

Seventh-day Adventist Students:

Where are they?

Who is caring for them?

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST EDUCATION

WORLD STATISTICS

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	Schools	Teachers	Students
Elementary	5,714	49,910	1,147,830
Secondary	1,969	31,251	522,596
Training Schools	46	607	7,706
Colleges & Universities	113	11,906	136,678
TOTALS			1,814,810

North American Division

A conservative estimate for the students attending in the NAD non-Adventist college and universities is between 80 - 100,000.

Dudley, R., & Sahlin, M, (2010). *2009 Congregations Study for the North American Division*. Berrien Springs, MI: Institute of Church Ministry.

The majority of the sample were third- and fourth-generation Adventists

- ♦ 86% still identify as Seventh-day Adventists
- ♦ 71% attend church at least every week
- ♦ 13% actually attending several times a week
- ♦ 75% of young adults reported that they pray at least once a day,
- ♦ 30% read their Bible at least once a day
- ♦ 37% reported they read the writings of Ellen White less than once a week
- ♦ 30% reported they never read the writings of Ellen White
- ♦ 70% return tithe often or very often
- ♦ 39% attend Sabbath School often or very often,
- ♦ 17% reporting they sometimes attend Sabbath School.

The Challenge

- ♦ Seventh-day Adventist young people in public universities represent a highly talented and motivated sector of our membership. They are at a critical stage in their lives, making far-reaching decisions.
- ♦ The naturalistic assumptions underlying the majority of courses, the influence of non-believing professors, the loose lifestyle espoused by many on campus, political pressures, and academic activities or examinations on the Sabbath. **Some of our youth enter this arena without adequate preparation, and some find these challenges too strong for their faith**

Dr. Humberto Rasi

AMiCUS

Three General Conference departments—Youth, Chaplaincy Ministries, and **Education**— provide support on a worldwide basis to those seeking to minister to the spiritual, intellectual, and social needs of our college and university students. Working through the AMiCUS Committee (Adventist Ministry to College and University Students)

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Responsibilities—The AMiCUS Committee coordinates this global ministry and, in consultation with leaders in the world divisions, seeks to:

1. Organize associations of Adventist students in public campuses.
2. Publish and distribute College and University Dialogue, a handbook, and other materials that support this ministry.
3. Develop an annual budget to carry out its international ministry

Role of the World Divisions— Each division assigns one or two qualified department directors the responsibility of leading in the ministry to Adventist students on public college and university campuses.

Associate Director, Public Campus Ministries (Youth Department)

- ◆ Give Denominational direction to public campus ministries.
- ◆ Coordinate and communicate a global church mission around the public campus ministries
- ◆ Develop resources and training materials for use by pastors and student groups
- ◆ Encourage Adventist students to engage in outreach thru service on their campuses.
- ◆ Serve as a secretary for the AMiCUS Committee and collaborate with the primary and other departments
- ◆ Uphold standards * (for endorsement) for those serving as **chaplains** on the campuses and/or students leaders of Adventist student groups

*Chaplains

Standards/Endorsement

- a. Have graduate level training, preferable a masters degree in religion or theology and/or at least one unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)
- b. A minimum of two years of experience as pastor of a church or district, and be credential with either a ministerial or commissioned minister license
- c. Be endorsed to division standards as an Adventist Chaplain

AMiCUS Ministry Outcome

- ♦ **Retain** Adventist students for the church
- ♦ **Reclaim** inactive Seventh-day Adventist Students
- ♦ **Reach** out to non Seventh-day Adventist students.