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2007 global youth ministry focus

The three main focus points in Youth Ministry on the global level in 2007, are listed below. We urge every youth director at every level to promote these items which will impact our youth spiritually, socially, physically and mentally.

2007 Year of Renewal



In the book *Great Controversy*, Mrs. Ellen White spoke of the importance of worship, writes "The duty to worship God is based upon the fact that He is the Creator and that to Him all other beings owe their existence. And wherever, in the Bible, His claim to reverence and worship, above the gods of the heathen, is presented, there is cited the evidence of His creative power" (GC pp. 436, 437).

Youth's spiritual lives will be renewed through lively Biblical based worship. The Starter Kit and the Small Group Curriculum have been sent out to all Divisions. These valuable resources can be found on our website, youth.gc.adventist.org

2nd World Conference on Youth and Community Service Taipei, Taiwan December 24, 2007 to January 5, 2008

Local Community Service Outreach: December 24 – 30, 2007

Hiskia Missah is finalizing on the Service Project menu which will be sent out to all Division Youth Directors within a few

weeks. Through their leaders, the delegates will be able to select the projects in which they want to be involved. Specific financial items will be included for each project.

World Conference: January 1 – 5, 2008

This will be five days filled with dynamic seminars, five days of powerful preaching, five days of fellowship with delegates who participated in the service projects, five days of impacting young people and the young at heart, so that they will return to their territory and impact the lives of the people in their communities. This is the most exciting program of the two weeks. Every one must plan to attend. The US\$150.00 registration fee is specifically for this portion. Jonatan Tejel is finalizing the hotel/accommodation list which will be sent to all Divisions to select and reserve rooms for their delegates.

Celebrating 100 years



2007 Year of Celebrating 100 Years of the establishment of Youth Ministries Department in the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1907. Every Division, Union, local Conference/Mission and church is encouraged to plan a special celebration during this year. The celebration should involve young people in Community Service, Youth Evangelism or the celebration of mentors who have impacted their lives in Youth Ministry. Be creative!



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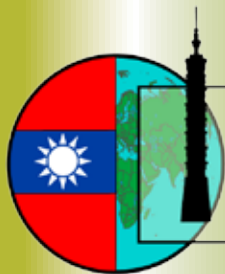
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staying healthy in Youth Ministry
with regular check ups

It is time to make new resolutions or to give a tune-up and reevaluate the ones of last year. My resolution for 2007 will not be the usual, such as losing weight, exercising, eating healthier, coming to work on time, keeping my office clean and so on. Instead I will have what I call a regular check-up list for staying healthy in Youth Ministry. The best time to do this is now!

Sometimes going through the check up list can be and will be painful at times. But staying healthy and being healthy will be worth the pain. Join me as I begin this year with regular check-ups of what I will be doing in Youth Ministry.

- ☑ Raise the level of Youth devotional life
- ☑ Raise the standard of attainment of youth
- ☑ Educate and train Youth for service
- ☑ Challenge youth to and participate in outreach ministry and mission services
- ☑ Live and teach Youth the principles of stewardship



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Impact

it's time

December 24 - 29, 2007
Community Projects

Will have a separate budget

January 1 - 5, 2008

World Conference

Registration Fee
for Conference **only**
US\$150.00

Project Tracks

Construction Project
Classroom Improvement
Health Expo Project
Teaching English
Community Project
Youth-2-Youth

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EURO STUDY TOUR

Youth Directors tour the US

Link2Uth met with Corrado Cozzi, Youth Director for the Euro-Africa Division, to talk about the trip he organized for the Division Youth Directors to the United States.

L2Uth: Why did you bring the group of Youth Director to the US?

This project was born out of a “sense of duty for training”: Conference level cares for the local youth leaders; Union level cares for the Conference youth leaders; Division level has to care for the Union youth leaders. I was invited by my colleagues to organize a study tour in the United States, just as my predecessor did nine years ago. At that time, the choice to go to the United States was conditioned by the desire to attend the Youth Specialties National Convention. It was a success, so... I decided to repeat the experience. We chose to go to the United States not only to give the new youth leaders the possibility to attend the National Youth Workers Convention in Cincinnati, but also to visit Adventist and non-Adventist institutions and programs that we could only find in the United States. It was a total success!

L2Uth: Can you share some highlights of your trip?

First stop: Cincinnati. We attended the *National Youth Workers Convention* organized by **Youth Specialties**. We enjoyed tremendously the opportunity to attend workshops and general sessions. Extremely inspiring! All of us could profit personally in the domain of technical and personal spiritual training. After Cincinnati, we began our adventure on the road. The entire tour was about 3780 miles.

Second stop: Andrews University. At Andrews we attended a seminar on “The Youth Leader: Evangelism, Leadership and Spirituality” for a day and half. The lecturer was Dr. Joe Kidder. As youth leaders we are supposed to speak about youth issues. We spent time to speak on our personal spirituality and leadership. Dr Kidder did a great job.

Third stop: Battle Creek. We took the HISTORIC ADVENTIST VIL-LAGE TOUR. Very impressive and educative! Unfortunately this tour coincided with a very important day in the country: Thanksgiving! Therefore, most venues were closed. But we still enjoyed the visit.

Fourth stop: Camp Au Sable. This is one of the biggest SDA Youth Campsites. WOW! It was a great experience. We slept there one night and we visited only a third of the campus due to our tight schedule. It is well organized and well supported by the Michigan Conference.

Fifth stop: Andrews University again. We attended the Pioneer Memorial Church (PMC) service on Sabbath morning and in the afternoon we visited Willow Creek Church. We were really impressed and inspired by the Guest Service and Reception Ministry that they have. A great example for us all! Sunday morning we were at Mars Hill Church where the youth preacher Rob Bell, is the leader. One of the staff, an elder and prayer team leader, welcomed us and answered all of our questions. It's always fun for people in the church to talk to those in our global community.

do you have the following resources?

- Youth Ministry Accent
- Week of Prayer
- Getting It Right
- The Adventurer Story
- The Pathfinder Story
- The AY Story
- Youth Ministry Handbook
- Pastor's and Elder's Handbook for Yth Ministry
- Ambassador Club Booklet
- YouthFirst Booklet
- 2007 Starter Kit
- Small Group Discussion for Small Groups Kit

And...for our Centennial Celebration, we are promoting two new books!

The Morning Watch Devotional, exactly the same way it was printed 100 years ago!

Youth Leadership Wisdom, in which outstanding youth leaders of yesterday speak to the present generation of youth leaders

Sixth stop: General Conference of SDA. We left Andrews and traveled toward Washington DC to visit the Seventh-day Adventist Church World Headquarters. This was the longest leg of our tour on the bus, and it took us almost 12 hours! We spent one full day at the General Conference Headquarters. We met with Baraka Muganda and his team, and also met with heads of other departments linked to Youth Ministries like Children's Ministries, Sabbath School, Biblical Research and Amicus. A tour of the building and the White Estate completed the day.

Seventh stop: Lancaster. We had planned to visit an Amish village in Lancaster. But because of weather issues it was not possible and we decided to visit some outlets in the area. Afterwards, we attended one of the biggest attractions of the Mennonites: the Sight&Sound Theatre. This manifestation is a tradition offered to visitors all year long, changing the theme each quarter. At the time of our visit, they were playing “A Christmas Story”. It was really outstanding!

Eighth stop: New York. We arrived in the evening, ready to visit one of the most important places of the entire tour: Metro Ministries. The program was as follows: Friday: we would go with sidewalk teams, meaning that we were divided in groups and sent to accompany groups presenting programs in the suburbs of New York like the Bronx, Harlem, Queens, Brooklyn. It is impossible to express in writing what each one of us lived personally. May God continue to bless the tireless mission of

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Group Picture of EUD Youth Directors

caring for children in these dangerous suburbs! Saturday: we attended the program for the earliteens, in which there were more than 800! The program was shaped entirely for this age group. Afterwards we rode on different buses and went to pick up children directly from their homes to attend the second service that gathered children ages 4-6. Can you imagine 700 children participating in a one hour spiritual program without parents?! I let the organizers borrow my angels for that day (smiling); they needed them more than me! I can easily say to all of you: I will never forget the experience I had in Metro Ministry. The eyes of thousands of children that crossed mine, left in me a deep mark. Sunday December 3 was the day of departure. We waved each other good-bye and declared this wonderful adventure "finito".

Link2Uth: Any particular experience that stood out?

It is difficult to point one out. Each day was different and all the experiences were really touching. The sermons we listened were simply extraordinary and we admit that we have to learn from our non-Adventist brother preachers. The caring for children is another example. Even when our Sabbath School program is complete, what we learned from other organizations is their meth-

odology to protect children. Above all, it's Metro Ministry! Children are really the core of their program, not a marginal part. The trip by bus gave us opportunity to spend a lot of time talking with each other. This was one of the objectives: to enhance our fellowship as youth leaders. Even when we speak different languages and live in different cultures, we understand each other much better now. For me, this experience was a total success. And last but not least, we were able to grasp a huge amount of ideas by attending different programs and events.

The aims of the Study Tour were: to attend fixed training courses on youth leadership, evangelism, church planting, children care, etc.; to get new ideas for a better youth leadership; to give to the participating leaders a widely international perspective about youth leadership. It seems that we reached our target. We are thankful to the Euro-Africa Division and the different Unions Administrators for given us the opportunity to improve our youth ministries activities.

Link2Uth: Thank you Corrado for your inspiring words and for sharing these highlights with Link2Uth!

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 OUR NEWLY AND IMPROVED
 WEBSITE COMING SOON!!
 CHECK US OUT!



2007
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Travel Plans for January 

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| Baraka Muganda: | 4 - 7: White Estate Consultation 8 - 10: NAD Youth Advisory 30 - 31: Oakwood College |
| Hiskia Missah: | 3 - 9: Chile, Yth Congress 17 - 25: Taiwan |
| Jonatán Tejel: | 8 - 13: SPD PF Camporee 17 - 25: Taiwan |