

# THE VALUE OF THE EIGHT MODULES OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

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# NAGSDA YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT (YAYA) MINISTRIES AT A GLANCE

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# NAGSDA YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

- **Component Ministries**
  - **Pathfinder Ministry (10 -15 years)**
  - **Youth Ministry (16 – 21+ years)**
  - **Young Adult Ministry (22 – 35+ years)**
- **Objective of Each Component Ministry**
  - **Lead Pathfinders, youth and young adults to the Lord**
  - **Guide and cooperate with them in the Lord's Service**



# NAGSDA YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

## Primary Objective

- Salvation and Service – To save from sin and guide into service
- The Needs We Meet Shall Include:
  - Spiritual
  - Emotional
  - Intellectual
  - Social
  - Physical

## YAYA – A MIGHTY INFLUENCE FOR GOD

“He [Satan] well knows that **there is no other class that can do as much good as young men and young women who are consecrated to God.** The youth, if right, could sway a mighty influence. **Preachers or laymen advanced in years, cannot have one-half the influence upon the young that the youth, devoted to God, can have upon their associates**” (*Messages to Young People*, p. 204)

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# THE STAKEHOLDERS IN YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

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# YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT DEVELOPMENT – THE STAKEHOLDERS

The following should work together as a team to develop and empower Adventist youth and young adults:

- Pastors
- Church Leaders
- Families – Parents and Other Family Members
- Youth and Young Adult Ministries Leaders



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# THE EIGHT (8) MODULES OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

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# YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES MODULES

- **The 8 Ministry Modules:**
  - 1 **Organization**
  - 2 **Leadership**
  - 3 **Commitment**
  - 4 **Discipleship**
  - 5 **Witnessing**
  - 6 **Worship**
  - 7 **Fellowship**
  - 8 **Empowering Youth and Young Adults**

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# PURPOSE, NEED AND VALUE OF EACH MINISTRY MODULE

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# #1: ORGANIZATION MODULE

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# ORGANIZATION MODULE – PURPOSE, NEED AND VALUE

- The organization Module presents:
  - The history and organization of youth ministry in the SDA Church.
  - Responsibilities of the leaders at the local church level.

## Value

This module helps the local church in its ministry to young people.



# ORGANIZATION MODULE – PURPOSE, NEED AND VALUE

- Our History - Genesis and Development of Adventist Youth Society
- **Ideals of Adventist Youth**
- Officers of the AY Society
- **Membership**
- Programs & Activities



# ORGANIZATION MODULE – PURPOSE, NEED AND VALUE

## ○ Ideals of the Adventist YaYA

- Aim – “The Advent Message to all the world in my generation”
- Motto – “The love of Christ constrains me” (2 Cor 5:14)
- Pledge - “Loving the Lord Jesus, I promise to take an active part in the work of the Adventist Youth Society, doing what I can to help others and to finish the work of the gospel in all the world.”



# ORGANIZATION MODULE – PURPOSE, NEED AND VALUE

## o Membership – 3 Types/Categories

- Regular Members: Members of the SDA Church in good and regular standing
- Associate Members: Not members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, but
  - have Christian ideals and desire to be associated with the
  - young people of the church in missionary work
    - May not hold office
    - Encourage to become regular members as soon as possible
- .Honorary Members: Adult members of the church who support the YaYA



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## #2: LEADERSHIP MODULE

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## LEADERSHIP MODULE – PURPOSE, NEED AND VALUE

- The **Leadership module** incorporates aspects of training and actual practice of those activities required for senior leadership, and includes both philosophical base and practical practices.
- **Ideal Leadership - In the Steps of the Master**
- Psychology of the Christian Leader
- Leadership Theories, Styles and Functions
- **Meeting Management - When You are the Chairperson of a Committee or Business Meeting**
- How God Prepares His leaders

# LEADERSHIP MODULE – CHRIST THE MODEL LEADER

## Christ the Model Leader

“And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men” (Matt 4:19).

- Jesus Led by His Life

“What he taught, he was. his words were the expression, not only of his own life experience, but of his own character. not only did he teach the truth, but he was the truth. it was this that gave his teaching, power” (*Education*, pp. 78, 79).

- Jesus was Sympathetic and Understanding of the Needs of Others



# LEADERSHIP MODULE – CHRIST THE MODEL LEADER

## Christ the Model Leader

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- Jesus was Kind and Thoughtful
- Jesus saw every person as a Candidate for Heaven

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 3:16)

- Jesus Had a Sense of Mission

“Why were you searching for me?” he asked, ‘Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?’” (Luke 2:49)

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## #3: COMMITMENT MODULE

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# COMMITMENT MODULE – PURPOSE, NEED AND VALUE

- The Commitment Module:
  - Is dedicated to strengthening the spiritual life of youth and youth leaders (Youth Upreach)
  - Primarily revolves around those activities and programs that:
    - Are Devotional in Nature
      - Weeks of Prayer or Weeks of Spiritual Emphasis
      - Morning Watch/Devotional – Personal and/or Family
      - Bible Conferences
    - Provide for special affirmation and celebration opportunities.
      - **Commitment Celebration** is a time of reaffirmation of a youth's continuing faith and confidence in God
      - The celebration of baptism (recent or past)

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# #4: DISCIPLESHIP MODULE

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## DISCIPLESHIP MODULE – PURPOSE, NEED AND VALUE

- **Discipleship Module** deals with how to:
- Help youth become disciples of the Lord
- Stay committed to that way of life (school, work and home and family life situations)
  
- Ultimately, YaYAs become disciples of the Lord and are equipped to share in this experience.



# DISCIPLESHIP MODULE – PURPOSE, NEED AND VALUE

- **Necessary Guidance is Provided for:**
- Youth, the Crisis Age
- Adolescent Developmental Stages and Some implications for YaYA Ministry
- Basic Personality Desires
- Common Problems of Youth
- Youth Ministry in a Contemporary Society
- How to help the Youth
- Counseling with Youth
- Ministering to Young Singles

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# #5: WITNESSING MODULE

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## WINNING SOULS FOR CHRIST

- “When the youth give their hearts to God, our responsibility for them does not cease. They must be interested in the Lord’s work, and led to see that he expects them to do something to advance his cause. It is not enough to show how much needs to be done, and to urge **the youth** to act a part. They must be taught how to labor for the Master. **They must be trained, disciplined, drilled, in the best methods of winning souls to Christ. Teach them to try in a quiet, unpretending way to help their young companions. Let different branches of missionary effort be systematically laid out, in which they may take part, and let them be given instruction and help. Thus they will learn to work for God”** (*Gospel Workers*, p. 210).



## WITNESSING MODULE – PURPOSE, NEED AND VALUE

- What is Witnessing?
  - The sharing of our own individual experience in the Lord.
- The **Witnessing Module** discusses effective witnessing and how it might be accomplished within the AY Society
  - Outreach and redemptive ministries
- Value of Witnessing by Members
  - Enjoy fellowship
  - Spiritual understanding
  - Enriched discipleship experience



## WITNESSING MODULE – PURPOSE, NEED AND VALUE

- The **Witnessing** module focuses on:
  - Youth and Evangelism
  - Planning for Mission
  - Adventist Youth Service
  - Campus Ministry
  - Reporting Missionary Activities

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# #6: WORSHIP MODULE

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## WORSHIP MODULE – PURPOSE, NEED AND VALUE

- The purpose of the **Worship module** is to give youth leaders ideas to help Adventist young people discover the joy of worship, and how to adopt a worshipful spirit while attending church
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- What is Worship?



## WORSHIP MODULE – PURPOSE, NEED AND VALUE

- What is Worship?
  - Worship is not merely attending church.
  - The religious exercise of worship includes:
    - Learning to live in God’s presence
    - Integrating those things learned at church into one’s daily living
- Growing in nurture
- Celebrating in Worship



# CREATE WORSHIP EXPERIENCE FOR ALL

- Young people need to feel involved in your church's worship
- Create a worship experience that meets at least some needs of people of all generations all the time
- Re-prioritize our joint worship generational needs
  - Children and Youth should be our first priority

## CREATE WORSHIP EXPERIENCE FOR ALL

Ways we may transform our church worship service to meet the needs of our children, youth and young adults

- Creativity: *Try something new - change the routine*
- Practicality: *They need a service that gives them something they can apply to their everyday lives*
- Relevancy: *Choose illustrations that come from the world they are familiar with, **not only from the adult/Ghanaian world***
- Contemporary: *Use current language and illustrations and include music children and young people understand*
- Variety: *They like different approaches, different styles, even different locations for worship*

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# #7: FELLOWSHIP MODULE

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## FELLOWSHIP – PURPOSE, NEED AND VALUE

- Purpose - The **Fellowship module** is designed to guide youth leaders in finding resources to help provide *meaningful recreation* for the AY Society
  
- Need
  - Guidance of YaYA to discover and take part in meaningful recreation
  - Learning how to deal with leisure time
  - Defining recreation and entertainment
  - Adoption of proper practices that reflect the Adventist<sup>36</sup> lifestyle adopted.



## FELLOWSHIP – PURPOSE, NEED AND VALUE

- Purpose - The **Fellowship module** is designed to guide youth leaders in finding resources to help provide *meaningful recreation* for the AY Society
- Value - The **Fellowship module** helps to provide answers to these needs
  - Meeting Fellowship needs
  - Recreation
  - Social Programs

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# #8: EMPOWERING YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MODULE

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## EMPOWERING YAYA – PURPOSE, NEED AND VALUE

- Purpose - The **Empowering YaYA module** is a summary of the whole purpose of YaYA Ministries in the SDA Church
  
- YaYA Ministries are Salvation and Service focused through:
  - Discipleship
  - Leadership
  - Evangelism
  - Service/Missions

## EMPOWERING YAYA – PURPOSE, NEED AND VALUE

- Need - The **Empowering YaYA module** is needed to empower:
  - YaYA to be strong Christians
  - YaYA to participate in the mission of the church.
  - All church members to appreciate that ours is a Salvation and Service for all Ages



# EMPOWERING YAYA – PURPOSE, NEED AND VALUE

## Value

- Salvation and Service Outcomes
- It combines the above 7 modules into 4 strategic themes:
  - Discipleship Strategies
  - Leadership Strategies
  - Mission/Service Strategies
  - Evangelism Strategies

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# WHAT IS YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT EMPOWERMENT?

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# WHAT IS YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT DEVELOPMENT?

## Includes

- Providing them unique opportunities and support for self-development of healthy personal relationship with the Lord
- Nurturing their spiritual lives so they become worthy ambassadors of Christ
- Equipping them to minister effectively in the church and society
- Building and strengthening their individual and group mental, social and physical capacities
  - Career counseling
  - Mentoring
  - Leadership training

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# WHAT OTHER STAKEHOLDERS NEED TO DO

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# DEVELOP AND NURTURE YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

- Remember the story of John Mark, Barnabas' young cousin, who accompanied Paul and Barnabas on a missionary journey, but turned back out of discouragement
- Trusting youth to take leadership and ownership is risky, because they will make mistakes. But like Jesus with His disciples, *let us be patient with their mistakes.*
- Paul is not the example we should strive to follow. Rather, *church leaders should endeavor to follow Barnabas' example.*
- Have *faith in young people, be patient* with them, ***trust*** them, and watch them grow!

# A NEW MINDSET FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Youth and young adults should have:

- *A teachable and humble spirit*
  - *A mindset to grow/change/develop*
  - *A mindset to meet challenge, yet not to be stopped by them*
- Young people should change poor attitude towards self-development and personal empowerment
    - Leadership is earned by those who have been prepared for it by God through various means



# RESOLVE CONFLICTS THE RIGHT WAY

- Take Redemptive, Nurturing Approach in Resolving Conflicts Among Youth, Young Adults, Adults and Church Leaders
  - Young people – Church Leaders Conflicts



# ORGANIZE REGULAR BAPTISMAL CLASSES AND ENCOURAGE BAPTISMS

- Work with your youth leaders to approach young people about baptism and plan either one-on-one studies or group baptismal classes for those interested in joining the church through baptism

*Focus on:*

- *Providing a clear understanding of the Church's fundamental beliefs*
- *A saving relationship with Jesus*
- *Encouraging some would-be baptismal candidates to wait until they are a little older*
- *Avoiding rushed baptisms following an emotionally charged event*





# TRANSMIT OUR LIFESTYLE STANDARDS TO YOUNG PEOPLE

- Be The Sermon
  - Young people despise inconsistency and hypocrisy in elders/leaders /adults
  
- It is not unusual to observe a degree of rebellion among adolescence
  
- Young people want to know - Why?
  - We need to be prepared to talk about our values when we discuss lifestyle issues with youth



# LET US PRAY

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