

REVIVE

Youth BE THE SERMON



If we consider that 60 percent of the church membership in Inter-America is made up of young people, we can say that we have an army of approximately 2 million young men and women who represent a powerful generation between the ages of 15 and 30. These young people are challenged to participate in the Year of the Laity with different activities such as evangelism projects, community outreach and special celebrations.

The initial launch of these initiatives will begin next Sabbath, March 16, designated as the Adventist Global Youth Day with the theme "Be the sermon." Yes! The Adventist youth in Inter-America will speak of the love of God testifying with their example, visiting the sick, comforting the orphans, organizing health fairs, donating blood, food, clothes and toys to those in great need, among other activities of social impact.

On this same day, the biggest evangelistic effort in the history of the Division will take off. Young people will invite their friends, preach from the pulpit and give Bible studies. The week will close with a day of celebration on March 23, as young people will lead in their congregations as Youth Sabbaths takes place. We hope that many of our young people can give their life to God through baptism.

With sights on the current communication technology, this year we will also launch our first youth virtual campaign entitled "Win with Jesus" April 24-27. Let us all participate in supporting of our young people. -- a Powerful Generation of young people who are praying, studying and testifying.

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"He answered, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'
"You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

Luke 10:27, 28

2013
YEAR OF THE LAITY

UPCOMING YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

MARCH 16

Global Youth Day

MARCH 16-23

Youth Evangelism Week

MARCH 23

Youth Sabbath and baptismal ceremony

APRIL 24-27

"Win with Jesus" Virtual campaign

YOUTH DEPARTMENT HASHTAGS FOR 2013

March 16

#AdventistYouth

August 10

#AdventistYouth

September 21

#AdventistPathfinders

November 23

#MyBibleSays

Every Friday Night

#HappySabbath

Evangelistic Campaign

#WinWithJesus

MARCH 16 RESOURCES:

VIDEO

View the promotional video of the Global Youth Day at our website.

www.interamerica.org



ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS:

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1. Make a list of prospects

You probably know lots of people who would appreciate a nice slice of kindness. Start with your local congregation or a sister congregation. Do you know a struggling college student? How about a widow(er) living alone for the first time in 30 years? New mom? New young couple? Teenager? Retirees? Preacher and his family? Sometimes we overlook opportunities in our own backyard, while we are gazing over the fence.

2. Identify true needs

It doesn't have to be big hairy need, just a need. Hold the door for the lady with the stroller. Share your umbrella with an elderly person walking to their car. The next time you are baking an apple pie, make a mini one for the widow next door. Needs are everywhere. We simply need to keep our eyes and ears open.

3. Go for meaning over money

Godly works don't have to be a budget buster. Expressions of affection or gratitude can be among the most meaningful and memorable of all Godly acts of kindness. A phone call just to say hi, a friendly wave, a few extra minutes of your undivided attention. These gestures are free, but deeply valuable. In essence, you are giving the gift of YOU.

4. Put together an "Act of Kindness" tool kit

Just because an act of kindness is random, doesn't mean it has to be spontaneous. Equip yourself with the tools you need to seize the moment.

5. Set Goals

Using your list of prospects, write down some realistic and specific goals about the number and types of acts of kindness you want to perform. Your goals will also help you determine items you need in your toolkit. Be careful not to over commit your time or resources or you may get burned out. You are trying to develop a lifelong pattern of Godly works. Remember, it's a marathon, not a race.

6. Make it a group activity!

There are several great reasons to enlist others. It's a great way strengthen your sisterly bonds and make new friends. You can take advantage of each other's skills and abilities. You can hold each other accountable. And finally, it's fun!

7. Take some cues from the Bible

Just a few of the kind acts seen in the Bible are: making clothes, providing food and drink, carrying a load, hospitality, and words of encouragement. Of course, the most important is sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. The Word of God inspires, guides, and admonishes us toward good works.

SUGGESTED "ACTS OF KINDNESS"

VISIT THE HOMELESS:

- Pack toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, deodorant,
- snacks, gloves and warm socks, literature and hand them out to the homeless in your church community.
- Prepare healthy snack bags (sandwiches, fruits, water, drinks, etc.).
- Donate new or good used clothing.
- Give literature (check with your Personal Ministries Department ahead of time).

AT THE ORPHANAGE:

- Share Bible stories.
- Hand out toys (toys must be new or in very good, usable condition).
- Clothing (clothes must be new or in very good, usable condition).
- Share songs (singalongs).
- Give age appropriate books.

VISIT A NURSING HOME:

- Arrange to play an instrument or sing at a nursing home in your area.
- Help with crafts.
- Help serving meals.
- Pray for someone.
- Take flowers for the ladies.

VISIT SOMEONE WHO IS SICK:

- Call and ask how they are.
- Surprise them with a visit and bring flowers or a card.
- Bring a meal over.

ACTS OF APPRECIATION:

- Thank-you baskets or other acts of appreciation to the police and/or fire departments of your city/ town.

FOR SICK / SHUT-INS / PERSONS IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE:

- Prepare food baskets
- Share literature (The Great Controversy, Steps to Christ, Desire of Ages, magazines, etc.)

USING TECHNOLOGY:

- Post on Facebook and Twitter the Act or Acts of Kindness you've done during the GYD.
- Use the Hasthags: #AdventistYouth #GYD

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