information and registration.

North Pacific Union Pathfinder Camporee

DATES: September 21-25, 2022

LOCATION: Flathead County Fairgrounds, Kalispell, Montana

Click here for information and registration.



Pacific Union Pathfinder Camporee

DATES: October 5-9, 2022

LOCATION: Lake Skinner Campground, Winchester, California

Click here for information and registration.

Southern Union Pathfinder Camporee

DATES: October 12-16, 2022

LOCATION: Camp Kulaqua Retreat and Conference Center, High Springs, Florida

Click here for information and registration.







2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



<u>Click here</u> to access and download the 2022 NAD Youth and Young Adult Ministries Calendar of Events.

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