



Welcome & Prayer – Bonita Shields

Y&YAExA 2020.01 Prior Minutes

Voted: Accept the minutes from February 2019

Y&YAExA 20.01 New Awards

Recommend to the Executive Committee the adoption of these Awards, including the requirements and patch design.

- 10 Commandments - Level 3
- Dinosaur - Multi
- Holy Spirit - Level 4
- Animal Footprints - Level 2
- Cupcakes and more - Multi

Comments from Exec:

- Awards should be activity based, but most are information based.
- The requirements cover the information that is to be covered, but the teaching style is interpreted by the one teaching at the local level.

Y&YAExA 2019.02 New Awards

Voted: To approve the recommended Awards, subject to editing the requirements to promote more active learning.

Y&YAExA 20.02 Ministry Reset report

We did not put together a subgroup of the Exec for any of the actions take in 2019, but we started the conversation at Advisory.

Few if any have actual purposes and objectives for these ministries in the working policy of NAD. We're looking at a step by step process, starting with coordinators, then a subcommittee, and then writing the purpose and objectives.

The Master Guide conversation will be a bit more turbulent as it is undergoing great change.

Y&YAExA 2019.03 Ministry Reset

Voted: To receive the report and request an update by October for all six ministry areas.

Y&YAExA 20.03 New Honors

Recommend to the Executive Committee the adoption of these honors and the alterations to the First Aid series.

- **Braille**
Skill Level: 1. Category: Spiritual Growth, Outreach, and Heritage
- **Mosaic Tile**
Skill Level: 1. Category: Vocational
- **Poetry & Song writing**
Skill Level: 1. Category: Arts, Crafts, and Hobbies
- **Praise & Worship**
Skill Level: 2. Category: Spiritual Growth, Outreach, and Heritage
- **Street Art**
Skill Level: 2. Category: Arts, Crafts, and Hobbies
- **Tile Laying**
Skill Level: 3. Category: Vocational

Minutes 4.27.20 Youth & Young Adult Executive Youth Committee Zoom Meeting 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Officers

Chair - Bonita J. Shields - NAD
Secretary - Tracy Wood - NAD
Recording Secretary - Glen Milam -
Pathfinder Coord.

Members Present

Bondurant, Frank - Columbia Union
Rep
Clapp, Gene - PBE
Forbes, Brad - AdventSource
Gary, Lisa & Brad - Adv. Coord.
Griffin, Vandeon - NAD
Heinrich, Eddie - Pacific Union Rep
Intong, Selvin Echavez - GMM Rep
Lang, Rob - North Pacific Union Rep
Lundquist, Benjamin - YA Coord.
McKenzie, David - Atlantic Union Rep
Miranda, Armando - NAD
Moody, Helvis - Southwest Union Rep
Murray, Gael - NAD
Pickell, Ron - ACF Coord.
Rogers, Ken - Southern Union Rep
Whitehead, Ron - Lake Union Rep
Wahl, Brian - Canadian Rep
Wade, Roger - Mid America Union
Rep

- **Video and Advanced**

Skill Level: 1 & 2. Category: Vocational

- **First Aid series:** To rescind the name change of the First Aid series of 2019; rename Red Alert to Red Alert I, rename First Aid – Basic to Red Alert II, rename First Aid – Standard to First Aid; retire First Aid, Advanced First Aid Series

The Honors Task Force intends to begin production of lesson plans and suggested time frames for all honors and will require their inclusion in all future honor submissions from the field.

Y&YAExA 2020.04 New Honors

Voted: To approve.

Y&YAExA 20.04 Honors Teaching Statement

Voted: To recommend to the Executive Committee the adoption of the honors statement

“The North American Division’s AY Honors Task Force recommends to the following Statement of Teaching AY Honors to be included in all printed AY Honors materials, including the Honors Wiki resource.

Since the inception of the Pathfinder Ministry, honors have had a central role in the development of young men and women for Christ. The purpose of earning honors is to introduce young people to vocations, interests, or hobbies that would provide productive life skills. Another purpose is to create a bond between the Pathfinder and their instructors, as they are mentored in these new skills; this bond would not only bind individuals but would also bind our young people to their local church family and to Christ.

It is the North American Division’s AY Honors Task Force goal that these two purposes be honored as we continue to develop and adapt the Pathfinder Ministry to prepare for the next generation of young people to join Pathfinders.

During this last generation a new trend in honors has emerged; the unstated goal by many Pathfinders, or the adults in their lives, to amass the largest number of honors possible. At many events, honors are being taught to mass groups and/or in timeslots that neither afford the Pathfinder an opportunity for internalizing the information presented nor interaction with the instructor. Thus, these honor sessions fail to provide the opportunity for either of the purposes of earning an honor.

At times, organizations have even turned to providing poster honors to allow the young person to walk through a space, record a few pieces of information on a page and be rewarded with a patch. While this might be a useful first step in ingesting the basic knowledge to eventually learn a skill, most any educator will verify that this methodology is insufficient for a young person to truly learn and internalize the information.

We, the North American Division AY Honors Task Force, resolve to declare the following tenets to those instructors preparing to teach honors to our young people:

First, Adventist Youth (AY) honors are an intrinsic component of the Pathfinder Ministry in leading young people to Christ, and as such, should not be rushed. IF an honor cannot be taught in the time allocated, it should NOT be taught, unless there is a schedule for completion.

Second, the requirements of an honor are designed to inspire multiple levels of learning to internalize information. Instructors must become proficient with the content of the AY Honor requirements, its layout, and structure, in addition to the materials that are required to instruct the honor appropriately. For an honor to be duly earned, all requirements must be fulfilled.

Third, honors may age due to changing technologies and learning trends. Instructors who have recommendations or changes to certain requirements are invited to submit them to their local Conference Youth/ Pathfinder Ministries Department and/or the North American Division AY Honors Task Force.

Finally, we ask that instructors take the time necessary with each Pathfinder to create a bond with their students; true success in the Pathfinder Ministry is measured in the bonds that are created between the young person and members of their church family.

We thank you for consideration of these matters and we prayerfully request that Pathfinder leaders throughout the North American Division take a few moments to reflect on the role of honors within their personal ministry to young people.

For more details, refer to the Philosophy of NAD AY Honors, found here: <http://bit.ly/NADYMHonors>

Comments from Exec

- Covid-19 has totally changed how we do this. We need to look at this statment and rework it.

Y&YAExA 2020.05 Honor Teaching Statement

Voted: To not accept as written. It needs to be rewritten in a more positive tone and tenor.

Y&YAExA 20.05 Master Guide Ministry Definition

Recommend to the Executive Committee the adoption of the Master Guide Definition.

Master Guide Ministry Definition

The Master Guide Ministry is a development and mentoring program for youth leadership within the Seventh-day Adventist Church, serving the entire community through Club Ministries.

Y&YAExA 2020.06 Master Guide Ministry Definition

Voted: To approve as stated below.

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Y&YAExA 20.06 Master Guide Law

Recommend to the Executive Committee the adoption of the Master Guide Law.

Master Guide Law

“The Master Guide Law calls me to: be an example in Word, Conduct, Love, Spirit, Faith, and Purity.” based on 1 Timothy 4:12-NKJV

Y&YAExA 2020.07 Master Guide Law

Voted: To approve.

Y&YAExA 20.07 Addendum to the MG Club Manual

Recommend to the Executive Committee the adoption of the addendum.

“Once a Master Guide becomes invested his/her role changes from being a trainee to becoming a trainer. The Master Guide can still be a part of a church Master Guide club and must remain an active staff member of an Adventurer, Pathfinder club, serve youth as well as serving as a mentor to a Master Guide candidate within their club.”

Y&YAExA 2020.08 Addendum to the MG Club Manual

Voted: To approve.

Y&YAExA 20.08 Master Guide Club

Recommend to the Executive Committee the adoption of the Master Guide Club Pilot to be the official Master Guide Club program of the North American Division.

Y&YAExA 2020.09 Master Guide Club

Voted: To approve.

Y&YAExA 2020.10 Mental Health Initiative

Voted: To accept the new resources for the Mental Health Initiative

Y&YAExA 20.09 Young Adult Report

The current system of a focus group is shifting to a web based networking group that will meet every two months, plus a 30 minute webinar each time. The appointed YA delegate will no longer be expected to give a Union wide report at each meeting.

NAD is seeking to develop a YA Pastors Network initiated by a FB group, "Young Adult Pastors" that was started by Alan Martin.

We have started an National Service Organization (NSO) advisory. We have asked Union Youth Director's to be part of that meeting along with the Chaplaincy Department.

Y&YAExA 20.10 Public Campus Ministries Report

Like Young Adult Ministry, the current system of a focus group is shifting to a web based networking group that will meet every two months, plus a 30 minute webinar each time.

The ACF Institute will now be a virtual event, since the hosting university cancelled the reservation for the event due to Covid-19 concerns. The event will be on July 27-28 for Campus Ministers and July 29-Aug 1 for everyone.

