North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists: ACF

RECOMMENDED, to appoint an Adventist Christian Fellowship Committee (ACF Min) with terms of reference and membership as follows:

Terms of Reference

- 1. Develop statements of mission, purpose, and objectives for NAD Adventist Christian Fellowship Ministries.
- 2. Review, update and maintain existing programs, and/or supporting resource materials
- 3. Develop and execute plans for bi-quinquennial ACF Ministries Leadership Convention and Prayer Conference
- 4. Develop detailed proposals for projects that surface from a periodic ACF Ministry needs assessment process, or other types of research.
- 5. Advise the NAD Director of Adventist Christian Fellowship Ministries.

Agenda:

- **1. Welcome (Committee Chair)**
- 2. Prayer
- 3. Reports

ACF Campus Ministers Advisory ACF Chapters With no Campus Ministers ACF Mission Year Campus Catalyst Video ACFLINK Web site Available Resources Affiliated Resources For Campus Ministries (ARC) NAD Youth/Young Adult Ministries

- 4. ACF Calendar and Events
- 5. Campus Minister's Advisory Recommendations
- 6. Recommendations of ACF Advisory to NADCOM
- 7. Prayer

Authority and Responsibility

- 1. Recommend to NAD Admin
- 2. Power to act and recommend to the NADYM Office
- 3. Power to act and recommend to the NADYM Office
- 4. Recommend to NADAdmin or CRC Board
- 5. Power to act.

Agenda 3.8.15 ACF Committee 9:00 AM - NOON Lincoln, NE

Committee Members:

Debra Brill, Chair James Black, Secretary Ron Pickell, <u>Recording Secretary</u>

Hubert Cisneros Bill Cork Angelo Grasso Vandeon Griffith Eddie Heinrich Andy Im Michaela Lawrence Jeffrey Leigh Johnson Benjamin Lundquist Cyril Millet Alphonso McCarthy Helvis Moody Lucien Nana Suzanne Ocasi Sherilynn O'Ffil Gerardo Oudri Pedro Perez Eric Pennick Israel Ramos Ken Rogers Charlie Thompson Gary Wagner Allan Walshe Ron Whitehead Richard Williams David Yeagley

Advisory Members:

Conference Directors Area Directors Invitees

2015 ACF/NAD Calendar and Events

Dec. 31- Jan. 4, GYC (Phoenix, AZ)

Jan. 22 - 25, AUC Leadership Convention (Providence, RI)

Jan. 26 - 28, Campus Chaplains meeting (Michigan)

Feb. 8 - 11, SDA Campus Ministry Chaplains Conference (San Diego, CA)

March 3, Conduct two Andrews University Classes for Dr. Allan Walshe and Dr. Kenley Hall promoting PCM to seminary students and representing ACF at AU (AU)

March 4 - 8, GC PCM Advisory Summit (GC Office, MD)

March 8, ACF/NAD Committee, (Lincoln, NE)

April 11-13, LUC Campus Catalyst, (Chicago, IL)

May 1-3, British Columbia Campus Catalyst, (Abbotsford, British Columbia)

May 22 - 31, ACF INSTITUTE, (Hamilton, Ontario)

May 28-30, My Church PCM Involvement/Retention Summit (Hamilton, Ontario)

June 28 - July 1, NAD Ministerial Convention (Austin, TX)

July 2 - July 11, GC Session – Impact San Antonio ACF, (San Antonio, TX)

July 24 – 26, Campus Leads Conference, (Lansing, MI)

August 21-23, SUC Campus Catalyst (Cohutta Springs Camp, GA)

September 25-27, CUC Campus Catalyst, (Alberta, Canada)

2016 Projected Dates

December 31-January 4, GYC Convention (Lexington, KY) February, JCI5 iPray Conference (Ontario, CA) May 20-28, ACF INSTITUTE (Location TBD) PCM Apologetics Conference (Date and Location TBD)

Public Campus Minister's Advisory Recommendations

Due to the recent support of public campus ministry (PCM) in the NAD through the Young Adult Life (YAL) retention initiative, PCM is advancing very quickly on public college campuses across the NAD with new PCM groups springing up on campuses on a regular basis. Many conferences have already hired FTE campus ministers and begun to develop full PCM departments at the conference level. The Pacific Union, Canadian Union and recently the Lake Union conferences have all appointed PCM Volunteer Coordinators to oversee PCM in their unions. We now have 15 PCM campus ministry staff in either full time or part time positions with various levels of financial support directing ministry on some of our major college and university campuses.

NAD/PCM Campus Catalyst weekend trainings have helped many conferences and campus ministry groups see the larger picture of campus outreach and mission. The training has also provided tools and resources to help conferences and campuses launch new Adventist PCM's. The ACF INSTITUTE training has also helped involve and prepare student leaders to spend a year on campus helping launch, grow and sustain ministries on their campus. Through the ACF Mission Year Volunteer program the NAD YAL funds have helped support 12 students leaders on campuses across the NAD over the 2014/15 academic year.

In lieu of the above, The ACF Campus Minister's Advisory is requesting a recommendation from the ACF/ NAD Committee to NADCOM to:

- **A.** Develop NAD Public Campus Ministry Department (PCM/NAD) separate but in full collaboration with Youth/Young Adult, Adventist Chaplaincy Ministry and Education departments with a full time director and budget. (NAD) **Purpose:**
 - 1. Encourage and support PC Ministers in the work they are already doing through certification, training and networking.

- 2. Encourage and support Union Conference leaders in their effort to establish PCM in their conferences. Help them prepare for the continued PCM explosion that cannot be supported by the present denominational infrastructure.
- 3. Continue to equip and train PCM leaders in conferences and unions where PCM is just getting started through Campus Catalyst, ACF Mission Year and ACF INSTITUTE. Utilize existing PCM where already established.

Goal:

- 1. Campus Ministry on every major campus in conference territory.
- 2. In conferences/unions with several PCM's establish a PCM Department.
- 3. Hold annual conferences/retreats that reflect the priority of PCM
- 4. Network and offer NAD PCM Training where PCM is not fully established.
- **B.** Develop an orientation/mentoring program for newly appointed PC Ministers to acquaint them to the unique mission field of the non-Adventist college campus. (NAD/PCM)
- **C.** Develop a certification process to recognize selfsupporting and part time public campus ministers through PCM/NAD. (NAD)
- **D.** Work with ACM to recognize existing public campus ministers through an endorsement process that will "grandfather' PC Ministers in toward full ACM endorsement. (ACM)
- **E.** Prepare and plan for annual public campus minister's advisory retreat. (NAD/PCM)

ACM Recommendations

Dedicated men and women are serving the spiritual needs of Adventist students on non-Adventist college and university campuses across the NAD. Yet, training and professional ministry preparation ranges from advanced degrees to on the job training and personal experience for many of these spiritual leaders. Some are full time employees and department directors, while others are part time and in some cases raising their own financial support. These campus ministry leaders need professional growth and a track toward full endorsement as a Seventh-day Adventist chaplain. Since Adventist Chaplaincy Ministry (ACM) is the endorsing body within our church structure, the Adventist Christian Fellowship Campus Minister's Advisory recommends the following.

- 1. ACM continue to establish standardized professional training requirements and training in conjunction with Andrews University Theological Seminary and ACM to develop an effective Chaplaincy program that specifically addresses the needs of Public Campus Ministry. (ACM revisit this with AU Seminary for the MA in Campus Chaplaincy)
- **2.** Develop a grandfather clause for Public Campus Ministers who have been working in the field for X number of years to encourage and propel them toward full endorsement. This may include minimum standards for these persons. Their years of experience in full-time campus ministry should be recognized and taken into consideration as partial fulfillment of endorsement standards. Work to have both of these in place in 2015.