



Sabbath, March 16, 2013

PROPOSAL

The General Conference Youth Ministries Department has consulted with the 13 Division youth directors, the GMEU, and the Israel field and has received overwhelming support for adopting a “Global Youth Day.”

Sabbath, March 16, 2013 has been chosen as it marks the beginning of the Youth Week of Prayer globally. Although some Divisions of the world field host their Youth Week of Prayer at a different time of the year, they will still unite as *one* on that day for a common purpose.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of Global Youth Day are to:

1. Recapture the reality of the Seventh-day Adventist Youth as a Global Movement;
2. Lead our youth to rediscover the sense of belonging to a global army;
3. Reposition Mission at the heart of Global Youth Ministry;
4. Provide a much needed positive and constructive response to perceived fragmentation.

Grounded in the concluding words of Jesus in the parable of the Good Samaritan, “Go and do likewise” (Luke 10:25-37), the theme of the Global Youth Day will be

‘ONE IN COMPASSION’

Eight million Adventist youths will be mobilized on the streets of our villages, towns, and cities around the world to be the hands and feet of Jesus through acts of kindness. A Simple, Global, and Relevant strategy has been devised.

STRATEGY

On Sabbath, March 16, 2013, youth will hear one less sermon in the morning. THEY will be the sermon. They will step out of the building to be the Church and reach out in the name of Jesus.

There will be six elements to Global Youth Day:

1. Young people from local churches, regions, or Conferences/Missions will meet for a time of consecration before spending the best part of Sabbath reaching out in local communities.
2. They will be involved in Sabbath friendly acts of kindness that will have been chosen and planned for in advance.
3. To provide a focus for the day after their diverse acts of kindness, youths around the world will donate blood as the symbol of the ultimate life-saving act of compassion.
4. To complete the day's activities, young people will congregate in their local churches, regions, or Conferences/Missions for a time of worship and sharing of experiences to mark the beginning of the Week of Prayer, which is based on Mission & Service.
5. Youths around the world will be connected through technology and live coverage as stories light up the world progressively through the different time zones.
6. A specially designed T-shirt will provide identification with the global initiative.

The Global Youth Day will be an annual event with a different emphasis each year.

The Global Youth Day will reposition youth at the center of the Church's life and Mission. It has the potential of being the dawn of youth ministry's finest hour.