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WELCOME to the new *ACF TODAY* a monthly campus ministry e-letter sponsored by the North American Division Youth and Young Adult Department. Please send news, events, ideas and resources to: ron@acfcf.org

WORD ON CAMPUS: “and they will call Him Immanuel”- which means, “God With Us.”

Matthew 1:23. This month’s devotional thought and second essential in campus ministry is **BE**. If Christ is the message then we are His messengers bringing life in our words, actions and time spent with others. The truth is if people are ever going to experience the life of God in His son they will first learn and experience it in us. We can learn doctrine from the Bible, but the doctrine of Christ springs to life through relationship. As God so loved the world and personally gave His only begotten Son so now Christ sends us in a continuing incarnation of Himself to others. **Be the message!**

NEWS: “Reach The Campus - Reach The World” -the 2009 180 Symposium sponsored by the Center For Youth Evangelism, Andrews University is now history with close to 30 participants and included presentations on ministry to the public campus from elementary school all the way through college. This years topic created a water shed response from participants. Watch for a summary statement and proposal from CYE followed by a published account of participant presentations and discussions. Many thanks to CYE for helping keep the spiritual needs of students on the public campus out in plain sight. (For 180 highlights see Bill Cork’s reflections at: <http://ignitionblog.wordpress.com/>).

✓ **ACF Mission Year** - We are working on an in country mission year opportunity for students desiring a year of practical ministry experience on a public college campus. Those interested in helping an already existing ACF group strengthen a mission on their campus or willing to help launch a new Adventist presence on a campus through a local church will be interested in ACF Mission Year. ACF Mission Year will match students with churches and ACF groups for fall 2010. If you or someone you know might be interested in this mission opportunity stay tuned for further details as ACF Mission Year comes together.

✓ **ACF University** - Is the specialized ministry training program intended to train students for ACF Mission Year. Plans are being made to offer a two - three week public campus ministry training intensive to prepare students planning to spend a year in ministry on a public college campus. Stay tuned for details about ACF University planned for summer of 2010.

EVENTS: (Don’t see your campus group represented here? Send us your info!)

✓ **University of Washington’s 24/Seven** campus ministry offers a weekly Friday night meeting @ 8 pm each week including good food, improv and relevant message. For more info go to: www.24-Seven.org/uw.

✓ **STRIDE** - ACF in the Boston area serving campus groups throughout Massachusetts is hosting a class on Excellence and True Education as a tool for campus witness Nov. 6-8. The following weekend Nov. 13-15 will be their Fall Retreat - “Just One Desire.” For more info email Sebastien at: s.j.c.braxton@gmail.com.

✓ **Up State New York** has a growing number of ACF groups and campus ministry start ups. Two new ACF chapters at University of Buffalo and Buffalo State College. Other groups from the area include University of Rochester, Rochester Institute Of Technology, Monroe Community College, Binghamton University, Syracuse University and Cornell University. These ACF groups are being over seen by Dr. Gary Wagner who can be reached at: prgrw@verbaloxygen.com.

✓ **C.A.M.P.U.S.** - Michigan Conference Campus Ministries has ten students enrolled in their year long campus missionary training program. The theme for this year is: “Just One” with emphasis on how God can use just one to make a difference in another’s life. Recently held fall retreat had over 120 in attendance and focused on “The Power Of One.” For more info go to: <http://www.campushope.com/>

✓ **Berkeley ACF** is hosting “God vs Man,” a discussion on the issues of science and faith with Dr. John T. Baldwin and Dr. Ariel Roth Nov. 6 & 7 and a special young adult weekend of worship with Ebenezer Road praise team and guest speaker Jonathon Henderson on Nov. 13 & 14 both at the Berkeley Adventist church, 2236 Parker St., Berkeley, CA. For more info go to: www.berkeleyadventist.org.

✓ **Urbana Student Missions Conference** (December 27-31): Attended by Christian students from around the world, Urbana motivates students for missions on and off the campus. See: www.urbana.org. (Early reg. deadline: Oct.17).

IDEAS

✓ **ACF 7K** is a great way to raise funds and awareness for your group. Sponsor a 7K walk, run or bike for your ACF chapter with with sponsors and donations for kilometers completed. 10% goes to help support ACF/NAD. For more info go to: <http://acflink.org/7K>.

✓ **Pray For The 19/70** is a campus prayer initiative for the 19 million students on the 4300 campuses across the NAD and the 70% of Adventist students on these campuses. For more info go to: <http://acflink.org/19/70>.

RESOURCES: New book “College Ministry 101” by Church Bomar is a great introduction to college ministry and the needs of this important age group. Check out Bob’s Blog on this book at: <http://www.cenational.org/cenational/bobsblog/2009/07/chuck-bomars-new-book-college-ministry.html>

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