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## World Youth Advisory Charts New Emphases for Youth Ministry

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**T**he World Youth Advisory meets once in every five years to plan strategies for the World Seventh-day Adventist Youth Ministry. The 13 Divisions Youth Directors are members of this body and they lead a ministry of about 10 million Seventh-day Adventist youth below 30 years old. This year the World Youth Advisory met at Mt. Aetna Camp, in Hagerstown, Maryland from March 26 to April 2, 2006.

One of the important actions taken was the 7 new Global Strategic Themes and Emphases. These themes emphasize the importance of focusing on major global issues that impact the lives of our youth. The Emphases will be placed on Reach, Connect, Reclaim, Train, Retain, Involve and Serve.

Other items of importance voted were the “YouthFirst” document. The purpose of “YouthFirst” is to assist every youth entity—Adventurers, Pathfinders, Ambassadors and Youth Adults—in making ‘YouthFirst’ the central theme of all their activities in the involvement of Youth in the mission of the church.

It has been expressed over and over that the 16 to 21+ age group has been neglected and has been left in limbo by the church. The action was taken to approve a new level, “Ambassador” under the Senior Youth Ministry for ages 16 to 21+. The World Youth Leaders thanked God for making it possible for this new level to be launched in the Adventist Church.

A recommendation was made to all division to organize 100 year of Celebration of the formation



**Division Youth Directors at the World Youth Advisory in Hagerstown, Maryland.**

of the Youth Department at the World Headquarters on May 15, 1907. Divisions are urged to find ways to mark this event in their fields during 2007.

The second “Impact” known as “World Conference on Youth and Community Service” was voted to be held on July 14 to 26, 2008, in a region of the 10/40 window. The exact venue will be relayed to all Division within a few months. We expect thousands of youth from around the world will plan to attend.



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# Meet Your World Youth Directors

...and the question is, "Why is Youth Ministry important to you? and their answers ...



**MULUMBA TSHIMANGA (ECD)**

My aim in Youth Ministries is to help young people in Africa to fight poverty by becoming self-supporting, to train them to be today's and tomorrow's leaders and to involve them in the mission of the church, until the soon coming on the Lord Jesus, who will usher them and me in His Kingdom.

**Romans 8:28:** *We know that in all things God works for good with those who love him, those whom he has called according to his purpose.*



**CORRADO COZZI (EUD)**

I believe that the Bible was written mainly for youth: the open language, the inclusive attitude of God, the storyteller structure. The "incarnation" model of his concern to deal with the humankind, etc. allow me to see youth ministries as an important means to offer to the

youth this perspective of the God's Word. So: if God in taking care of youth; looking to deal with every day; giving them the means to cope with the difficulties of life; offering always his endless help; accepting them as they are but also as they can become; enhancing in them their surprising capacity to convert them self in any time; and other actions that give to God the image of an authentic father, all of this is a symptom for me to "work" youth ministries as this essential instrument to realize this divine desire.

**Zephaniah 3:17:** *The Lord your God is with you; his power gives you victory. The Lord will take delight in you, and in his love he will give you new life. He will sing and be joyful over you...*



**PETER SYROTKIN (ESD)**

Youth ministries is a golden mounted precious stone of our Church. This is investment which brings the profits in a present time, but is going to bring the greater benefits in Heaven.

I like the youth. Its present and future are dear to me.

**2 Cor. 5:14:** *We are ruled by the love of Christ, now that we recognize that one man died for everyone, which means that they all share in his death.*



**BERNARDO RODRIGUEZ (IAD)**

Youth Ministries is very important to me because the children and youth to whom we serve our God's treasure, and they are His most powerful evangelists to proclaim and show His message.

**Isa 26:3:** *You, Lord, give perfect peace to those who keep their purpose firm and put their trust in you.*



**JAMES BLACK (NAD)**

Youth Ministries is important to me because it is important to Jesus. My life is a testimony of the saving grace of Jesus.

I live in awe everyday that God has given me the opportunity to extend hope to youth in North America. Youth Ministry is an excellent vehicle for training young leaders to lead others to the Kingdom of God.

**Proverbs 3:5-6** *Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Never rely on what you think you know. Remember the Lord in everything you do, and he will show you the right way.*



**JOSHUA SHIN (NSD)**

Young people are the hope for family, church, and the world.

They will be the heroes for the second coming of Christ.

Yes, I know that they will do all the miracles by the name of Jesus near in the future.

**Romans 12:9-12:** *Love must be completely sincere. Hate what is evil, hold on to what is good. Love one another warmly as Christian brothers, and be eager to show respect for one another. Work hard and do not be lazy. Serve the Lord with a heart full of devotion. Let your hope keep you joyful, be patient in your troubles, and pray at all times.*



**ERTION KOHLER (SAD)**

Youth Ministries is important for me because it molds lives. It gives me the opportunity to work with people who accept challenges and they do it with creativity and also because it

involves those who are called by God and instructed by the Holy Spirit.

**Matthew 6:33:** *Instead, be concerned above everything else with the Kingdom of God and with what he requires of you, and he will provide you with all these other things.*



**GILBERT CANGY (SPD)**

Youth ministry is important to me, primarily because this is what God has called me to and it is my absolute conviction that the youth is the strength and the hope of our Church to-day. If the Church has any intention of being relevant for our rapidly changing world, its young people will need to be given the privilege to be on the frontline, with the counsel, support and prayers of those whose knees are weakening.

**2 Corinthians 5:17.** *Therefore If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from Christ....*



**NICK KROSS (SPD)**

Quote: Young people have a passion for life that's contagious, and it's while we are young that Jesus wants us to place devote our lives to His service.

Nick Says, *"There is no greater joy than to see young people cross the line for Christ, and live out His plan for them"*.

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**EUGENE FRANSCHE (SID)**

I feel that youth today need to know that God does have an actual plan for their lives and need to be assured of it to see that they do have a destiny to fulfill in this life for Jesus. Working with the youth is the greatest calling because I am involved in shaping hearts for the kingdom of Jesus and making an in the work of the church, and their future work on this earth.

**Jeremiah 29:11:** *"I alone know the plans I have for you, plans to bring you prosperity and not disaster, plans to bring about the future you hope for."*



**LIONEL LYNGDOH (SUD)**

Youth Ministry is important to me because the present strength and spiritual condition of the Church is greatly reflected in the Youth, and

the strength and direction of our church in the future depends on the Youth of today.

**John 14:1-3:** *Do not be worried and upset,” Jesus told them. “Believe in God and believe also in me. There are many rooms in my Father’s house, and I am going to prepare a place for you. I would not tell you this if it were not so. And after I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to myself, so that you will be where I am.*



**JOBBIE YABUT (SSD)**

Youth Ministries is very important to me because the future of our church lies on our youth. If we love, care, mold and train them we will surely have a bright tomorrow, and the church will indeed be lively working for the salvation of many souls.

**Isaiah 41:10:** *Do not be afraid—I am with you! I am your God—let nothing terrify you! I will make you strong and help you; I will protect you and save you.*



**PAUL TOMPKINS (TED)**

Youth ministry has been my enjoyment my love and my passion over the years and it still is today. I love the buzz, commitment and energy of youth and feel that it is vitally important that young and old

are united together in the ministry of the church to the world.

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**JEAN-EMMANUEL NLO NLO (WAD)**

I love youth ministry because it is the ABC of any church. It is the nursery of our church. Our church depends on what we teach, what we do to our youth. It is an awesome ministry. I pray every day and night for guidance from God to give me the right word to say, the wisdom to lead His children to Christ and help me to help them be men and women He want them to be.

**Psalm 1:1-3:** *Happy are those who reject the advice of evil men, who do*

*not follow the example of sinners or join those who have no use for God. Instead, they find joy in obeying the Law of the Lord, and they study it day and night. They are like trees that grow beside a stream, that bear fruit at the right time, and whose leaves do not dry up. They succeed in everything they do.*



**BALVIN BRAHAM (IAD)**

Youth Ministry to me is mentoring young people towards the establishment of their personal identities and the development of exemplary lifestyles in deportment, service and leadership and for readiness to experience the ultimate joys of paradise to come.

**2 Peter 2:9:** *But you are a chosen people, royal priests, a holy nation, a people for God’s own possession. You were chosen to tell about the wonderful acts of God, who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.*



## Travel Plans for June

- Baraka Muganda: Furlough
- Hiskia Missah: General Conference
- Jonatán Tejel: June 27 - July 2  
Nat’l Pathfinder Camporee, Colombia