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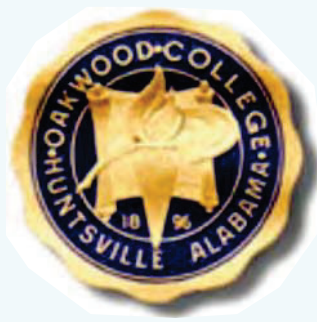
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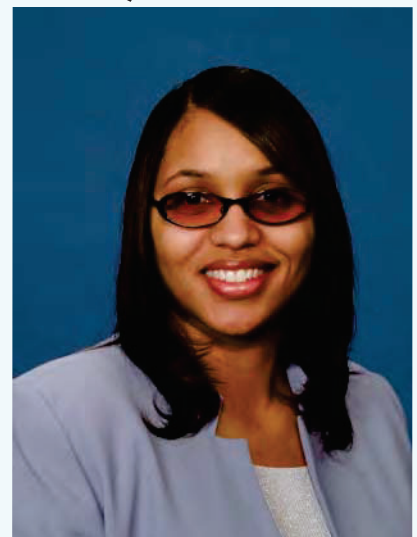
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April 19, 2006

To the Delegates and Friends of United Youth Congress:

It is with the extremely radical joy of God that I welcome you to the eight United Youth Congress. I am so excited about what God has prepared for all of us in this event and beyond. Yes, it has basically been the BAYDA team that put this event together; but it is God Himself who has taken personal interest to make sure the experience goes beyond the event. He has designed something this next several days especially for you!

In my ten years of serving God as a Youth Ministries Leader, I have never experienced the level of excitement in anticipation for an event as I have had preparing for **"No More Chains"**. God is doing something different this time, I know this, because the challenges have been great in the preparation for this event. However, it is not the obstacles that the devil has placed in our way, nor is it the hurdles that many of our youth and youth leaders have had to get over that makes me know that God is doing something different. What makes me know this, is, victory after victory has been won on the enemy's turf -victories gained that could only be gained by the hand of God. What I have come to realize is that the time is short. Jesus is about to come, and the prince of this world is fighting against Him over your soul and mine. The apostle Peter puts it this way, **"the devil is roaming around like a hungry lion, looking for who he can destroy."**

God's great design for this Youth Congress is to give us the weapons of warfare that will make us victorious throughout our Christian journey, and to break the chains that bind us to mediocrity in our Christian experience. This gift is ours for the taking, and is offered through the seminars, music, outreach ministries, sermons, and even the time we spend together in recreation. Yes, my friends we have the opportunity this weekend to "sure up" our steps toward the kingdom of God, by interacting with one another in Christian fellowship, and reaching others for Christ through Christian service.

I want to let you in on a secret! **"It is through service for others that we gain our greatest advantages over the enemy."** It is my prayer that you will take advantage of this opportunity to gain significant strides in your Christian walk through one of our outreach projects. By all means, have a Holy Ghost good time in praise and worship. Give of your best at the recreational events, and gain all you can at the seminars and workshops. More than all, witness the power of God at work in our lives as we help to break the chains that so many are bound with. Jesus came to **"set the captives free"** from sin, destruction, and shame. Let's exemplify the character of Jesus here in Atlanta, and proclaim for ourselves and the communities in Atlanta: Christ has paid the price and set us free. Praise God! **"NO MORE CHAINS!"**

Finally, I need to take just a moment to thank all of the teams of wonderful individuals from all over this country who have worked tirelessly to make this plan of God a reality. This includes the men and women of BAYDA, our local conference administrators, and staff; union conferences - in particular the Southern Union, Georgia Cumberland, and South Atlantic conferences, and our North American Division leadership. We thank all of the local church pastors, youth leaders, and parents who have sacrificed to make this experience happen for our youth. We also thank our presenters, speakers, musical talents, and support staff. Most of all, we thank God for Jesus who paid the price to loose us from the chains of our bondage!

Because of Him!

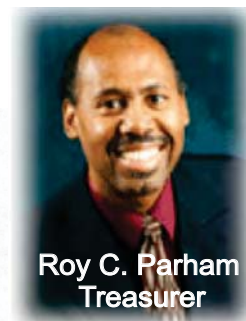


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Dear United Youth Congress Attendees:

I am delighted to send greetings to each of you as you gather to participate in the *United Youth Congress*. God has blessed His church around the world with a great number of young people who love Jesus and are committed to follow His footsteps.


The *United Youth Congress* provides a great opportunity to deepen your relationship with Jesus, understand more fully the Lord's plan for your lives, making new friends with common interests, and networking to better realize how you can support the work of taking the Good News of salvation to every nation, kindred, tongue and people.

During this quinquennium, the General Conference will be promoting significant and new initiatives to help us bring to the world the message of hope it desperately needs. Our theme "*Journey of Hope*" is intended to bind us together in the promise of His second coming and motivate us to tell the world of His wonderful love and our assurance of salvation in Him.

We encourage you to find out from your youth leaders how you can participate in the initiatives "*Tell the World*" and the "*Elijah Project*". As Ellen G. White stated, "*with such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen and soon coming Savior might be carried to the whole world?*" (ChS 30.2)

You have a very special role to perform in your church. If time should remain just a little bit longer, you will be the future leaders of this church. It is my prayer that you will take every opportunity to be trained in the service of God and to do your best for the Master.

Yours in His service,


Jan Paulsen
President
mdv



April 19, 2006

Shirley Franklin,
Mayor, Atlanta.

Greetings:

As Mayor of Atlanta, I welcome you to the United Youth Congress hosted by the Seventh-day Adventist Black Youth Directors Association (BAYDA).

This conference brings together a diverse group of youth and young adults from around the world for the purpose of reaching out and offering encouragement to so many people in need of hope.

I applaud BAYDA in their support of our youth, and taking on the responsibility for nurturing our future leaders. Also, I would like to personally thank you for having a heart for the homeless.

On behalf of the citizens of Atlanta, I wish you a meaningful and productive conference. Thank you and please take the time to enjoy our great City.

Sincerely,

Shirley Franklin

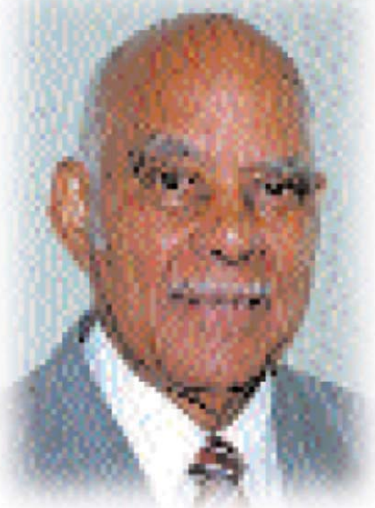
Greetings to the 2006 United Youth Congress

The Office for Regional Conference Ministry (ORCM) sends special greetings to BAYDA Leaders and the thousands of delegates and attendees to this great Youth Congress being held in Atlanta, Georgia, April 19-23, 2006.

ORCM is delighted to assist in the funding of this event to bless thousands of youth from all across North America, Canada, Bermuda, and islands of the sea. What a great opportunity to witness for Jesus to this great city of Atlanta, the hub of the Southeast! Surely, this event will leave a lasting impression of the power of God to save and sustain youth from sin, then empower them to share the saving grace of Christ to thousands who will behold them in action all around Atlanta.

It is our prayer that the God of heaven will fill every attendee with the power of the Holy Spirit to display the difference of Christian youth on fire for Heaven. We shall pray for safe travel and a great time in Atlanta for all attendees.

The Late
Frank L. Jones
ORCM Director
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Dear Attendees of the United Youth Congress:

It is a pleasure to greet you during this United Youth Congress in Atlanta, Georgia. As you participate in this unique learning experience, may you come to realize that through Jesus, there are "No More Chains."

Since I cannot talk with each of you personally, I would like to share with you why **JESUS IS MY FRIEND**:

Jesus is my friend. We became friends one Friday night as I knelt beside my bed in my dormitory room at Wisconsin Academy. Of course, I had known about Him before. In fact, I could pass all the Bible tests, argue religion with people, offer public prayers, or even give public lip service to His name. But knowing *about* Jesus is not the same as *knowing* Him. Knowing about Jesus does not necessarily make one happy, but knowing Jesus as a personal friend and Savior will.

Our family was introduced to Jesus in northern Wisconsin by a dedicated church elder who answered the Bible questions we asked, and then proceeded to give us Bible studies that eventually led to baptism. Within a few months I was enrolled in the Merrill, Wisconsin, church school, where my teacher helped me to grow in Jesus. But later, when I was a teenager, I lost sight of Him. However, on a special Friday night at Wisconsin Academy, Jesus became my friend once again.

Having an experience with Jesus, you see, is not just a once-in-a-lifetime thing, nor even a once-a-year thing. Just a few years ago I visited Wisconsin Academy. I went to the boys' dorm, found the assistant dean, and asked to see my old room. There the assistant dean joined me as I knelt by the bed again and rededicated my life to Jesus.

I want my experience with Jesus to be a constant one. And I would like the same for you. As I write this, I'm inviting Jesus in again right now. And as you read this, I invite you to give yourself to Jesus too. In fact, I invite you to commit the rest of your life to Him.

Very sincerely,

Don C. Schneider
President
North American Division

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Youth Ministries Hall of Excellence

Daniel Lee Davis, Sr.
P. O. Box 283, Creek Road
Pine Forge, Pennsylvania 19548



Born: Pittsburgh, PA

Married: Elizabeth Anne Hall
September 22, 1947

Children: 2 Elizabeth Ann Bell - Daniel Davis, Jr.

Grandchildren: 6

Education: 1931 - 1943 Pittsburgh School System
1943 - 1946 US Military - World War II
1947 - 1951 Oakwood College BA Degree

Graduate Study: 1957 - 1976 Toward MA & MPH - Potomac U. & LLU

Ordained: July 7, 1956 By Elder W. L. Cheatham, Pres. - Allegheny Conference

Work Experience: 1951 - 1964 Allegheny Conference
1964 - 1967 Youth Director - Allegheny Conference - MV & Temperance - NSO Director
1967 - 1974 Youth Director - Allegheny East Conference
1974 - 1980 Youth Director - Columbia Union Conference
1980 - 1982 Youth Director - GC - African-Indian Ocean Division
1982 - 1993 Youth Director - Allegheny East Conference
1994 CAMP DAVIS (Junior Camp named in his Honor)
1994 Retired from Active Youth Leadership

Notable Events: 1966 1st Pathfinder Coordinator Team
MV Olympics & Conference Wide Teams
1968-1969 Significant part in M. L. King Era in DC
1970 1st Council on Black Youth - Oakwood
(Forerunner of Youth Congresses & BAYDA)
1st International Camporee - Bermuda
1st All Adventist Better Living Parade
100 Member Conference Wide Drum Corps opened
US Olympics Gymnastics Trials - Michigan
ACT Team (College students in summer evangelism)
Opened US Olympic Gymnastics
GRAND Opening of SDA World Headquarters, Maryland
1981 Conceived all African Youth Congress of 1986



Youth Ministries Hall of Excellence:

Trevor H.C. Baker *President, NEC*

Trevor H. C. Baker served the Northeastern Conference as Youth Director for fifteen years (1976-1990). Under his spirited and Spirit-led leadership, the Conference Youth Ministries department attained new horizons. Several ministries and programs were initiated, several of which are still very much a part of the youth program, & continue to be a blessing to many youth and young adults.

Among the programs and ministries he instituted were:

- a. Local Bible Conferences for SDA youth attending Non-SDA schools.
- b. Bible Bowl
- c. Drama Festivals
- d. Pathfinder Examiners' Board
- e. Video Library for A.Y. Societies
- f. Youth Advisory Council
- g. Youth Awards Banquet
- h. Youth Federations
- i. Youth Olympics



Trevor H.C. Baker
President, NEC



Joseph W. McCoy



Joseph W. McCoy

We are delighted to introduce Joseph W. McCoy, the newly elected Executive Director of the Regional Conference Retirement Plan. McCoy is a native of New Orleans, Louisiana. All of his education has been in Christian institutions from elementary school through Andrews University Seminary. He is married to Judith, a native of California. God has blessed them with three lovely daughters and three energetic grandsons.

McCoy started his career as a Pastor, and has worked in three conferences for 38 years. He has served as Youth Director, Conference Secretary and for nearly 12 years as President of South Central Conference. He was a leader from the start to create the present Regional Retirement Plan. He has served as chairman of the Retirement Board from its inception until March 2005 when he was elected to serve as the Executive Director for the Retirement Plan.

We pray for Elder McCoy, and ask that God's richest blessings be upon him as he undertakes this very important task.

Sincerely,
Frank L. Jones

Youth Ministries Hall of Excellence:



Elder Carl Rogers



Elder Carl Rogers
Secretary, AWC.

VITAE

C. Richard Rogers, Executive Secretary
Allegheny Wes Conference of 7th Day Adventist

PERSONAL

Native home: Charleston, S.C.; Last of six children; Baptized at age of 12

FAMILY

Married 42 years: Wife: Former Tecora M. Bowman of Point Marion, Penna.

Two children: Carla Lenier who teaches preschool at Spellman College in Atlanta, Ga.
Kevin Lorenza who resides in Columbus, Ohio

ACADEMICS / SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Graduate of Oakwood College – B.A. in Religion 1967

Graduate of Andrews University Seminary – Masters of Divinity 1969

Conferred Doctor of divinity in 1996

Selected Pastor of the Year for Allegheny West Conference in 1977 by pastoral peers

SERVICE RECORD

Pastor / Evangelist – 14 years

Pastored Ashtabula, Ohio/Erie, Pa.; Delaware/Springfield; Cleveland Bethel; Columbus Hilltop;
and interim pastor at Columbus Central and Youngstown, Ohio

Departmental – 20 years (Several directed concurrently)

Senior Youth Director, Adventurer Director, Pathfinder Director, Summer Camp Director,
Sabbath School Director, Health/Temperance Director, Usher's Congress Director, Family Life
Director, National Service Organization Director

Administrative – 14 years

Executive Secretary

Ministerial Secretary – 7 years

PASTORAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS in addition to baptisms and church growth

Church building – Delaware, Ohio;

Community Service Center – Springfield, Ohio

Major renovation – Cleveland Bethel

Facilitators' Bio.



James Black

Pastor James Black is a native of Savannah, Georgia. He is a graduate of Oakwood College with a Major in Theology and a Minor in Biblical Languages. He also attended the Andrews University Theological Seminary in Berrien Springs, MI. He currently serves as Director of Youth Ministries for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America.



Carlton P. Byrd

Pastor Carlton P. Byrd, an ordained minister of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, is a native of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Pastor Byrd graduated from Oakwood College in 1994, Summa Cum Laude, with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Theology and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management.



MyRon Pelote Edmonds

Pastor MyRon Pelote Edmonds pastors the New Birth church, Franklin, Tennessee; Oakland Park church, Murfreesboro, Tennessee; and First church, Shelbyville, Tennessee, where there have been more than 50 baptisms.



Nicardo Delahaye

Nicardo K. Delahaye is a vivacious young man who possesses wisdom and understanding well beyond his years. He loves the Lord and believes that his purpose is to help mankind make it into God's kingdom. He is a native of Jamaica; however, he was reared in Bridgeport, Connecticut. He sensed the call of God on his life at a young age. He was baptized at the tender age of eight and went on to preach his first sermon a year later at the age of nine.

Facilitators' Bio.



Pastor Paula Olivier was born in Brooklyn, NY. She spent the early years of her life in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, and then moved to Miami, FL. In 1996, Pastor Olivier answered God's call to enter the Ministry. After living in Florida for nearly 20 years, Pastor Olivier left everything to study Theology at Oakwood College. Since then, life has never been the same.



Jynean Reid



Jynean Reid is a native of Savannah, Georgia. She is a product of Adventist Christian Education and has a B.A. degree from Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama. Mrs. Reid is a member and a local elder at the Berean Seventh-day Adventist Church in Atlanta, Georgia. She is employed at Greater Atlanta Adventist Academy as the religious instructor and Chaplin.

Mrs. Reid is married to James L. Reid and they have one son, the joy of her heart, Jyremy L. Reid who is in middle school.

Mrs. Jynean Palmer Reid's one quest is to know Him and to see Him as He is.

Jose Rojas



José Vicente Rojas leads two ministries for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America. He serves as the Director of the Volunteer Ministries Network for the North American Division. Based at the Office of the Secretariat, the Adventist Volunteer Ministries Network brings together church institutional and supportive organizations for shared goals in volunteer ministries such as student missions, taskforce missions, literacy programs, community projects, Bible work, campaign evangelism, and a host of other outreach activities.

Damali Boston



Morgan Medlock



Workshop Presenters



James Black



Lindsay Polard



Carlton Bryd



Damali Boston



Myron Edmonds



Paula Olivier



Nicardo

PRESENTER NAME	TITLE	SEMINAR CODE
Fred Whitlow II	God Why Me?	NM01
Have ever wondered why God selected you? Do you understand why you are even alive? Furthermore are you sure why you are in or apart of this church? If you're not sure you need to experience this eye-opening journey personally. It's high time to discovery.		
Arnold Burton	What is up with this Music!	NM02
What is up with the music played in church? Is it appropriate or not? What do you think? Come and find out for yourself.		
Rupert Bushner, Jr	Changing Your Future!	NM03
You will discover how to live with purpose and passion. This seminar will help you go to the next level by tapping into your God given gifts and abilities. You can't afford to miss this seminar because it will truly change your life.		
Damian Chandler	The Unshakable Episodes	NM04
Follow the journey of the Unshakables as they face higher levels of seduction and distraction specially crafted by the forces of Satan. Go with them to the frontlines where combat takes place and their lives are changed forever.		
Dolphy Cross	The Theology and Psychology of the Touch	NM05
This presentation deals with God creating man as a gregarious being. However man sinned and his fallen nature poses a problem for consistent Christ-centered relationship. He must learn to understand himself.		
Gene Donaldson	Friend where are you?	NM06
Learn how do you witness to your closest friend(s), how to approach them with gospel message without loosing their friendship. Come and learn.		
Mike Edge	Living in the Pressure Cooker	NM07
How can you stand for right when everyone is pressuring you to do otherwise? Discover ways to make decisions based upon principle rather than on the pressures of the crowd.		
Robert Edwards	How Shall We Dance?	NM08
Christian clubs, Praise dance teams, wedding receptions hip-hop drop till you stop and so much more seems to be causing a stir in the minds of young and old in the Adventist church these days. To dance or not to dance that question has perplexed Christians. Come and learn how we "should dance."		
Doris Grider	Sex, Lies & Videos	NM09
Have you ever asked yourself what is really in it for me to listen to or watch in those videos? Do they have any impact on my life as a young person? Sex, Lies & Videos will open up your eyes.		
Stan Hood	Did Jesus ways changed?	NM10
If you ran across someone who's been shot would you give them CPR or a sermon? Do you want to attract your friends and other youth to the message with out compromising it? Attend this seminar to learn how to put a sermon in your CPR.		
Thaddeus Jackson	Sex Wont Let Me Wait	NM11
This provocative presentation discusses the problems reasons and symptoms of teen sex using drama, statistics, stories and street poetry. The purpose is to raise a general awareness of the sex problem and its consequences among Christian teens.		
Tracey Johnson	Untie the Knots and Cut the Cords!	NM12
Do you want to have better personal relationships? Are you tired of others trying to manipulate your life? If so, this seminar will give you valuable methods to deal with challenges in personal relationships and help you to strengthen them.		
David King	Crime and Violence: Are you a victim of it?	NM13
Do you want to learn how to relate what is happening around you to the Bible prophecy? This seminar will teach you how to be part of the solution and not be the problem.		
Kim Logan	Choose Your Weapon	NM14
What will you use to combat the enemy? How will you determine your choice of weapon? How effective will your strategy be? Will your choice of weapon protect you? The challenge is given... Choose Your Weapon! Come and choose your weapon.		
J. W. McCrary, Jr.	Having A Hell Of A Time	NM15
Hanging out having fun enjoying being young together, we will explore the possibility of having a hell of a time with or without compromising our relationship with Jesus and ruining our chances to make it to heaven.		

Workshop Presenters

United Youth Congress

April 19-23, 2006



Damian Chandler



Jose Rojas



J. Reid



Kim Logan



Mike Edge



Morgan Medlock



Rupert Bushner, Jr.

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| Robert Moore | Free, Free At Last | NM16 |
| Time to let go of that shadow in your life - Sin. But easier said than done. How can it be done? The only way to know and find out is to have the desire to be free, free at last and to attend this seminar. | | |
| Bettye Parham | Why "good" girls date "bad" boys | NM17 |
| Many "good" girls seem to be drawn to "bad" boys. Could it be that "good" girls are not really so "good"? What does self esteem have to do with this attraction? Is it fatal attraction or distraction for "good" girls to date "bad" boys? You are invited to learn. | | |
| Brandon Perry | Holy Hip Hop - "A More Excellent Way" | NM18 |
| This seminar is designed to show you how to take Hip Hop and make it "Holy". Then how to use it to change lives in this Hip Hop generation. | | |
| Kevin Rogers | Drop It Like It's Hot! | NM19 |
| Find out what's hot and what's not: how to get hot and what to drop. Flip the script! Find out how you can become so hot, that you will be a TURN ON to many for the Lord. You can make an incredible difference. Find out just what you should be dropping in these last days! | | |
| Stephanie Scott | Just Havin' Fun | NM20 |
| How can you have a relationship with Christ and still have fun? Everything you do have a spiritual interconnection. Come and see how to have the time of your life in Christ. | | |
| Zenobia Seward | Mo' money, Mo' money, Mo' money" | NM21 |
| Planning for every stage of life right now. Getting paid. Keep getting paid. Staying paid and when life ends break a piece off for love ones. Come and learn how. | | |
| Tony Taylor | VAL-YOU-LIFE | NM22 |
| This seminar focuses on the importance of values. The information is aimed to help Christian young people to live by lasting biblical principles in a world were so many things for our youth are short lived. | | |
| David Wallace | Hip-Hoprazy | NM23 |
| Hip-Hoprazy (pronounced Hypocrisy or Hip Hop-Crazy) In the Church, from JC to Jay-Z. From 20 Talents to 50 Cent. It's a "G" Thang... A reality based interactive presentation with answer and question session feedback and solutions for dealing with society. | | |
| Eric Walsh | Mental Meltdown: Drugs, alcohol destroying our youth | NM24 |
| Hip Hop culture and the drug culture: how are they connected? How common is drug use among youth? Why are drugs so hard to stop using once an individual is addicted? Want to learn how to avoid drugs and alcohol use? How to beat addiction and change bad habits? How to reach out to those struggling with addiction? You are invited. | | |
| Lindsay Pollard | Loving Yourself First | NM25 |
| How can you love yourself first, when you don't love Christ? This workshop will engage you in dialogue, role-playing and critical thinking exercises that center around how family, environment, and media influence relationships that sell a false sense of loving yourself. Find out how loving Christ first, you can truly love yourself best. | | |
| Denise Johnson | My Parent Got Married: Coping with Change | NM26 |
| This seminar will introduce how to cope and understand changes when parents remarry. You will learn to share your feelings and concerns you feel to have no control over and how to gain strength, wisdom and promise for a positive future in the midst of the challenge. | | |

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April 19th, 2006
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(Wednesday)

Worship & Praise.....	Praise Team
Opening Prayer	South Atlantic Conference
Special Music	
Welcome/Remarks	BAYDA Representative
Theme Song	Praise Team
Spiritual Hero	Insight Magazine
Special Music	
Introduction of Speaker	
Song of Meditation	
Speaker	James Black <i>Youth Director, North American Division</i>
Appeal/Theme Song	Praise Team

PROGRAM IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

April 20th, 2006
7:45am – 8:45am

Opening Prayer	Pacific Union Conference
Worship & Praise.....	Praise Team
Welcome/Introduction of Speaker	Northeastern Conference
Spiritual Hero	Insight Magazine
Song of Meditation	
Speaker	Nicardo Delahaye
Appeal/Theme Song	Praise Team
Benediction	Central States Conference

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THURSDAY EVENING SESSION

April 20th, 2006
6:45pm – 8:00pm

Opening Prayer	Southeastern Conference
Worship & Praise	Praise Team
Special Music	
Welcome/Remarks	BAYDA Representative
Offering	
Introduction of Speaker	
Song of Meditation	
Speaker	Jynean Reid
Appeal/Theme Song	Praise Team
Benediction	Lake Region Conference



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FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

April 21st, 2006
7:45am – 8:45am

Opening Prayer	
Worship & Praise.....	Praise Team
Welcome/Introduction of Speaker	Southwest Region Conference
Spiritual Hero	Insight Magazine
Special Music	
Speaker	Demali Boston
Special Music	
Speaker	Morgan Medlock
Appeal/Theme Song	Praise Team
Benediction	South Central Conference

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FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

April 21st, 2006
7:00pm – 8:30pm

Worship & Praise.....	Praise Team
Opening Prayer	Columbia Union Conference
Special Music	
Welcome/Remarks	
Theme Song	Praise Team
Spiritual Hero	Insight Magazine
Special Music	
Offering	
Introduction of Speaker	Allegheny West Conference
Song of Meditation	
Speaker	José Rojas <i>Volunteer Network Director, North American Division</i>
Appeal/Theme Song	Praise Team
Benediction	Atlantic Union Conference

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SABBATH MORNING SESSION

April 22nd, 2006
8:15am – 9:30am

Opening Prayer	Allegheny East Conference
Worship & Praise.....	Praise Team
Welcome/Introduction of Speaker	Southern Union Conference
Spiritual Hero	Insight Magazine
Special Music	
Speaker	MyRon Edmonds
Appeal/Theme Song	Praise Team
Benediction	International Delegate



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SABBATH DIVINE WORSHIP SESSION

April 22nd, 2006
10:50am – 12:30pm



Processional	Pathfinders/Color Guards
Theme Song	Mass Choir
Welcome/Remarks	BAYDA Chairperson & Guests
Special Music	
Morning Prayer	
Special Music	
Offertory	
Special Music	
Introduction of Speaker	Southwest Union Conference
Special Music	
Sermon	Carlton Byrd, Pastor, Bellfort SDA Church, Houston, Texas.
Appeal Song	Carlton Byrd
Benediction/Theme Song	



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THEME SONG

“No More Chains”

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No more chains are holding me
No more chains are holding me
I've been set free
I've been washed by the blood of the Lamb
My price was paid with His nail-pierced hands

I am free, No more bonds of slavery
He rescued me, He loosed the shackles and set me free
No more chains, No more chains are holding me

(Verse)

If there are times in your life, the cares of this world have you down
Just call on the Savior, He'll turn your life around
I'm no longer a slave to my sins, He gave me a new heart
Now I live for Him

(Chorus)

No more chains are holding me
No more chains are holding me
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I've been washed by the blood of the Lamb
My price was paid with His nail-pierced hands

No more chains, No more bonds of slavery
I am free, From my sins I've been released
No more chains, No more chains are holding me

(Repeat Chorus 2x—Modulate each time)

No more chains, No more chains are holding me (3 x)

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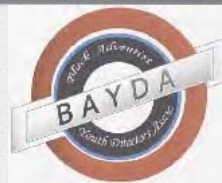




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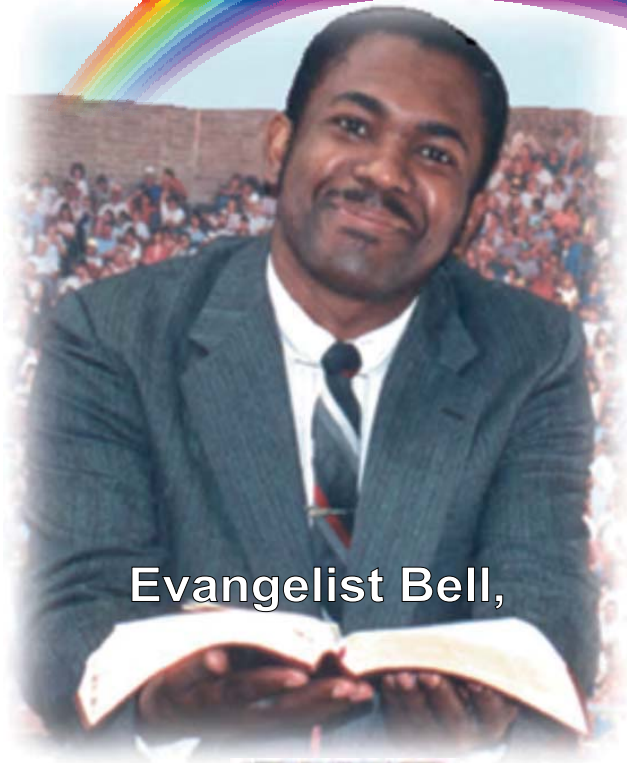
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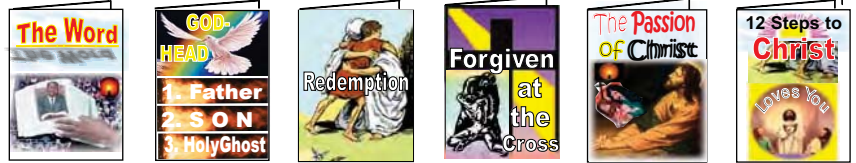
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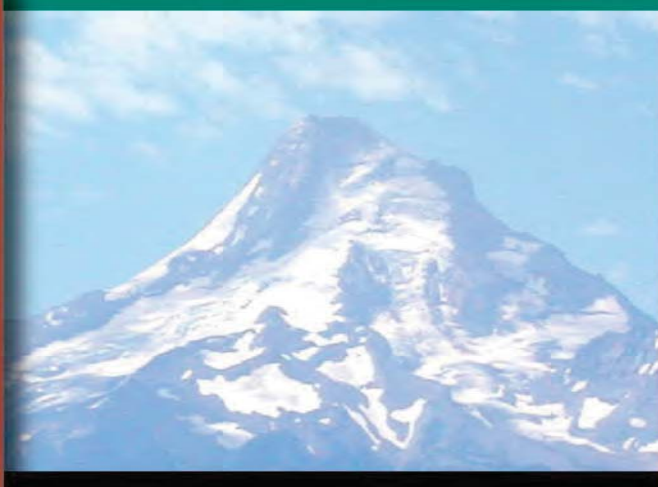


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BAYDA Youth Congress



Jere Patzer, President



Alphonso McCarthy, Youth Director

Greetings from the Northwest!

On behalf of the North Pacific Union Conference Youth Department and the 90,000 Northwest Adventists in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington, we welcome you to the United Youth Congress 2006.

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Dear Youth Delegates,

Congratulations on being selected to be a delegate from your Church to the United Youth Congress April 19-23, 2006.

As Adventist Youth, Young Adults, Pathfinders and Adventurers we want to dedicate our young lives to the service of Jesus. May there be ***"No More Chains"*** in our lives to hinder us from giving our all to serve the Master Guide, Jesus Christ.

May God richly bless your spiritual experience in Atlanta, Georgia.

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*"I can do all things through
Christ which strengtheneth me."
Philippians 4:13*



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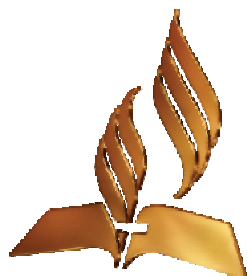


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To the Distinguished Delegates:

James L. Black, Sr.

On behalf of the North American Division Youth Ministries, we welcome each of you to the 2006 United Youth Congress in Atlanta, Georgia. Take a few moments to look around. What do you see? You should see your church. YOU are the church NOW!!!

It is our prayer that as you live out your theme “**No More Chains**”, God will bless your in-reach and out-reach efforts with an abundance of power beyond comprehension. Just know that you are in God’s plan for rescuing others who must come to know Him.

Cherish this time together as we look forward to the day when we can testify for eternity “what a mighty God we serve!”

Praying for you without ceasing,

Pastor James L. Black Sr., Director
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To The 2006 United Youth Congress Delegates,

I am happy to welcome each of you to this the 2006 Youth Congress in Atlanta Georgia. The theme this year is indeed provocative, “No More Chains”. The Youth Directors have planned workshops, and programs designed to help all of us become aware of our shackles, and provide the singular solution – Jesus Christ.

It is my prayer that when this convention concludes and we return to our various cities and churches, that the memory of this event will have a positive effect not only on our youth but also everyone in attendance!

My prayer is that God will make our time together during this Youth Congress a most profitable experience!

Yours in Christian Service

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Greetings,

To the 2006 Youth Congress Delegates.

*We believe that God has especially chosen you to be a
part of this tremendous occasion.*

*He has called you not only to be leaders of Tomorrow
but the leaders of Today.*

*May you be richly blessed by the Lord over the next
few days.*



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April 19, 2006

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Delegates and Friend,

On behalf of the officers, staff and members of the Lake Region Conference it is a privilege for me to greet and welcome you to the "No More Chains" United Youth Congress. With all the emphasis on war in Iraq, terrorism, homeland security issues, hurricanes, and all of the other terrible things going on in this world, it is good to know that we can still come aside, as children, youth and adults together, to bless the name of Jesus.

This event is designed to do just that; bless the name of Jesus! It is because of Jesus we can claim victory over the stuff the enemy places in our path. It is because of Jesus we have victory over sin in our lives! It is because of Jesus we can declare "No More Chains"! So these next several days ought to be a time when we claim the power of Jesus in our lives! But we must also take this opportunity to let those people of the city of Atlanta who perhaps have not been "*set free*" know that there is victory in Jesus for them also.

It is my understanding that there will be praise and worship, seminars and workshops, concerts and recreation during this event. I was also told that there are going to be many opportunities for the delegates and participants to go into several Atlanta communities to provide the ministry of service for the people in these communities. I hope that each of you will take the opportunity to give some time to this aspect of this event. If we are indeed going to bless the name of Jesus, we must put on the face of Jesus in the city of Atlanta. I read this quote some time ago and it has stuck with me for many years, and I want to share it with you as you prepare to show the people of Atlanta that when Jesus is in the mix chains fall off: "Jesus mingled with people as one who desired their good, He sympathized with them, ministered to their needs, won their confidence, and then He said to them follow me and I will make you fishers of men."

So my, beloved children of God, by all means have a good time at this United Youth Congress, but in everything you do bless the name of Jesus. Whether it is among you during worship or recreation, or in the community serving in areas where the shackles of adversity and despair may prevail, bless the name of Jesus and declare "No More Chains"!

Sincerely
Your Friend and Brother,

J.L. Davis

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United Youth Congress Atlanta, Georgia

April 19, 2006

Dear Delegates:

Greetings! What a grand privilege it is for me, on behalf of the administration of the Northeastern Conference, to welcome you to United Youth Congress 2006. Over the next few days of your stay in Atlanta, you will be experiencing one of the significant events that occur in the life of any Adventist youth.

Youth congresses have a long and rich history in the Youth Ministry program of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and have been noted for effecting positive life changes in young people who have experienced them. The United Youth Congress concept hails from that proud tradition, but finds its uniqueness in the fact that it brings together youth and young adults from within the inner cities across the North America Division, and equips them to meet the particular challenges of Christian living and ministering to their peers in the inner city arena.

The theme of this congress is "No More Chains", and it is my hope that you will find new freedom in Christ during these days in Atlanta. Whether this is your first United Youth Congress or your second, I invite you to drink deeply of the inspiration and instruction that comes through every worship service and seminar. The Regional Conference Youth Directors have planned with you in mind. Be blessed.

Maranatha



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Delegates and Guests
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Dear Delegates and Guests:

It is with great joy and anticipation that we welcome you to this spiritual, action-packed conclave of youth. The South Atlantic Conference and the entire Atlanta Christian community are delighted that you have chosen this historic city to host this great event.

Our prayer and hope is that every young person and every attendee will receive not only instruction and information that will help them in their quest for a better life, but that they will be spiritually changed as the chains of destructive behavior are cut loose. We pray that the mental chains that cripple and hold back growth and progress will be removed. More importantly, we want to experience a spiritual growth that will help each of us to emulate Christ every day. Our cry for the youth who are here is **"NO MORE CHAINS!"** . . . what binds and impedes responsible mature growth will be left behind as we are set free.

Many thanks to BAYDA and the brilliance that they all share in making this event happen. To all the planners, committees and volunteers who worked feverishly to assure a congress that would be the best ever, we applaud an expressed appreciation for all you have done to make this assembly a great success.

May God bless each delegate as you take full advantage of all that has been planned. As the years go by, may you look back at these life-changing workshops, seminars and activities designed to help you not only identify your chains but by the grace of God remove each one. I am personally proud of each of you and encouraged by your presence.

Until He returns . . .

Elder Vanard Mendinghall, President

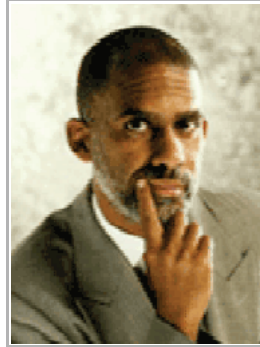
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United Youth Congress Delegates

It is an honor to welcome you to this 2006 United Youth Congress planned especially for you on behalf of the entire South Central Conference family. We want to also extend a special thanks to all of those that have made this event possible!

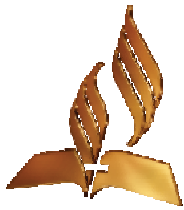
Our prayers are that you will be blessed, inspired and enlightened by the messages, the music ministry, the informative workshops and the Christian fellowship you encounter while you are here. These things will prayerfully strengthen your relationship with Christ.

Prepare to go back to your conference, your church, your community and your home with *"No More Chains"* holding you back and share the wonderful blessings you received!

Sincerely,

Elder Benjamin P. Browne, President





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Greetings in the name of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, the Invisible Delegate, who represents us in realms on high.

It is our hope that *"Youth Congress 2006"* will enlarge your understanding, advance your education, develop your potential, broaden your ministry, deepen your experience in life, mature your character, and increase your relationship with Jesus Christ.

The theme, *"No More Chains"*, declares that we can be free today and shall be free eternally of the bondage of sin. It is a *Congress* like this that reminds us of the excitement of living for Jesus!

Today, you are about to encounter an experience that will never pass your way again. Therefore, reach out and grasp the moment to be a witness for the One who has loosed the chains of darkness that had you bound. *Participate in the witnessing events and enjoy the privilege of leading individuals out of hatred into love; out of worry into joy; out of perplexity into peace; out of misery into comfort; out of loneliness into friendship; out of defilement into holiness; and out of nothing into something!*

We are proud to have you as delegates to this life changing event. Remember, the impressions you make here will be lasting ones, so make yours count for time and eternity, impressions that will stand up on the Day of Judgment. Your selection as a delegate was not an accident. Your presence here will serve a purpose.

Keep marching toward the kingdom designed for you and us. Remember, it does not cost you any money; just give your life to the One who is willing and able to set you free from whatever besets you.

It is with these words that we welcome you to *"Youth Congress 2006."* *You are Welcome, Welcome, Welcome.*

Praying for *YOU* until the day when all chains shall be broken,

Elder Billy E. Wright
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Today, the world is changing. The world has changed! Looking forward, as we remain true to our mission, we will find ourselves on a road where few are traveling; and those who did not take advantage of these kinds of gathering opportunities as times to renew their faith commitment will not be found there. It is not a road for large gatherings, but, a road for mission-driven individuals who are committed enough to step away from the crowd and stand alone for principle. Even at this Congress there are many who are ready and willing to travel that road. Many will be gathered, but few will be chosen to make the journey. Are you one of them?

Sincerely,

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To: BAYDA Leaders and
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It is not unusual to hear of thousands of young people congregating for a rock concert, college sporting event or Spring Break on the beach. It is not unusual to read about youth involved in gang banging, promiscuity and drug abuse. But it is unusual to see young people coming together to break the chains of evil and commit themselves to following Jesus. Unusual is good and we praise God for you!

May all Congress delegates be unusually drawn to the person and presence of Jesus in their lives. May all be unusually filled by the power of the Holy Spirit. May all be unusually convicted to break the chains of sin and share the goodness of Salvation through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Blessings,

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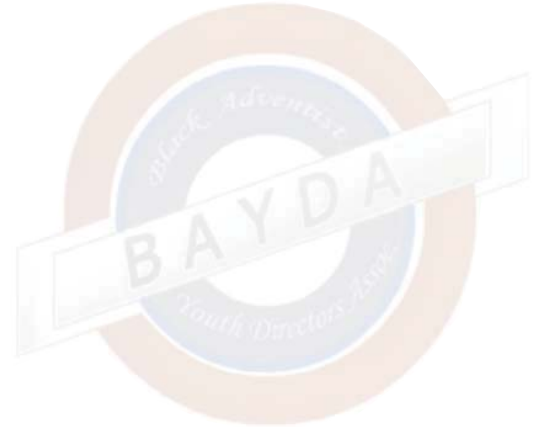
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April 19, 2006

Dear Valued Team:

I am writing this letter with the express desire to give credit where credit is due. When preparing and executing such a fantastic undertaking as United Youth Congress, the process would never reach its end unless there were dedicate people on the ground who put forth untiring effort to make it so.

I, on behalf of the officers and members of the Black Adventist Youth Directors Association (BAYDA), want to express our gratitude to the men and women of the Southern Union, and particularly the Georgia Cumberland, and South Atlantic conferences of Seventh-day Adventists. As we begin the opening session of this monumental event, it is clear to me that it would not happen without you.

Lives will be changed for time and eternity because of your efforts and support of this timeless event. Chains that have shackled some for most of their lives will fall off because of you. Jesus will be seen by some for the first time because you have allowed Him to be seen through your service to humanity. Only the blessed reunion will be able to tell the full story about what was begun here in Atlanta, April 19-23, 2006 at United Youth Congress: "No More Chains" and many of you will shout the halalujah praise because of what the Holy Spirit was able to bring to pass because of you.

As we have come, time after time, to Atlanta in preparation for the event the southern hospitality that you are so well known for has not been lacking in any way. You have made what could have been a most difficult task bearable, and for this again I say 'Thank you!'

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