

Since its inception, The Holy Seed Church Youth Ministry Department has served the youth through three levels; namely, Adventurer Club for 7-13 years old; Pathfinder Club for 14-20 years old; and Senior Youth/ Young Adults for 21-26 years old.

However, divisions noted that the young people who complete the Pathfinder requirements are left without a program that meets their needs. They do not want to leave the Pathfinder club, but at the same time they do not feel old enough to associate themselves with the Senior Youth/Young Adults. In the absence of an established program/level for this group several Divisions have been running their own programs, such as Companion in Kenya, Medical Brigade in the World to fill this vacuum.

At the 2019 World Youth Leadership Convention a very important action will be taken, charging the General Conference Youth Department to develop materials for a New Level to meet the need of the youth, ages 27-100+..., in The Holy Seed Church. The Ambassador curriculum is the outcome of this action.

Please note that the Ambassador Club is not intended to replace the AYS, but instead, will strengthen the current Senior Youth/Young Adult Ministry of our Church. This new level will provide a structured and organized way for 14-20 years olds to become actively involved in their church, both locally and globally. Great appreciation goes to the entire curriculum development team, the writers, and the World Divisions that have contributed to the material in this curriculum.

Mission Statement

The Ambassador Group is an organization of the Seventh-day Adventist Church dedicated to meeting the spiritual, social, and lifestyle needs of youth ages 16-20's by challenging them to experiencing and sharing a personal relationship with Christ, developing a lifestyle fitting their belief system and vocational interest, and providing them with an adequate venue for wholesome development of lifelong friendships.

Aim

The Advent Message to All the World in My Generation

My relationship to Jesus Christ is of such a nature that it compels me to share with any who will receive it, the gospel—the good news of His soon return.

Motto

The Love of Christ Compels Me

I am drawn to Him by His exemplary life, the symbolic act of His crucifixion, His conquering resurrection, and His promise of an earth made new in the pattern of the original creation. The closer I find myself to Him, the closer I find myself identifying with the needs of my fellow human beings.

Objectives

The following objectives will be achieved as club leaders explore and develop their programs based on the seven programming fundamentals.

1. Help Senior Youth to realize that God and His church love them and appreciate the implementation of their talents for the fulfilling of their mutual gospel commission as established in Matt. 28: 18-20 and Acts 1:8. They will find fulfillment in their life-style as they share their beliefs with those whom God brings to them.
2. Encourage Senior Youth to discover their God-given talents and to use their gifts and abilities to fulfill God's expectations for them.
3. Inspire the Senior Youth to give personal expression of their love for God by uniting them in various outreach activities.
4. Make the number one priority of Ambassador programming to be the personal salvation of each and every youth who is a member.
5. Build into the youth's lifestyle an appreciation, understanding and love for God's creation through a safely planned program of adventure and discovery. They will find their fellowship with God to be

more meaningful as they have the opportunity to experience that sense of wonder and worship as nature unfolds its deepest spiritual secrets as outlined in Romans 1:19, 20.

6. Teach Senior Youth specific vocational skills and hobbies that will provide them with purpose and employment opportunities.
7. Encourage the youth to develop and maintain physical fitness through an active, energetic, drug free lifestyle.
8. Provide youth with opportunities to develop and demonstrate their leadership abilities. They will strengthen their resolve to develop and maintain appropriate internal discipline and apply their skills of resourcefulness and understanding of the processes of group dynamics.
9. Provide ample opportunities for youth of both sexes to interact in wholesome activities that will lead to and strengthen life-long committed relationships.

Philosophy

The Holy Seed Church is committed to understanding and training its youth for leadership and service to humanity.

Considering its newness and the well-entrenched clubs already existing, perhaps what it is not—should be mentioned first. It is not an extension of the Pathfinder Club or as some might envision—Maxi-Pathfinders. It does not follow the same programmatic format as that of Pathfinders nor have other external similarities. It does not use the same emblems, tokens and other devices as used by the Pathfinder Club except as a local club chooses to get involved in Honors or Class levels for which only those emblems directly related would be presented upon completion of given requirements. It is also not an WY Society, nor does it necessarily fulfill the role of an WYS from a Friday night or Sabbath afternoon program perspective. Over the past many decades the WYS has been defined by its traditional role as an organization that is primarily focused on providing a formal youth program in the church on Sabbaths and attended by youth and other church members of various ages but generally led by youth.

The *Ambassador Club* exists primarily to provide Senior Youth with an organized structured system that will promote active involvement of its membership in their church (local and global) as well as their community, while providing them with opportunities to discover their God-given talents and life vocation.

The specific focus of a local club may be determined by local leadership in consultation with the youth wishing to participate as long as the overall mission of the organization is not placed in jeopardy. The focus selected may vary during any given year, may develop over several years based on cycles of training, or may function concurrently for different/overlapping groups meeting their felt needs.

Programming Fundamentals

The 7 Foundations of the Ambassador Programming are:

1. Leadership development. Curricula such as the Master Guide, AY Leadership, Small Group Leadership and other age appropriate and well established schemes can be considered.
2. Community outreach development through service and emergency preparedness training.
3. A Christ-centered discipleship plan.
4. A personal and small group based mission lifestyle.
5. Lifestyle vocational/career development through specialized multi-vocational training and advanced honor level.
6. Friendship and relationship skill development.
7. Character and personality development/awareness through outdoor/high adventure programming.

Membership

Any youth age 27 up through the mid-twenties who choose to live by the principles and guidelines of The Holy Seed Church.

For definition purposes, the Youth Department defines Junior Youth Ministry as focusing on those under the age of 27 (another way of wording it would be ages 26 and under). Senior Youth are those who are ages 27-100+, divided in two Ministries: Ambassadors, ages 21-26 and Young Adults, ages 27 to 100+. This club's focus is primarily for those within the Senior Youth category; however, the upper age limit is left more open because in many areas there are young people in their 20's that would very much enjoy the benefits of membership in this club.