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Youth Matters

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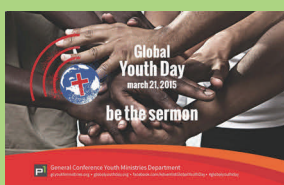
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We've now entered 2015 and we'd like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families all the best of health, happiness and success for the year ahead.

At this time we'd like to bid farewell and wish Hans Ponte from the Netherlands Union all the very best as he leaves us in Europe to become the Executive Secretary in the Curaçao-Bonaire Conference. Replacing him from February 1 will be Tom De Bruin - by no means a stranger to us - and we'd like to extend a warm welcome to him as he steps into this new role and works with the young people in the Netherlands.

GLOBAL YOUTH DAY/HOMECOMING SABBATH



Rarely have three words caught the imagination of youth across the world as have *Global Youth Day*. In case you have missed the buzz so far, it's in its 3rd year now and features young people being out on the streets and in their communities doing acts of kindness under the slogan "Be the Sermon."

This event is action orientated and is where youth worldwide can think globally but act locally. March 21st 2015 will have 24 hour Hope channel internet coverage from around the world, including uplink transmissions from TED studios in Norway and the

Netherlands. Newbold College will also be used as a GC uplink site primarily focusing on Global Youth Day activities in one of the African territories. Please plan to have reports that can be transmitted. The Nordic Countries will transmit through Oslo and the central and southern countries of the Division will be transmitted through Holland. Further details will be sent out next month with the technical details.

The time to start planning ahead is now. Previous years have seen a variety of activities taking place which have included; blood donation, feeding the homeless, street witnessing, cleaning up a local children's area, singing at old people's homes, giving fruit in exchange for cigarettes and health expos with free health checks. Check out the local area in advance and plan ahead as to what will be the most effective locally.

Some groups have made a visual statement by printing T shirts/sweat shirts. Graphics/Other details are available www.gc youthministries.org

The following poem by Edgar Guest encapsulates the Global Youth Day initiative:

I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day:
I'd rather one would walk with me than merely tell the way.
The eye's a better pupil, and more willing than the ear,
Fine council is confusing, but example's always clear.
The best of all the preachers are men who live their creed,
For to see good put into action, is what everyone needs.
I can soon learn how to do it, if you let me see it done,
I can catch your hands in action, but your tongue too fast may run.
And the lecture you deliver may be very wise and true,
But I'd rather get my lesson by observing what you do.
For I may misunderstand you in the high advice you give,
But there is no misunderstanding how you act and how you live.
When I see an act of kindness, I am eager to be kind;
When a weaker brother stumbles, and a stronger stays behind.
Just to see if I can help him, then the wish grows strong in me,
To be as big and thoughtful as I know that friend to be.
And all travelers can witness that the best of guides today,
Is not the one that tells them, but the one that shows the way.



Globally GYD is also the first Sabbath of the International Youth Week of Prayer (March 21-28). A new initiative for 2015 is to link the second Sabbath of the prayer week (March 28th), as a Connect day or Homecoming Sabbath when the focus will be on inviting friends, family and new and old contacts back to the local church. Thank you in advance for being willing to make a difference in your community and with your church.

YOUTH WEEK OF PRAYER 21-28 MARCH

The Junior and Senior Manuscripts were sent out last year for translation purposes. Copies are available in English on the GC website www.gc-youthministries.org



PUBLIC CAMPUS MINISTRIES SYMPOSIUM 8 APRIL

Last year we told you about the 1 day symposium we are holding here in St Albans where Dr Jiwan Moon, Associate Director for Campus Ministry will be joining us. We asked you to plan to send a Youth Director or someone involved in student ministry to this meeting from each Union. You are welcome to send a small number of extra participants (max.2-3)

Now we need to gather concrete names/numbers so we can book accommodation and finalise the plans. Please let us know by February 13 at the latest, the names of everyone coming from your Union.

Plan to fly in the evening of 7th and fly back after the meeting on 8th (or early the next day depending upon flights)

TED will pay food/accommodation

Each Union must meet all travel costs for each person

MASTER GUDE CAMP 7-10 MAY

We sent out information and the application form for this event at the start of the year. We look forward to receiving many applications from across the territory. To clarify the dates. Officially the camp will run from 7-10 May and will conclude with a closing programme around 17:00 on the Sunday and should people wish to leave after that they are very welcome to do so however we realise that not everyone will find it possible to get flights in the late afternoon and so we are extending the invitation to stay on the site until Monday 11th and leave after breakfast. We hope this helps with planning and we are sorry for any confusion that may have been caused. We will continue to send out details as they become available and will post on the facebook event. We are aware that the website is not working and will get this up and running as soon as possible.



IMPACT SAN ANTONIO 2-11 JULY

A lot of information has already been sent out about this event which is running parallel to the General Conference session this summer. If you need any more information you can check out the GC Website. Please remember the deadlines for this event.

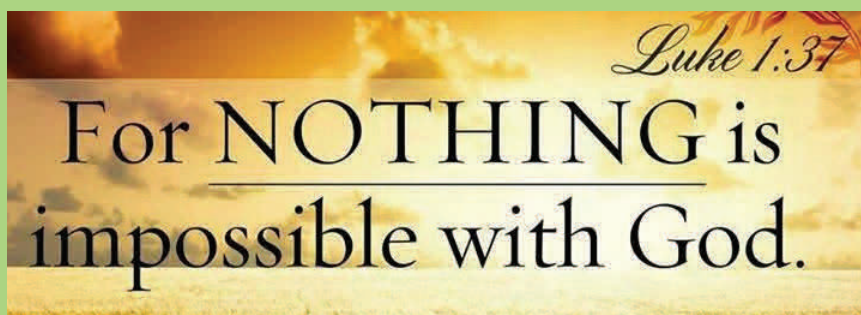


RELAY EVENTS IN 2015



As many of you know Relay - TED Institute of Evangelism - has been training young people across our territory for many years and equipping them to witness in their own home environments. This summer we are planning to run a Relay Mission Programme in Hungary 7-16 August and a Mission Project, linked to Mission to the Cities in Göteborg, Sweden, 21-30 August.

Further details of these events will follow shortly.



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