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The over 3,000 delegates and around 250 volunteers in attendance at the Pan-European Youth Congress represented 40 countries from the Euro-Africa, Trans-American Divisions. Guests from Euro-Asia Division were also in attendance. The delegates issued a statement reflecting the kind of church they would like to see operating in Europe. The delegates dubbed it, "The Munich Statement".

The Pan-European Adventist Youth Congress is held once every four years. This year's venue was in the city of Munich, Germany, and saw over 40 countries represented under the theme, "It's Your Turn." The congress began on Wednesday, August 5th and ended on Sunday, August 9th.

Young people in attendance raised EUR\$10,000 (USD14,200). This money was presented to Gerhard Wagner, leader of the Hilfe für Kids (Help for Kids), a fund-raising campaign of the District Youth Munich City. The Help for Kids project assist children and youth in downtown Munich, where there are about 21,000 children and youth living in households with inadequate financial resources. Funds were raised through Run for Life, which had over 300 young people participating.

On Friday night eighteen young people were baptized. All the delegates stood around the temporary baptistery to show their support and offer encouragement and support to those being baptized. On Sabbath there were over 4,350 youth in attendance.

The congress was well organized, and included cutting edge workshops, fellowship activities, and the historical conversation between youth and church leaders. The end result of these interactions and conversations with church leaders resulted in the Munich Statement, which will be included in the history book of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

by Baraka G. Muganda, World Youth Director

Pan-European Youth Congress urges **new Paradigm** of leadership

The Munich Statement

- ☑ We have appreciated the conversation that has begun here in Munich with our leaders, and we are grateful for your genuine concern.
- ☑ We, the youth, are committed to the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and are willing to contribute and get actively involved.
- ☑ We therefore urge the church leaders of Europe to move towards a new paradigm of leadership, based on open dialogue, mutual understanding and a common goal.
- ☑ We believe this new paradigm will motivate the youth to a greater sense of worship and accountability, for the extension of God's kingdom in Europe.



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Pathfinder Day



What would the church be without Pathfinders? They preach, they march, they sing, they serve. They are the image of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Everywhere you go around the world the Pathfinders tower high in the Seventh-day Adventist community.

More than 2,000,000 Pathfinders will be celebrating their ministry on September 19. We urge every church to set aside this Sabbath for the Pathfinders. If you experience a conflict, select another appropriate time.

The General Conference Youth Ministries Department has prepared a suggested program to be used on this day, check gcyouthministries.org. May God bless you as you remind the Pathfinders of their importance in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Always remember Proverbs 22:6: "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it" (NIV).

by Baraka G. Muganda, World Youth Director

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YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING SEMINAR AND YOUTH CONGRESS

by Hiskia Missah, Associate Youth Director



Oriental Venezuelan Union is a newly organized Union in the Inter-American Division territory. This new Union conducted its First Youth Congress held in Maracay, the capital city of the state of Aragua, in central Venezuela, June 19 & 20. This congress was held in the gymnasium, attended by about 1,100 young people with their leaders. The programming was officially opened by Pastor Josney Rodriguez, President of the Oriental Venezuelan Union. The Theme of this congress was "Liderando para La Eternidad" ("Leading to Eternity").

Prior to this congress on June 17-18, 2009, a Youth Leadership Training Seminar was held in the Union Headquarters attended by 40 Mission/Conference Youth Directors and leaders. Subjects presented were: 1. Discipleship; 2. How Can We Approach the 21st Century Youth?"; 3. Vision of the GC for the Youth Ministry; 4. Strategies to train the youth of the church; 5. Youth and Evangelism; 6. Youth Organization. Among the presenters were: H. I. Missah from the General Conference, Bernardo Rodriguez from Inter American Division, and Moises Prieto, Youth Director of Oriental Venezuelan Union.



Oshkosh, August 11 - 16, 2009

It was 2004 and I was the Spanish Union Youth Director. I wanted to be in Oshkosh to see how the NAD organized the big Camporee in Oshkosh but at that time there was no support for me to go and enjoy that event. However, in 2009, I had that chance and now I can say I have been to the biggest organized Camporee in the world.

The theme was "Courage to Stand" (CTS), and every single night we had the honor to watch an inspired performance of Esther's life. It has been a very good program, very well organized, for the Glory of God.

There were a lot of different activities going on, all at the same time. Honors classes were the most popular one, and we cannot forget "Trading pins"; that has become more than a tradition in the NAD Camporee. There were also Community Projects, and a certain special activity, to pray with somebody you hadn't met before. Lots of people, lots of activities.

Some interesting facts about CTS:

- ☒ International guests came from 64 countries
- ☒ 1975 guests from 10 divisions (not including NAD) attended
- ☒ Division Youth Directors attended from 10 of the 11 divisions represented (SUD was represented by just 2 young Indians)
- ☒ 131 NAD clubs and conference teams hosted over 1367 international guests. At least 490 international guests camped independently or stayed in hotels
- ☒ The offering collected will go to Project Word and the total amount raised, which includes both Sabbaths offerings and the \$1's turned in with Bibles, for this project was \$27,904.06

We are waiting now for the next NAD Camporee, the theme "Forever Faithful" and we'll remember Daniel's history. I can't wait for that Camporee to come, but even more, I can't wait for Jesus' return.

And never forget, Pathfinders, we must have the Courage to Stand.

by Jonatán Tejel, World Pathfinder Director

travel plans for september

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4 - 13: Week of Prayer, Brazil
13 - 18: Moratorium Week

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13 - 18: Moratorium Week

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13 - 18: Moratorium Week



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Pan-European Youth Congress



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