North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists: Youth Ministry

Welcome & Introductions - Vandeon Griffin

YI #18.01 Global Youth Day

Youth.Adventist.org. 150 million internet impressions for GYD in 2017. Our plan is to have 100,000 youth led evangelistic meetings after GYD 2019.

You can also access the GC Youth Department store and get GYD shirts.

GYD is intended to be inter generational, so involve Adventurers though Young Adults, and the whole church.

Following GYD, we hope to have local WOP run by the young people. Then on Friday the go out and invite their friends who have stopped participating to attend a "homecoming" on that Sabbath. WOP sermons are available on the website.

YA 2018.01 Prior Minutes

Voted: Accept the minutes from the January 2017.

YI #18.02 NAD reports

Youth Magalogue

We plan to work with AdventSource to convert the Youth Ministries Resource catalog into a Megalogue in its next edition. NAD requests that you submit suggestions of resources that would be of use to youth ministries in NAD. Send your resource to Tracy, Vandeon, or Brad. The beauty of this is that the document is free.

Youth Professional Continuing Education

Hope for the Orphan, 180 Symposium book is available. Additional copies will be available for purchase at AdventSource by April 1.

We need your help in preparation for the next 180 Symposium, May 8-10, 2018 at LaSierra. The theme is youth to youth evangelism. We are looking for innovative program and concepts that you are willing to share. We need your expertise to present. Contact Ron Whitehead or the Y&YA team.

We need a forum where we can learn from each other. We have a number of Directors who have, or are working on Post Grad study in youth ministry, but we don't have a way to share what you have learned.

New DMIN Cohort, Fall, 2019 at AU for Inter generational Ministry. AU is no longer offering Cohort in Youth Ministry.

Just Claim It update

JCI has led to the 2Pray Movement with local prayer rallies. With changes at NAD, these programs have moved from the Y&YA department to the Prayer Ministries Department. The Y&YA Department will partner with them to provide support. Vandeon Griffin will be the Youth Ministries contact.

March 17, 2018, there will be a 2Pray Rally in Chicago, IL. This will be the first joint effort by these two departments.

Minutes
2.27.18
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NAD Youth
Advisory
Atlanta, GA
9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Officers

Chair - Vandeon Griffin, NAD Rec. Secretary - Glen Milam, NAD Ex-officio - Armando Miranda Jr., NAD

Ex-officio - Tracy Wood, NAD Ex-officio - Gary Blanchard - GC Ex-officio - Andres Peralta- GC

Attendees

Alcon, Javier Barrientos,, Josant Casey, Todd Chang, Nashonie Charles, Patreece Chavez, Eric Cisneros, Hubert Clairmont, Orien Cross, Esther Deley, Mogdala Douglas, Tyrone Ferguson, Benji Graham, Patrick Heinrick, Eddie Hill, Randy Johnson, Eric Joseph, Pierre Michel Knight, Stanley Lang, Rob Lewis, Chester Lewis, Prince Marquez, Milton Marton, Edwin McKenzie, David Mit-Chelle, Sandra Moody, Helvis Morgan, Velma Nelson, Lonny North, Jason Notice, Lyle Ortega, Daniel Park, Apple

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Youth Resources FG Meeting

April 17, 2018 3-5 ESTime

Urban Youth Ministry Training Course.

BAYDA and NAD presents an ALC online training course. Its free of charge.

www.adventistlearningcommunity,com/courses/1112

YI #18.03 Youth Sabbath School Initiative Report

Steve Case presented. Major points are listed here.

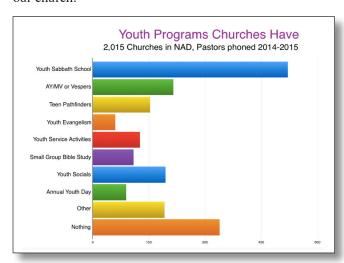
Patrice from Quebec Conference was interviewed. She is a local church youth director. Q: What should our prayer be for you? A: For wisdom understanding patience, unity, and for self to be denied and God be glorified. Q: What is your home base? A: We wish it was Sabbath School. Right now we have nothing.

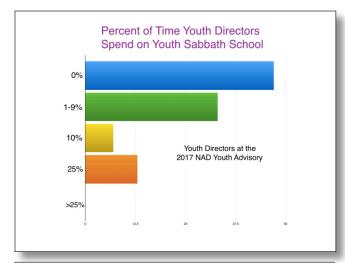
Jeremy, a local youth pastor was interviewed. Q: What are you taking with you from the meetings? A: Youth leaders love to have fun. And that NAD and the leadership is passionate about ministry and understand the crisis we are facing. You are willing to recognize it, address it, and try to find solutions for it. Q: What is your home base? A: Sabbath School.

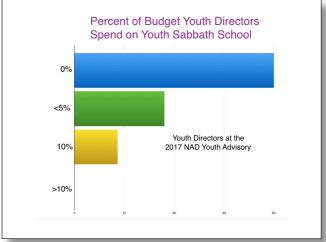
Union Youth Directors gave a call for direction and resources and NAD Youth Department has made Youth SS a key element for youth ministries.

What relationship will YD's have with Youth SS? What will the conference do to help the local church?

Research provides some interesting data to consider relating to our current efforts on behalf of the youth in our church.







How easy or difficult is it for you find a conferences Sabbath School leader? Only 28% of 58 conferences in NAD list a Sabbath School Department or person on their website, and they are usually labeled "Adult Sabbath School Director." That means 72% have no Sabbath School Department or person listed on their website.

How easy or difficult is it for you to get a roster of the local church Youth Sabbath School leaders?

Several Conference Youth Directors were asked to share their local experience:

Florida - We have 300 churches with 65,000 members. The first question was where do we start to gather information on Youth Sabbath School from our churches. Most churches have less than 300 members. There are 14 youth pastors in the conference. They responded first. The local church clerks did not know. So we started

a network like Pathfinders have. We used the Pathfinder and Adventurer coordinators to respond about youth ministries in their churches. We wanted to create a structure that would support local youth ministry. Then we created a literal box of supplies that we sent to them. We provided training to the local leaders that we could find and connect with.

Central Calif - We have 17 youth pastors. The President gave permission to gather info. So we sent letters to all pastors. We got one response. Then we sent online survey request. We got two responses. Then we asked at Pastors retreat. We got a few. Finally we got the President to write a letter and ask pastors directly. Less than 40% responded. I cannot resource people I don't know about. I believe that many pastors will not respond because they are afraid of what will happen if it is found out that they have no youth ministry happening.

Georgia-Cumberland - We have tried to keep it simple. We provide training once a year. We have a conf. staff member who actively works on the eAdventist leader database. At this time we are about 80% accurate. At all our events, we have a line of computers where they can enter their own data, and get prizes. We have 175 churches and we may have 20% participate in training.

Iowa-Missouri - The Mission Lifeguard stats provided interesting responses. The number one answer for "do you have a youth SS" the answer was "I don't know." We started to search for a single person in each church who would simply be my contact for sending info. So far I have six names from 130 churches.

Comments from the Unions:

- eAdventist is updated by the local conference so it really depends on their commitment to keep it up.
- All the youth in your town are your mission field.
- Most volunteer leaders pick a hobby horse topic and beat it to death, rather than use a curriculum.
- The majority of our churches have less than 100 members. The majority of our members are in big churches.

Round table comments from the Unions about supplemental materials need for Youth Sabbath School:

- · Video shout out so kids can feel connected
- Youth Sabbath School App
- Resources are great and will help us meet the needs of Youth Sabbath School. Additionally, we can overflow with the resources to AY or even during the week.
- Great support for resources, smorgasbord approach—Yes
- Downlink resource process not clear to some.
- Options are important: Small SS programs at church may not have music available, so some components of programming need options.
- Easy access: internet, website, social media, download, print, leader can access quickly.
- It is good; use youth as the leaders; get parents on the team as advocates to ride interference with critical complainers, especially music, such as, "That's my kid; lay off!"

Plata, Dixie Racobs, Frances Ridley, Jason Rodriguez, Freddy Rodriguez, Juan Sager, Denison Salazar, David Salmon, Michelene Schwarz, Ricky Schwarz, Stephanie Sharp, Malaika Theodore, Abner Torres, Lillian Vélez, Daniel Vellegas, Jeff Wade, Roger Wall, Sandra Washington, Donovan Whitehead, Ron Wong, Jeremy

- One idea for youth leaders each week is good.
- What about the social aspect?
- When you have a SS Convention, invite the youth because they can be leaders, too!
- Need a video they offer from NAD; everyone can contribute to it.
- We like that a way has been found to take what the world church is doing and adapt it to our field. We like that the local church will have options from which to choose.
- Field test from a couple of churches in conference; multiple sizes.
- Monday morning devotional tied to the text for the week.
- Leader training video.
- Ideas to youth, use emotions, relational, active participating, inter generational on a regular basis; spend time in reading the Bible at the moment, when in discussion—whew in discussion the relevance.
- Create videos about:
 - How to do icebreakers
 - How to create videos
 - How to run Sabbath School
 - How to be a youth leader
 - How to create synergy between SS and Youth Ministries
- Dialogue:
 - How to make Youth Sabbath School relevant
 - Include Youth Ministry as Sabbath

Round table comments from the Unions about NAD offering to partner with unions and conferences to train Youth Sabbath School Leaders.

- Teachers need to be properly equipped to teach.
- Ask teacher to help create an outline on "How to Teach."
- Bring church leaders that are doing a good job; have fun project.
- We feel better about investing in people. If we train individuals, they will be equipped to handle leadership in this and other areas of life.

Survey Results as of 2/27/18:

Network of SDA Youth Directors Responses to their relationship with Youth Sabbath School

Please record which of the following 5 options best describes your conference, and How I will relate to Youth Sabbath School:

- 1. I will be the point person
- 2. I will hand off to another person
- 3. This is not part of my job
- 4. Give me time to decide
- 5. Other:

Atlantic Union

Atlantic Union, Andres Peralta 401-338-7446 andresjperalta@outlook.com How I will relate to Youth SS: 4

Bermuda Conference, Cyrill Millet 441-535-1888 cyrilmillett@gmail.com How I will relate to Youth SS: 4

Greater New York, Ariel Manzueta 914-886-5626 amanzueta@gnyc.org How I will relate to Youth SS: 4

New York, Dan Whitlow 315-345-9282 dan@nyconf.org How I will relate to Youth SS: 1

Northeastern, David McKenzie 718-291-8006 dmckenzie@northeastern.org How I will relate to Youth SS/; 1

Northern New England, Mark Tamalea 207-650-1430 tamaleaa@gmail.com How I will relate to Youth SS: 1

Southern New England, Milton Marquez How I will relate to Youth SS: 1

Columbia Union

Columbia Union, Frank Bondurant 410-707-2208 fbondurant@columbiaunion.net How I will relate to Youth SS:__

Allegheny East, Patrick Graham 301-537-9503 pgraham@myalleghenyeast.com How I will relate to Youth SS:__

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Michigan, Chad Bernard cbernard@misda.org 517 927-9115 How I will relate to Youth SS: 1

Wisconsin, Eric Chavez 806-341-2005 ericcha2005@gmail.com How I will relate to Youth SS: 2 Kurtis Lam (262) 443-5938

Mid-America Union

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Central States, Kory Douglas 314-330-8270 douglas.k@centralstates.org How I will relate to Youth SS:__ Dakota, Loren Nelson 701-400-6299 lnelson5@hotmail.com How I will relate to Youth SS: Iowa-Missouri, Denison Sager 913-485-2691 dsager@imsda.org How I will relate to Youth SS: Kansas-Nebraska, Tim Floyd 828-707-6542 tfloyd@ks-ne.org How I will relate to Youth SS:____ Minnesota, Shelina Bonjour 763-424-8923 How I will relate to Youth SS:_____ Rocky Mountain, Steve Hamilton 303-282-3661 steveh@rmcsda.org How I will relate to Youth SS:__ **North Pacific Union** North Pacific Union, How I will relate to Youth SS:_ Alaska, Tobin Dodge 907-346-1004 How I will relate to Youth SS: 1 Idaho, Patric Frey patric.frey@idconf.org 208-375-7524 How I will relate to Youth SS: Montana, Phil Hudema 805-267-6733 phil.hudema@mc.npuc.org How I will relate to Youth SS: Oregon, Randy Hill, Associate YD 541-840-2002 randy.hill@oc.npuc.org How I will relate to Youth SS: 1 Upper Columbia, Richie Brower 509-838-2762 richieb@uccsda.org How I will relate to Youth SS: 1 Washington, David Yeagley david.yeagly@wc.npuc.org 253-569-3614 How I will relate to Youth SS:_____

206-973-6322 david.salazar@wc.npuc.org How I will relate to Youth SS: 2

Pacific Union

Pacific Union, Eddie Heinrich 530-966-3483 eddie.heinrich@nccsda.org How I will relate to Youth SS: 1

Arizona, Manny Cruz 410-300-0898 mannycruz@azconference.org How I will relate to Youth SS: 1

Central California, Norma Villareal 559-577-0468 nvillareal@cccsda.org How I will relate to Youth SS:_____

Hawaii, Erik Vandenburgh 808-294-0000 evandenburgh@hawaiisda.com How I will relate to Youth SS: 2

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Southern California, Bob Wong 626-359-7847 bobwong@gmail.com How I will relate to Youth SS:

SDA Church in Canada

SDA Church in Canada, Brian Wahl 604-504-3633 bwahl@bcadventist.ca How I will relate to Youth SS: 1 & 2

Alberta, Lyle Notice 587-877-9793 lylenotice@albertaadventist.ca How I will relate to Youth SS: 4; my Sabbath School director, Nwnmko, handles it.

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Southern Union

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Florida, Juan Rodriguez 407-644-5000 juan.rodriguez@floridaconference.com How I will relate to Youth SS: 1

Georgia-Cumberland, Rob Lang 706-629-7952 rlang@gccsda.org How I will relate to Youth SS: 1

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South Atlantic, Donovan Washigton 404-496-3197 dwashigton@sacsda.org How I will relate to Youth SS: 3

South Central, Lorenzo Shepherd 615-226-6500 lorenzo.shepherd@scc-adventist.org How I will relate to Youth SS: 3, 4

Southeastern, Prince Lewis 352-735-3142 prince.lewis@secsda.org How I will relate to Youth SS: 3, 1

Southwestern

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Arkansas-Louisiana, Jeff Villegas 423-645-8744 jvillegas@arklac.org How I will relate to Youth SS: 1

Oklahoma, Daniel Ortega 405-550-6570 dortega@okla-adventist.org How I will relate to Youth SS: 1

Southwest Region, Tyrone Douglas tdouglas@swrgc.org 832-312-1076 How I will relate to Youth SS: 1

Texas, Paulo Tenorio 301-213-2025 ptenorio@txsda.org How I will relate to Youth SS:___

Texico, Mike Rezon 505-244-1611 mrazon@yahoo.com How I will relate to Youth SS:_