



Welcome — Tracy Wood

Acts 12:17

Prayer Time

YI #16.01 2016-2020 Committee Members

Debra Brill introduced Tracy Wood and Armando Miranda

YA 2016.01 Prior Minutes

Voted: Accept the minutes from the March 2016.

YI #16.01 Terms of Reference

Debra Brill talked about the terms of reference for the NAD Youth Executive committee. The form handed out contained the names of the committee was from the previous quinquennium.

YI #16.03 Committee & Advisory Clarification

Debra Brill discussed the Committee and Advisory Clarification. No action taken.

YI #16.04 Division Report

Watched a video by James Black from the NAD Year End Meetings.

YI #16.05 2016-2020 Theme Selection

Tracy Wood introduced the NAD themes for the next five years.

- 2016 – Create
- 2017 – Affirm
- 2018 – Access
- 2019 – Inclusion
- 2020 – Determined

Hoping to have the Unions and Conferences use and build on these themes in their areas. Page 5 of the Menu gives example. Had some discussion on this years theme Create. Some excited about it, some not. Manny Cruz asked about the purpose of the Division themes in the shadow of the General Conference theme Power of One.

Further discussion on the purpose for the Division not including the Power of One. Are we to use the Power of One or the NAD Division themes or use our own? What is the direction NAD wants us to take?

Joel supported that we are spending too much time on this and it is only a theme – not a mission statement. Much support for this statement.

Armando mentioned that the Themes were over a period of time and was not just a one time meeting but was voted by the Union youth directors and was not done in a vacuum.

YI #16.06 Directors Retreat Report

Union Youth Directors and administration met to develop vision for the next five years. Lots of discussion.

YI #16.07 Youth Sabbath School Concerns & Recommendation

Minutes 2.16.16 NAD Youth Exec. Committee Ontario, CA 1:30 - 5:30 PM

Officers

Chair - Debra Brill - NAD
Recording Secretary - Glen Milam –
NAD (CU)
Ex-officio - Miranda, Armado Jr. –
NAD
Ex-officio - Wood, Tracy - NAD
Ex-officio - Cangy, Gilbert – GC
Ex-officio - Tejel, Jonatan – GC

When Pacific Press became the press of NAD, they asked the NAD to look at the sales of *Insight*. NAD had to decide if they were going to subsidize the magazine or discontinuing it. We made the hard choice to discontinued the printed *Insight*, but not the *Insight* brand.

Youth Directors, please make yourself aware of the resources available.

Comments:

- Sabbath School for youth is broken. Part of that is the time slot. We need to think out of the box. Satan is trying to destroy Sabbath School because it is two way communication for these young people. We need to help people understand that it is more then standing in front of the class for 45 minutes. It's like cooking veggie meat. You take it out of the can, and many don't know what to do with it, but when you are trained, you know how to season it and fix it to make it delicious.
- Resources need to be available electronically, not just in print. Need an App!
- Team up with young people and invite them to participate in the development.
- We need one voice, one place and one vision. In the corporate world, the entire organization has a one word theme that permeates the entire organization. We are all over the board.
- There needs to be a website where we can upload what we have written to share with anyone who is looking for it.
- We always want more folk in our class. We can lecture or discuss, but that's about it. It's about what the leaders are studying. They need to be passionate and be sharing what they are passionate about. Then we have to make it relevant to what we face today.
- Our need isn't more resources or even Apps. Our need is of a more relational approach. Most teachers are weekend warriors. They are only there for the morning. They need to be shown how to build relationships. The key is the teacher.
- As youth leaders, we need a training event, a weekend retreat for teachers.
- If we do Apps, they have to be updated everyday, not once a year.
- God is the creator. He enables us to create programs that meet the needs of young people.

NAD Recommendations:

- Survey is ready to go to the division to teachers and users.

- Job descriptions are being developed.
- Identify someone to shepherd the development of Youth Sabbath School resources to have ready next January.

YI #16.08 Senior Youth Focus Group Report

Helvis Moody reported:

The “youth focus” group has established some basic goals that will help develop a working mission philosophy and statement for carrying out youth ministries within the next five years in the North American Division.

4 Developmental Goals for youth (13-18)

- Make a decision for Christ
- Become Spiritually independent
- Discover Spiritual Gifts
- Connect them to ministry

3 Buzzwords – Guiding Principles

Ignite

- Churches - Re brand youth ministries
- Youth leaders – empowered with training
- Getting them on board again - passion
- Pastors - to get involved in youth ministries
- Youth – empowered with tools
 - Ignited with a passion for the Advent message

Connect

- To Christ
- To each other/ network
- Making friends that love God
- To resources
- Multi-generation - leaders to youth
- To the community – compassion
- Youth to their spiritual gift and to ministry and their purpose.
- Leaders to other leaders
- Youth federation

Guide

- Youth
 - Training youth leaders
 - How to serve the community
 - Apps - Using Apps to stay connected and informed also to share ideas
 - Create customized templates that specifically cater to the local church
 - Youth leadership training
 - Curriculum of expectations and education

- Youth leaders
 - How to mentor
 - Mentor at least 1 youth/year
 - Webinars
 - Ministering in a multicultural context
 - How to conquer the difficulties in youth ministries
 - Curriculum of training to use the resources and lead the youth
- Pastors
 - Train mentors
 - Create a “Relief” system for pastors
 - Mentor at least 1 youth/year
 - Get them passionate and involved with the mission for the youth

Who - Youth leader

- Everyone who is any kind of regular authority over youth
 - Youth Leader
 - AY Leader
 - Pathfinder Leader
 - Master Guide Leader
 - Ambassadors Leader
 - Sabbath School Leader

Who - Youth

- Everyone between the ages of 13-18

Adventist Resources (working)

- Mission Lifeguard - how to be friendly
- 2 Pray - JCI
- Youth Federations
- Humanitarian projects (COMPASSION projects)
- Summer Camps
- Youth Doing Ministry Formula
- Livin it - angel 1 kit
- Literature evangelist (partnering with LE)
- AYS - (name is being changed to AYM)
- How to have a relationship with God (steps to Christ for youth)
- Youth Congress
- Youth Small Groups
- Youth Sabbaths
- Intergenerational mentoring
- A place to Belong
- Building a great team
- Bible Bowl
- Mission Trips
- Revelation 101
- Short points (short video overview of Sabbath School lesson)

Adventist Resources (Lacking)

- Make decisions for Christ
- Online resources (One Stop Shop)
- Collaborative sharing
- Youth leader networks - (Blog)
- Online contemporary youth bible studies
- Devotional Videos
- 1 Minute Youth Sabbath School Lesson
- Short youth sabbath school lesson
- EGW bits for youth
- Devotional content
- Modern contextual topics
- Homosexuality
- Bullying
- Human trafficking
- If possible have students develop relevant videos/content
- Showcase what kids are doing

Conclusion

There is a decline in youth involvement that has necessitated a reevaluation of youth ministries. The Committee tasked with this (youth focus group) has concluded that a re branding of youth ministries and an updating of the available resources is a need that requires immediate attention and decided effort.

Goals

1. Decision For Christ
2. Spiritual Independence
3. Know Spiritual Gifts
4. Connect to a Ministry

Comments by committee members

- Gilbert Cangy - Would like to share this with the world field as they are dealing with the same issue that you are dealing with
- Scott Ward - We found we needed to build a foundation first.
- Ron Whitehead - I would like to see wider world input, as there is some really good stuff coming from some other divisions.
- Commend the youthfulness of the committee.
- Could HS age young people be part of the process?

YA 2016.02 Senior Youth Focus Group

Voted: To receive the report.

YI #16.09 Youth Evangelism - ShareHim

Jeremiah Weeks presented:

- We are an independently funded ministry connected to Carolina Conference. Our challenge to our people is to share Christ.

- We are seeing in western and central Europe that the need is finding the courage to do something right now in my home mission field to share Christ.
- We have found that by taking someone and immersing them in evangelism in an area that is rapidly growing they are encouraged to speak up in their own community when they return. ShareHim International has had over 13,000 participate in this program.
- Invitation: We invite you to join us in reaching out to Madagascar to preach in partnership with the local churches, where people are passionate about sharing their faith. Preaching 16 days, several days of "unpacking" and a few days of sight seeing. About \$3,000 a person. NAD is pitching in to lower the cost.

YI #16.10 The BIG Question – What would you like to see in NADYM? Small Groups

Pedro Perez presented:

- Finding ways for Youth to use their favorite activities to reach out as a ministry.
- Use the brochure "The Youth Doing Ministry Formula Participant's Guide" show simple steps to get them to do that.

YI #16.11 NADYM Digital MENU

Armando Miranda Jr presented: Keep an eye on the website for the new, full-length menu.

YI #16.12 Give them the Keys Grants

Debra Brill presented the highlights of the grants as listed in the press release reprinted in the Mini Menu.

North American Division has received \$510,000.00 from the 2015 GC Session Offering. Funding will be divided and sent to Union and Guam/Micronesia treasurers to oversee their distributions using the following guidelines:

Each local church will download and complete the attached Application Proposal Form (it is highly recommended that young people ages 25 years and under are included in the proposal process). The application is submitted to the conference youth director for approval, then sent to the union Youth Director. The union GC Session Offering Committee will approve proposals and distribute the funding to respective conferences to distribute to the approved church projects.

The applications are due June 1, 2016 to the conference youth directors.

See https://www.dropbox.com/s/cj1b4uk3ey1fh6z/GTTK_ApplicationForm.pdf?dl=0

YI #16.13 2017 NADYM Leadership Training & NAD Ministries Convention Recommendations

Jan 8-12, 2017 in Tucson, AZ.

E-mail Armando at armandomiranda@nadadventist.org with suggestions on training and speakers for this event.

YI #16.14 Prayer Ministries

Paulette Howard presented:

- 2PrayJCI.org
- JCI starts tomorrow for Prayer, Testimony and Service
 - Connect them to Christ, Church and Community
 - It is also a mentoring, training event in small group prayer ministries and small group Bible study.
- Components of JCI Prayer Movement
 - JCI Convention
 - JCI Rally - A snap shot of the JCI Convention that presents an event in a local church specifically focused on prayer.
 - Ministry descriptions
 - Outline of process and responsibility.
 - Sample time line for running your own Prayer Conf.
 - Visitinspire.org
 - JCI Resources
 - Devotions
 - Bible Studies
 - 7-day prayer series
 - QuickStart Kit
 - iPrayPrayer Resource Grants

Tracy Wood presented:

- PAUSE for prayer movement, see page in Menu.
- *My City My Passion* initiative, to move into the inner city. Could be a shared church planting initiative with NAD Ministerial.
- Young Adult Life Summit (Ignition) is happening this weekend across the street. Streaming@YoungAdultLive.

YI #16.15 GC Youth Ministries

Gilbert Cangy reports:

- No program to sell.
- Take care of your family. Take care of your spouse. Take care of your family.
- Slow down. Take care of your families. What am I hear for? God has called you, the thing that

keeps us going is what God has put in our hearts to do. Vision is not a good idea but what God has put in our hearts to do.

- We need to reflect on our systems if we are going to be a world ministry. Our structure does not allow us to work together. We need holy conversation. The world church needs you.
- Be the sermon! March 19, 2016.

Closing Prayer

Next Meeting

January 8-12, 2017 in Tucson, AZ

