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"HAPPY are those who long to be just and good, for they shall be completely satisfied."- Matthew 5:6 KJV

"LOVE your enemies, for they tell you your faults." Benjamin Franklin

"FLATTERY is from the teeth out. Sincere appreciation is from the heart out." Dale Carnegie

"IF things go wrong, don't go with them." - Roger Babson

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"IT'S IN THERE!"

Hello, Ministry Partners, an advertisement for a popular Product used to claim, "It's In There!" Well, The Holy Ghost has placed emphasis for Equipping for over 95% of the Ministries sponsored by the North American Division in the Local Congregation in the 2011 Full Ministries Festival Of The Laity (www.festivalofthelaity.com) that will convene September 7-10, 2011 at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel in Dallas, Texas. You and your friends will want to be there, because, "It's In There!"

You will find these Ministries emphasized at The Festival:

Adventist Mission, Bible Instructors, Chaplaincy, Children's Christian Education, Church Planting, Communication, Community Services, Contemporary Cultures, Creative Ministry, Deacons and Deaconesses, Disability, Discipleship, DVD Evangelism, Elders, Family, Friendship Evangelism, Health, Hope For Humanity, Hospitality, Immigrant/Refugee/ Information Technology, Leadership For Ministry, Literature Evangelism, Ministry To Blind Persons, Ministry To Native Americans, Mission-Driven Congregations, Men's Music and Worship, Pastors, Pastors' Kids, Pastors' Spouses, Personal, Philanthropy, Team Building, Prayer, Prison, Public Evangelism, Re-Connect (Reclamation), Religious Liberty, Sabbath School, Single Adults, Stewardship, Urban Ministry, Ushers, Women's, Youth and Young Adult, Religious Liberty, and Immigrant/Refugee Ministry.

Encourage those within your circle of influence to come. People from around the world are Registering! Please join them! The rates go up on **July 26, 2011!** Any questions, please call 301.680.6430/31.

We look forward to seeing you at The Festival. **"It's In There!"**

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IT'S ALL ABOUT SABBATH SCHOOL

The Ministry of Children's Division Pianist

Responsible to: The Sabbath School Division Leader

Relates Close with: The Division Song Leader

Ministry Mission: To assist the nurture of children into a loving, serving relationship with Jesus through music

RESPONSIBILITIES

The pianist plays a key role in the music ministry of Sabbath School. The pianist has the following responsibilities:

TO THE CHILDREN

- Plays a lively, joyful accompaniment to their songs
- Demonstrates a concern for child safety by completing the Volunteer Ministry Information Form and returning it when asked, and by observing the Guidelines for Volunteers and Caregivers

TO THE LEADER

- Keeps appointments, arriving a little before starting time to warm the room with music
- Plays the accompaniments to songs the leader selects
- Organizes music files for quick location of songs (in beginner divisions, the pianist may need to take the music files home to put together the music for each new program)
- Plays a soft introduction until the leader is ready, then begins the song promptly
- Adjusts tempo to the needs of the leader, and the tone according to the situation
- Attends Sabbath School regularly; notifies the leader when emergencies cause a change of plans

TO THE TEAM

- Mentors another person to understand the ministry and step in as a substitute when needed

TO GOD

- Maintains a habit of daily personal prayer and Bible study

Time Commitment: Approximately 60 minutes per week, including Sabbath School

Length of Commitment: one or two years, depending on the practice of the local church

Training: Experience with the leader; needs to be fairly proficient with a keyboard instrument

QUALIFICATIONS

Volunteer Ministry Qualifications

The division pianist is committed to:

- Jesus Christ and to a growing personal relationship with Him
- Christ-centered ministry to children

Special Qualifications

- An attitude of servant leadership
- A passion for children and children's ministries
- Keyboard proficiency

WHAT'S HOT!

OUTREACH MINISTRIES THAT ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE ACROSS THE NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION (NAD)

MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

Pastor Paula Olivier's acclaimed summer youth program targets disadvantaged and at-risk teens and teaches them leadership and life skills such as money management, conflict resolution, job interviewing and auto safety.

COATESVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

This ministry provides food and shelter for homeless men; permanent, transitional and low-income housing; and a full-service community center. As Minnie McNeil, executive director, says, "It is a place where men who are weary find rest."

HYATTSVILLE, MARYLAND

Pastor Brenda Billingy and her Metropolitan church members shower teen and young adult parents with a baby blessing that includes seminars, counseling and assistance in knowing how to meet the developmental needs of their young children.

CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

President Larry Boggess and his Mountain View Conference team have set out to claim this city for Christ with their Three Angels Over Appalachia initiative. They plan to employ an evangelist, Bible workers and youth literature evangelists; establish a college of evangelism; launch a health ministry; and plant four new churches in and around the state capital.

KEARNY, NEW JERSEY

Pastor Charles Gonzalez and some 20 members of the Harrison, New Jersey Spanish church, are working to plant a church in this unentered suburb of Newark.

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Hope is Born is an evangelistic outreach of the Richmond Brazilian church led by Pastor Therezinha Barbalho. They are targeting Portuguese-speaking people through community services and public evangelism.

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Shells from The Mentor's Basket

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Shell 1 – Establish an Accountability Flow – Effective leaders know that weak points exist in all organizations and people. Therefore, they take conscientious actions to fortify those flawed places by arranging accountability safeguards. Superior leaders seek to surround themselves with an accountability system that helps them avoid character failure. A major character flaw is to believe oneself to be above failure and immune to the temptations other leaders face.

Shell 2 – Establish Personal Values and Beliefs – In a world where converging values create daily conflict, it is crucial for strong leaders to be clear on what they believe. Internal stress will be greatly reduced if predetermined values of what you will and will not do are bolted down in advance of the storm.

Nurturing values is important, because unattended character, like raw dirt, tends to erode with the elements of time. Studying the Bible, meditating and being in fellowship with people who have good morals will foster strong character.

Shell 3 – Always Take the High Road – Leaders must read moral road maps. They look for landmarks which keep them on the ethical high road. This is an imperative for all leaders because they establish the moral climate of their organizations. If you want to get the caboose to the station, the engine must go past the train platform. What may be okay for others is not for you. An organization will not rise above the character model of its leaders. People emulate what they see. Exceptional leaders behave differently.

Shell 4 – Do Not Be Proud of Your Humility – When you begin to believe your own press releases, you are in trouble. Perhaps the greatest single danger leaders face regarding their character comes in the area of pride, which attacks our moral immune system. Keep your perspectives healthy. Maintain a spirit of meekness. Nurture an attitude of gratitude.

Shell 5 – Persevere Until the End - Microwave ovens cannot cook up instant character. All leaders must take responsibility for who they are from the inside out. Study the lives of great leaders and you will find something most have in common: They have overcome insurmountable problems in life – health issues, childhood struggles, betrayal, setbacks or organizational defeats; every effective leader has been an overcomer. Remember, the tests of life season your concrete and strength your mettle.

The 5 Secrets to Becoming A Leader, by Alan Nelson & Stan Toler

How Your Local Church Can Find and Reach Receptive People – Part 1

For a number of reasons people become receptive to the gospel at different times. “Receptive” means that they are willing, and even eager, to hear the gospel story, make a decision, and become followers of the Lord.”

By following the process outlined below, you can lay out a Receptivity/Resistance Scale that will help you identify the receptive people in your area.

**How Do You Find Out Who Is Receptive?
There are four general indicators of receptivity.**

Receptivity Indicator No. 1: Find out where and why other churches in the area are growing. In what geographical area are they growing? What kind of people are they reaching? Who is most likely to be receptive to the Advent message?

Receptivity Indicator No. 2: Find people who are in changing situations. All kinds of changes happen in people’s lives: Cultural change; Economic change; Geographical change; Political change; Religious change. Change in people’s lives open their minds and hearts toward the gospel.

Receptivity Indicator No. 3: The “common” people. *And the common people heard him gladly. Mark 12:37.* People from the segments of the population known as the “masses” are always more receptive than so-called “professional” or “upper” classes. The most rapid growth will always come from the masses. For instance, new immigrants are always more receptive than established groups. Young people are often more receptive than senior citizens. People in the inner city are usually more receptive than people living in more affluent areas.

Receptivity Indicator No. 4: People who have a common denominator. People who have something in common and work together as a group tend to be either receptive or resistant as a group. For instance, a group of young people made up of Koreans, Hispanics, Anglos, and African-Americans, but who all speak English and are all up and coming professionals, will be receptive to activities, worship services, etc., geared to their age group and social status, but they will not worry a whole lot about their diverse ethnic backgrounds.

On the other hand, a group of what are called “nuclear” ethnics, those who converse primarily in their mother tongue and move in social circles that include other people like themselves, will be much more receptive to the gospel if it is presented in their own language than if it is presented in English.

"INMATE SPIRITUAL COUNSELING" CURRICULUM SEGMENTS

"Inmate Spiritual Counseling" with an emphasis on Volunteer Prison Chaplaincy, is the new training curriculum for those who are very serious about updating their Prison Ministry skills. The 46-hour course is offered by the North American Division Academy of Continuing Education, and will be conducted in association with the International Institute of Christian Ministry of the General Conference Sabbath School/Personal Ministries Department, which has a direct relationship with Griggs University. Continuing Education Credit is a possibility for college credit in the future.

Curriculum Segment Highlights: Inmate Worship VCHP.230

Inmate worship is an integration of inmate participation in the worship experience through singing, prayer, testimony, scripture reading, and other moments of sharing.

Description

To expose the student to the need to foster religion in corrections. To provide a fundamental knowledge of the cultural environment that he/she would be called upon to minister to the disenfranchised. A general knowledge of how to be an effective worker in the prison providing worship for the incarcerated.

Overview

This model denotes a microcosm of sub-cultural events that necessitates ministry to the disenfranchised to provide a base and a need for reconciliation. It suggests a vital need for an effective method of ministry to those who are behind bars and offers suggestions for the feasibility. This module also makes a definitive statement for religion in Department of Correction Facilities.

Learning Outcomes

- 1. To expose the student to what is going on behind the walls to give him a framework to minister.*
- 2. To introduce the student to the fundamental of ministry to prison inmates.*
- 3. To expose the volunteer to the need to minister to inmates.*
- 4. To establish this basis for inmate worship.*

Each issue of Network News will feature a segment from this 17 Module Curriculum. We, at the North American Division Adult Ministries Academy of Continuing Education, encourage our readers to enroll. Call Carol at 301.680.6430 or log on www.adventsource.org for registration information.



PRISON MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

Maryland Inmates Plant and Prune Their Way to New Opportunities

When Clinton Davis came to prison, the last thing he could have possibly imagined was watching the sun rise over the water at the southern tip of Maryland, covered in mud from head to foot as he loaded baby oysters, known as spat, onto a boat. Yet that is exactly what the inmate was doing on this hot late summer day as he walked to the narrow pier in preparation for a boat called Frisky to ply the still waters of a creek leading out to the lower Potomac River. On this beautiful morning, another 3 million oyster spat that Davis and his fellow inmates from the southern Maryland Pre-Release Unit had been carefully tending would soon find a home in the still rural Potomac watershed just a few minute east of the nation's capital. Inmates like Davis, Jessie Collins and so many others are living on the new frontier of Maryland corrections. They are involved in meaningful restorative programs that not only help them, but help Maryland's ecosystems.

--Mark A. Vernarelli, Corrections Today, April/May 2011

Maryland Inmates Are Preserving History

Some of the projects not only restore the environment, but history as well. As the sun rose one spring day at Antietam Battlefield in western Maryland, six miles south of three sprawling Maryland Division of Correction prisons, inmate Wendell Morris nearly lost his composure as he looked around the Piper Orchard, which he had spent months replanting and pruning. "I didn't think," Morris said, "that I would ever be a part of something that would be life-changing and impact people in such a profound way." Antietam has benefitted not only from Morris' orchard restoration, but from the restoration by MCE of two historic wooded tracts. Civil War-era barns were also rebuilt with locally quarried stones left over from the nearby prison's 1932 construction and hauled to the battlefield by the inmates. Already one of the nation's best preserved and most revered battlefields, Antietam, now has even more historical integrity-thanks to the intervention of inmates.

--Mark A. Vernarelli, Corrections Today, April/May 2011

EDITOR'S P.S

A Short Course in Human Relations by John C. Maxwell: Relationships 101

The least important word: I

The most important word: We

The two most important words: Thank you.

The three most important words: All is forgiven.

The four most important words: What is your opinion?

The five most important words: You did a good job.

The six most important words: I want to understand you better.

I'm outta here!

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