



2015 - 2020 OBJECTIVES





Visioning and Planning Session

Sunday November 16, 2014

Over 40 leaders gathered from across Arizona to participate in the visioning and planning session for the Arizona Conference Youth Ministries Department



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Using our AZ Conference mission statement as a foundation, *“Light the world with Jesus’ love to grow the family of God”*, what do you believe should be given special consideration and emphasis in YOUTH MINISTRY during the next 5 years?

#AZSDAYOUTH Visioning and Planning Session Results:

1. Relationship building activities outside of church = **50**
2. Teaching/Learning who I am where I'm going (Apologetics) = **31**
3. Increase unity among SDA churches = **29**
4. Open up in worship (music) = **29**
5. Empowering younger generations = **27**
6. Improve communication among churches = **27**



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1. Offer opportunities/activities outside of church to build and strengthen relationships among AZSDA youth
2. Provide resources for AZSDAYouth to learn who they are, where are they going
3. Foster a spirit of unity among churches in the Arizona Conference
4. Give the youth of Arizona a Biblical view of worship as well as a meaningful worship experience
5. Challenge church leadership to empower younger generations
6. Improve communication among churches



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Offer opportunities/activities outside of church to build and strengthen relationships among AZSDA youth

ACTIVITIES TO ACCOMPLISH OBJECTIVE:

- A. Hold two weekend retreats per year that focus on building and strengthening relationships among teens/youth
- B. Establish annual Conference calendar of youth events
- C. Invite teens/youth to other SDA church events via the church youth leader and/or Pastor
- D. Utilize Social Media to connect teens/youth



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Provide resources for youth to learn who they are, where are they going, etc. (apologetics)

ACTIVITIES TO ACCOMPLISH OBJECTIVE:

- A. Gather a list of existing resources and select one or two that can be applicable to each church/youth group in the AZ Conference
- B. Offer a track for teens/youth on apologetics during the youth leaders training weekend



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Foster a spirit of unity among churches in the Arizona Conference

ACTIVITIES TO ACCOMPLISH OBJECTIVE:

- A. Establish ONE youth ministry for all language/ethnic/cultural groups that celebrates unity while recognizing the diversity that exists in the Arizona Conference.
- B. Launch a Friday night gathering in a neutral place where youth & young adults from area churches can attend
- C. Hold/Attend a Youth Ministry Leadership Training where intentional networking can happen



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Give the youth of Arizona a Biblical view of worship as well as a meaningful worship experience

ACTIVITIES TO ACCOMPLISH OBJECTIVE:

- A. Invite expert presenters, speakers to share a Biblical view of worship during various youth events, e.g. campmeeting, youth retreats
- B. Bring experienced musicians to provide a quality worship experience that is modern and relevant to this generation
- C. Establish a song writing competition where the unique 7th-day Adventist beliefs are used as the theme, e.g. second coming, Sabbath



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Challenge church leadership to empower younger generations

ACTIVITIES TO ACCOMPLISH OBJECTIVE:

- A. Share presentations, messages and sermons during visits to churches
- B. Recognize churches that intentionally empower teens and youth
- C. Launch youth-led evangelism meetings in churches sponsored in part by AZSDA youth ministries
- D. Hold a Leadership Weekend with an emphasis on empowering younger generations



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Improve communication among churches

ACTIVITIES TO ACCOMPLISH OBJECTIVE:

- A. Design AZSDA youth website to serve as the hub for all communication and should utilize social media as a primary source for its content
- B. Offer incentives to teen/youth groups who maximize the use of the website and/or social media for ministry communication
- C. Offer opportunities for networking among youth leaders from various churches during Conference events





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