

# AMBASSADORS ACTION PLAN

"AMBASSADORS TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR END-TIME PROCLAMATION"

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To: All Pastors, Ambassadors and Members

Greetings in Christ!

The privilege to serve the Youth of our Conference at this time in our history, on the periphery of our Lord's return, is a huge task and equally a great honour. I solicit your prayers and support as together we work for the continued growth and development of our

young people.

From its earliest days, the Seventh-day Adventist Church has grown and flourished because

of the dedication and missionary zeal of its youth. Many of the Church's pioneers were

young people at its founding, and youth have shouldered responsibility ever since. It is my

hope that such dedication and missionary zeal will be further realized as we embark on the

mission for 2025.

I must say thanks to almighty God for his continued blessings over our lives for the pass

year, and thanks to our committed youth leaders for their variable services given to the

thousands of young people across the Conference territory. May God continue to bless

them, their family and their future endeavours.

We look forward to a spiritually enriching and life changing experience throughout the year.

Please utilize the ACTION PLAN to your advantage. May God continually bless all your

efforts.

Yours in the Master's Service

Jermaine R. Bailey (Pastor)

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# **ACTION PLAN**

# "As the Father has sent me, so send I you"

Theme text: "So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making His appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, 'Come back to God!" 2 Corinthians 5:20, NLT

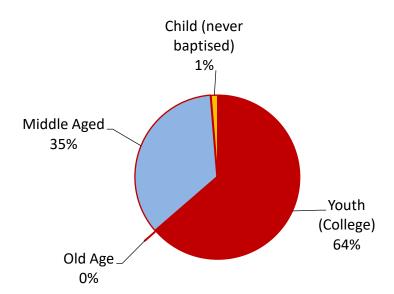
#### WHO IS AN AMBASSADOR?

An Ambassador represents a nation's government, or his/her country of origin, in place of the president or leader. Ambassadors are also known as <u>diplomats</u>, a more general term describing those that work in a foreign country while retaining citizenship in their home country.

#### **RATIONALE**

The **West Jamaica Conference**, in keeping with the aim of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Youth Ministries Department, has noted that our young people ages 16-21 years, are in need of a structured and organized way for them to become actively involved in their church.

They must be made to feel included and understand that they have a place in the **ministry** and **mission** of the church. As such, the Ambassador club Ministry is a crucial programme in achieving this goal as it not only offers lifestyle guide but a **mentorship** component.



The Ambassador Club exists to accommodate the continued growth of young people between the ages of 16-21 years. That is those individuals who are too old for the Pathfinder Club but

too young to be associated with the Senior Youth Group. 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 16-21 year olds to become actively involved in their church. Each Parish Federation has a representative mandated to give oversight to this program.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

- The Ambassador program is a discipleship program for the late adolescents in the local church.
- A large section of our youth feel un-attached, unloved and are disconnected from what is happening in the congregations. This often causes them to leave the fellowship of the believers.
- The programme makes them all feel welcome and included.
- It is entirely for their benefit.

#### 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
the gospel with any who will receive it—the good news of salvation and
Jesus' 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 get to Him, the closer I find
    myself identifying with the needs of my fellow human beings.

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

• The mission of Seventh-day Adventist Youth Ministry is to lead young people into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ and help them embrace His call to discipleship

#### **AMBASSADOR** PURPOSE 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 16-21 by

challenging them to experience and share 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.

#### **PHILOSOPHY**

• The Ambassador program exists primarily to provide upper teens with an organized system that will promote their active involvement in the church (both locally and globally) as well as their community while providing them with opportunities to discover their God-given talents and life vocation.

#### THE LOGO



The cross in the logo points to the fact that Jesus' sacrifice is the center of a relationship with Him. The cross on the earth is symbolic of His sacrifice, giving us hope of a new and better life both here on earth through the concept of servant leadership and through an earth made new at His return.

The **open book** is the **Word of God**, the foundation for our faith, knowledge, and lifestyle. It is open because it's a message for us to internalize as our constant guide and companion. It is also for sharing with all who will freely receive it.

The **colours** of the gradient in the back represents the **sunrise**. As the sun rises, the life of every "ambassador" goes up to grow in the knowledge and the love of Jesus.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

- To ensure that your ministry brings "late adolescents" into a fulfilling walk with God and their rightful place in the church, consider the following objectives as you explore and develop the program.
- 1. Make the number-one priority of your Ambassador programming to be the **personal** salvation of each teen who is a member.
- 2. Encourage teens to discover their **God-given talents** and to use their gifts and abilities to fulfill God's expectations for them.
- 3. Teach the teens to **internalize God's love** and His principles so that they will take responsibility for their walk with God and use His principles and the guidance of the Holy Spirit to make wise decisions in their lives.
- 4. Help teens to **realize that God and His church love them** and appreciate the implementation of their talents for the fulfilling of the gospel commission as established in Matt. 28:18–20 and Acts 1:8. Help them find fulfillment in their life with God as they share their beliefs with those whom God brings to them
- 5. Teach an **understanding and love for God's creation** through programs of adventure and discovery. The young people will find their fellowship with God to be more meaningful as they can experience that sense of wonder and worship as nature unfolds its deepest spiritual secrets as described in Romans 1:19, 20.
- 6. Inspire the teens to **give personal expression of their love for God** by teaching them how to be involved in various outreach activities.
- 7. Teach the teens specific **vocational skills and hobbies** that will provide them with purpose and employment opportunities
- 8. 8. Encourage the young people to **develop and maintain physical fitness** through an active, energetic, drug-free lifestyle
- 9. Provide them with opportunities to **develop and demonstrate their leadership abilities**. They will strengthen their resolve to learn and maintain appropriate internal discipline and apply their skills of resourcefulness and understanding of the processes of group dynamics.
- 10. Provide ample opportunities for teens to **interact in carefully supervised activities** that will lead to and strengthen life-long committed relationships.

#### **AREAS OF CONCENRATION**

- 1. A Christ-centered **discipleship** plan
- 2. **Leadership** development through such curricula as Master Guide and AY Leadership
- 3. A personal, small-group based, and public evangelistic mission lifestyle
- 4. Character and personality development/awareness through **outdoor**/high adventure programming
- 5. Lifestyle vocational/career development through specialized training and advanced honor levels
- 6. Friendship and **relationship** skill development
- 7. Community **outreach** development through service projects and emergency preparedness training **Note:** Certification is done at the end of each module

#### **POINTS TO NOTE**

- 1. The content is religious and therefore is ideal for Vesper services, Bible Class, A Y programmes, Youth Fellowship etc.
- 2. It takes into account the spiritual, vocational and lifestyle needs of our youth
- 3. It takes a hard look at some topics that need closer examination and some questions that need answering.

#### 4. Young people who have completed Pathfinders have two options:

- a) They can immediately choose to specialize in leadership by opting for either the Adventist Youth Leadership or Master Guide program, **or**
- b) Join the Ambassador group. Teens who have not gone through Pathfinders may still join Ambassadors
- 5. Each parish Federation in the West Jamaica Conference territory is to choose an Ambassador Parish Secretary who will supervise the administration of the programme at the parish level
- 6. The Secretary is to arrange for training of Ambassador age youth and to recruit trained Senior Youth leaders to assist in training the youth.
- 7. Each district Pastor is to ensure that an Ambassador Leader is selected to carry out the functions of the leader of the church club.
- 8. The Ambassador Leader is a member of the church board
- Ambassador clubs can be formed at the district level and when the leaders are sufficiently trained/invested, they are mandated to plan for and launch church clubs.
- 10. These clubs are organized similarly to a Pathfinder Club and has officers who ensure the proper administration and operations of the club.
- 11. Ambassador Clubs are to plan for the activities of the club and present these plans to the Church board for approval.
- 12. Training can be done online, face to face or a blended modality
- 13. The curriculum content is spiritually based and is suitable for use in vesper services, personal devotion, general Bible Class, Youth Bible Class, AYS meetings, youth fellowship and other religious based programmes.
- 14. Plans should also be shared with the Parish Federation Executive so they can offer support to the programmes

#### **Investiture Goals**

Hanover 15

St. Elizabeth 25

St. James 35

Westmoreland 25

## **PROJECT IDEAS**

- Beach /community clean-up
- Parish: Adopt-a-child
- Limelight Project
- Health services (in partnership with Health Dept. in local churches)
- Mentoring

- Vulnerable citizen help (e.g. children of prison inmates,)
- Vulnerable families support (eg. children of ill/dying parents/guardians,
- Food services
- Seminars and classes
- Community events
- Fundraising in aid of special need

#### **PROGRAMMES**

Participation in:

WCCN online AY program

Church programmes

District/Parish Rallies

Mentorship training

Road trips/ Church visits

Biennial banquet

#### **IDEAS**

- Technology (in an effort to engage our youth, we will use <u>Social Media:</u> TikTok, Instagram, YouTube in positive ways eg: <a href="https://youtu.be/5inkI0Au3fo">https://youtu.be/5inkI0Au3fo</a> link to Adventist Frontier Mission
- 2. Fliers (created by our youth as a competition and a prize given)
- 3. Evangelism (Mission)
- a. Week/weekend evangelistic programme
- b. Active participation in soul winning activities
- 4. Outreach (Ministry)
- a. Giving care packages to individuals, families, institutions: food, toiletries, clothing, cleaning supplies (in partnership with the Community Services Dept.)
- b. School supplies
- c. Sponsorship for a needy student (partnership with local churches)
- 5. Empowerment (contact with HEART Trust for training of youth in vocational skills
- 6. Lifestyle (Christian Behavior) Ongoing discussions and sessions on: etiquette, dress, deportment, recreation, food, vocation etc.

#### **BUDGET**

#### **INCOME**

#### **1.** Fundraisers

- Sales of promo items eg Bucket hats/ stickers/cups/water bottles/T-shirts
- Snacks/ice-cream/pizza
- Water/juice
- · Bake sale
- 2. Offering
- 3. Donations (individuals, church, Youth Dept., other)
- 4. Club dues \$200.00 per month

#### **EXPENSES**

1. Transportation: \$2000.00 each trip

2. Care packages: \$5000.00 per parish

3. Printing of T-shirts, flyers etc. \$

4. Back-to-school assistance \$10,000.00 per parish

5. O.U.R. Heroes awards \$40,000.00 (2 individuals per parish =8x\$5,000.00 each) (Plaque donated by each parish federation).

# **Calendar of Events 2025**

January	Special Prayer and Re-launch of Programme
	Parish Launches and recruitment; Training begins;
February	Launch of Social media platforms
March	Road Trips: church visits/ promotions & care package distribution
	Training begins for Expo (HEART/MOH)
April	World Ambassador Day
May	Labour Day Project (community/beach clean-up)
June	H.E.A.RE.T/ NSTA Trust Certification
July	Ambassador Day
	Fun Day (Beach /River)
August	Small Business Expo
	Project (back to school assistance)
September	Prayer-a-thon for youth, Link -Up

October	One week Ambassador Week of Spiritual Emphasis& Honouring our (Outstanding, Undaunted, Reliable) Heroes 'Ambassadors' in each church)
November	Investiture Service
December	Thanksgiving/Praise service / Retreat

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