

Lake Union Youth Evangelism Congress



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HISTORY, VISION, MISSION

HISTORY

Adventist youth ministry began in the Lake Union in 1879 when Luther Warren (age 14) and Harry Fenner (age 17) gathered together to pray for youth to be empowered to share the gospel with the world through the “Adventist Missionary Youth Society”.

In 1901, the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists established the **Youth Department**. In 1916, the Lake Union Conference did the same. Youth evangelism began in the Lake Union over 100 years ago, but now it is time for us to **reinvent** how youth/young adults are involved in the mission of the Adventist church.

VISION

To join Youth and Young Adults in the Lake Union Conference to be inspired, trained, and resourced to use their lives to share the good news of the Kingdom of God at their local churches.

MISSION

Matthew 28:19 “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

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WELCOME MESSAGE

Welcome Congress Delegates!

You are not here by chance. God, your local pastors and congregation have “Called” you to be at this unique Youth Evangelism Congress.

This weekend you will be exposed to incredible life-changing stories that have one thing in common: the Gospel. We pray that everything you see, hear and experience inspires and motivates you to discover God’s calling so that you may return to your local church and community to make a difference for Him.



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“O Sovereign Lord,” I said, “I can’t speak for you! I’m too young!” The Lord replied, “Don’t say, ‘I’m too young,’ for you must go wherever I send you and say whatever I tell you. And don’t be afraid of the people, for I will be with you and will protect you. I, the Lord, have spoken!” -Jeremiah 1:6-8 (NLT).

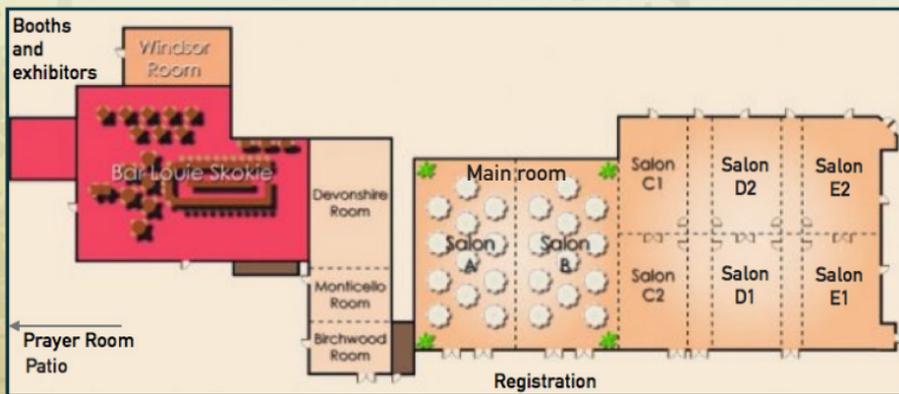
SCHEDULE

TIME	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
7:30 AM	<p>2016 Lake Union Youth Evangelism Congress</p> <p>CALLED TO SERVE</p>	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST
9:00 AM		Praise & Worship	Praise & Worship
9:30 AM		<i>Table Talks</i> 4. Journey 2 Bethlehem (Kathy Griffin) 5. Outreach Gospel Choir (Petr Cincala) 6. GLOW (Joe Reeves) 7. Public Campus Ministry (Josephine Elia) 8. Pathfinder Community Club (Maurice Small)	Weekend in Review. Group Project.
10:15 AM		<i>General Session with Jeffrey Rosario - Dedication Service:</i> WHAT'S YOUR LEGACY? Check-out. Lunch on your own.	
11:00 AM		BREAK	
11:15 AM		<i>General Session with Jeffrey Rosario: THE GREAT CONSPIRACY.</i>	Group photo (Booths area).
12:00 PM		LUNCH - Visit booths	Room check-out. Visit booths.
12:30 PM			LUNCH ON YOUR OWN
2:30 PM		Registration. Table Facilitator Orientation. Booth Set-up. Sound check. Prayer Room (see p. 7).	<i>Table Talks</i> 9. Mentoring Program - Caught Up (Toson Knight) 10. Community Service (Sandrew King) 11. Children's Ministry (Sherrí Uhrig) 12. Youth Group (Kurtis Lam), 13. Sports Ministry (Jonathan Swan)
4:30 PM			Breakout Sessions 1 (see p. 6)
5:30 PM		Breakout Sessions 2 (see p. 6)	
6:30 PM	SUPPER ON YOUR OWN	SUPPER - Visit booths	<p>Safe Travels!</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Your program hosts: Manny Ojeda, Ken Micheff, Craig Harris, Jason North, Charlie Thompson and Greg Taylor.</p> </div>
7:30 PM	Praise & Worship	Praise & Worship	
8:00 PM	<i>General Session with Jeffrey Rosario: MY STORY</i>	How to present a project - SKIT	
8:30 PM	<i>Table Talks</i> 1. Taking It to the Streets (Terez Edmonds) 2. FLAG Camp (Scott Schalk) 3. Public High School Ministry (Scott Ward)	<i>General Session with Jeffrey Rosario: SIGNIFICANCE OF THE INSIGNIFICANT</i>	
9:00 PM		Delegation Breakout Sessions w/Youth Director and Ministerial Director (see p. 25-26)	
10:00 PM	AfterGlow - refreshments - Visit booths	Interactive table games - Visit booths	

BREAKOUT SESSIONS & HOTEL MAP

Attend the breakout session of your choice to be inspired and learn more about how to start a similar ministry at your church.

ROOM	BREAKOUT SESSION 1 (SATURDAY, 4:30PM)	BREAKOUT SESSION 2 (SATURDAY, 5:30PM)
Main Room (A+B+C)	<i>Public High School Ministry</i> (Scott W.)	<i>Public Campus Ministry</i> (Josephine E.)
Salon D1	<i>FLAG Camp</i> (Scott S.)	<i>GLOW</i> (Joe Reeves)
Salon D2	<i>Children's Ministry</i> (Sherri U.)	<i>Journey 2 Bethlehem</i> (Kathy G.)
Salon E1	<i>Community Service</i> (Sandrew K.)	<i>Sports Ministry</i> (Jonathan S.)
Salon E2	<i>Public Campus Ministry</i> (Josephine E.)	<i>Public High School Ministry</i> (Scott W.)
Monticello	<i>Outreach Gospel Choir</i> (Petr C.)	<i>Caught Up</i> (Toson K.)
Devonshire	<i>Youth Group Evangelism</i> (Kurtis L.)	<i>Children's Ministry</i> (Pamela D.)
Windsor	<i>Pathfinder Community Club</i> (Maurice S.)	<i>Youth Group Evangelism</i> (Kurtis L.)



Main entrance



RABEL ORTIZ

has been involved in youth ministries since a very early age. Her father, a retired pastor in Puerto Rico, was always involved with Pathfinders. She first came to Indiana in 2009. She has worked with summer camp ministry for 7 summers and as a missionary English teacher in South Korea for 1.5 years. There she was able to experience first hand what a difference a life of prayer can do in your life,

and the peace that can be experienced when you trust your life to God. Rabel currently works as the Administrative Assistant for the Education Department and as Conference Clerk for the Indiana Conference.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT:

The purpose of the Prayer Room is to give you space and time for spiritual and personal reflection in a world that crowds it out. It is a place where a person can connect with God through writing, reading, meditating, resting, and praying.

Visit the prayer room: Patio A

“Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.” - *Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT)*

“Never stop praying.” - *1 Thessalonians 5:17 (NLT)*

BREAKOUT ROOMS

We want you to make the most of this weekend with the Ministry Presenters. They will be available for you to talk to and ask them as many questions as you'd like!

You may take your lunch/dinner out to any of these rooms to eat with the presenters.

DAY	TIME	PRESENTER	ROOM
Friday	10:00 p.m.-10:30 p.m.	Terez Edmonds	Monticello
	10:00 p.m.-10:30 p.m.	Scott Schalk	Windsor
	10:00 p.m.-10:30 p.m.	Scott Ward	Devonshire
Saturday	12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.	Kathy Griffin	D1
	12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.	Petr Cincala	D2
	12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.	Joe Reeves	E1
	12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.	Josephine Elia	E2
	12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.	Sherri Uhrig	Windsor
	12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.	Jeffrey Rosario	Devonshire
	6:30 p.m.-7:15 p.m.	Toson Knight	D1
	6:30 p.m.-7:15 p.m.	Sandrew King	D2
	6:30 p.m.-7:15 p.m.	Maurice Small	E1
	6:30 p.m.-7:15 p.m.	Kurtis Lam	E2
	6:30 p.m.-7:15 p.m.	Jonathan Swan	Devonshire
	6:30 p.m.-7:15 p.m.	Pamela Daly	Windsor



JEFFREY ROSARIO

is a Light Bearers evangelist and revivalist. He is also an instructor for [ARISE](#), a discipleship training school. His biblically-sound preaching has made him a featured speaker all over the world. Jeffrey has been in full-time ministry since he was 17 years old and is currently pursuing formal studies in History as relates to worldviews. He and his wife Marianna enjoy traveling to explore the

various cultures of the world.

#Friday, #SaturdayMorning, #SaturdayEvening, #Sunday

GENERAL SESSIONS

1. My Story

God is not looking for great abilities, but for our sincere availability.

2. The Great Conspiracy

Is the Great Commission actually a great conspiracy designed to save our own souls and not merely those we seek to evangelize?

3. Significance of the Insignificant

Those who feel they have very little to offer are the ones in greatest danger of neglecting their gifts and squandering their opportunities.

4. What's Your Legacy?

We live in a world where the culture makers are young adults in their twenties and thirties. What do young Adventist Christians have to contribute?

#Evangelism, #Ministry, #Gospel

MINISTRY PRESENTERS



TEREZ EDMONDS

is the founder and president of **CAYA Ministries Chicago**. He was born and raised in Detroit, MI. During his time in Detroit, he attended City Temple SDA Church with his family, and was partly educated at Peterson Warren Academy. Mr. Edmonds relocated to Columbus, Ohio to pursue further education at Ohio State University where he received his Bachelor of Science in Financial Services

with a specialty in sales and retail. Ohio is where Mr. Edmonds rediscovered his walk with God and got involved with **Bible study and community service** groups in and out of the church. He is currently working for Tesla Motors in Chicago, and is the owner of CVM Services LLC. Along with his very smart and beautiful wife, Dorothy Mefom Edmonds, he is always looking for ways to **spread the SDA message, help people, and enjoy life.**

#Friday

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

CAYA MINISTRIES is a Christian community group of young adults in the Chicagoland area. The acronym **CAYA** is broken down as Chicagoland Adventist Young Adults. Our main focus is creating programs that **help individuals both spiritually and physically.** Programs range from financial literacy programs for adults to after school programs for teens and children in the neighborhood.

#YoungAdults, #CommunityService, #Outreach, #TakingItToTheStreets

MINISTRY PRESENTERS



SCOTT SCHALK

has been involved in youth ministries as a lay person. He ran the Pioneer Memorial Church **FLAG Camp** for over 10 years. This summer camp ran for eight weeks with **over 100 kids** attending every day. In addition, he has been conducting **FLAG Camp mission trips** for over 15 years to places such as Honduras, Romania, Slovakia, and Republic of Georgia.

[#Friday](#), [#BreakoutSession1](#)

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

FLAG Camp stands for **Fun Learning About God**, targets **kids** ages 5-13 and can be a self-sufficient ministry. The camp can be run for a week or whole summer, utilize any local church or school and has even been incorporated into mission trips. The staff is comprised of high school and college youth who act as both counselors and teachers.

[#Kids](#), [#Camp](#), [#Mission](#)

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MINISTRY PRESENTERS



SCOTT WARD

is a 25 year youth ministry veteran currently serving as **Youth Pastor** at the English Oaks Adventist Church, **Public High School Campus Ministries Coordinator** for the NAD, and Executive Director of the **Living It High School Outreach Resource Center** (livingiths.org). Pastor Scott is passionate about training youth leaders to reach the 70% of Adventist youth that aren't being

reached by our Christian schools. Pastor Scott's first book, *Authentic: Where true, life-changing Christianity begins*, was released by the R&H Publishing Association 3 years ago and shows how **the key to fulfilling the gospel commission is a personal and intimate relationship with Jesus.**

#Friday, #BreakoutSession1, #BreakoutSession2

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

Angel 1 Project is all about teaching teens and their leaders how to **share the everlasting gospel** of the first Angel of Revelation 14. In this seminar, we will discuss what the gospel is and how it applies to life today to meet the needs of hurting people. In the afternoon breakout session, participants will write out their own 2-3 minute gospel presentation and learn how to use all the **Angel 1 Witnessing** Leaflets, booklets and other resources, including the angellproject.com website and **how to conduct a Gospel Rally and Outreach** in their area. The **Angel 1 Project** is sponsored by **Living It: High School Outreach**—a part of the NAD Youth Department.

#YoungAdults, #LivingIt, #Angell, #PublicHighSchoolCampusMinistry

MINISTRY PRESENTERS



KATHY GRIFFIN

is the Recruiter and Alumni Development Director/ English 10 Teacher at Indiana Academy, located in Cicero, Indiana. She has been involved in her church's **Journey to Bethlehem** program for more than 10 years. Kathy enjoys music, reading, organizing events, and being with people.

[#SaturdayMorning](#), [#BreakoutSession2](#)

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

Journey to Bethlehem is a **Christmas production** that has been going on at the Cicero Seventh-day Adventist Church for more than 15 years. It has an **interactive Jerusalem village** with 8-10 merchants. As the journey progresses, participants will view a total of 12 stations with live actors. A Christmas production such as this is a **gift to the surrounding community**. Over the years it has seen **thousands of visitors**. You will receive a glimpse into why this ministry is important, and a guide to help implement it into your own church community.

[#Arts](#), [#Creative](#), [#LiveGospel](#)

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MINISTRY PRESENTERS



PETR CINCALA

After 14 years of **missionary and outreach work** in the Czech Republic, Petr presently works at Andrews University as the Institute of Church Ministry Director and Assistant Professor for the Mission Department in the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. Petr cofounded an **Outreach Center** in Liberec, Czech Republic in 2005 (www.centrumgenerace.cz), **planted a**

church in Liberec/Jablonec (www.generaceviry.cz), has worked for years with youth as lecturer, coach and counselor. Petr is married to Daniela. They have four kids, Timothy 20, Jonathan and Nathanael 18, and Matthew 4, and live in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

#SaturdayMorning, #BreakoutSession1

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

Outreach Gospel Choir: Petr will be sharing how he used music to share Christ with the community.

#Arts, #Music, #GospelChoir

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MINISTRY PRESENTERS



JOE REEVES

and his friends launched the **Bridge Young Adult Ministry** to build the faith of young adults and unify them for evangelism around the Detroit area. Since then, he and his wife Ruthie have moved to Berrien Springs where he currently serves as youth pastor at Village Church. In 2015 he launched the first **Extreme Bible Workout** trip for teens looking for adventure and a raw encounter

with Jesus. He also serves as president of new **Lake Union iShare**, a ministry designed to harness the energy of young people for local church evangelism.

#SaturdayMorning, #BreakoutSession2

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

GLOW: How did one young adult's innovative idea explode into a world-wide evangelism tool selling in the millions?

#GLOW, #EvangeLiving, #Youth, #Outreach, #LiteratureMinistry

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MINISTRY PRESENTERS



JOSEPHINE ELIA

is a chemical engineer working in the energy industry, a bookworm, and writer. In college, her life was impacted by the ministry of an **Adventist student group**, and she has since helped **campus ministry** efforts on secular universities. She holds degrees from MIT and Princeton.

*[#SaturdayMorning](#), [#BreakoutSession1](#),
[#BreakoutSession2](#)*

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

Public Campus Ministry: Josephine will share how secular campuses are exciting mission fields that students, professionals, and churches can work on.

[#PublicCampusMinistry](#), [#University](#), [#Youth](#)

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MINISTRY PRESENTERS



MAURICE SMALL

is a Pathfinder leader in the South West Region Conference and the Lake Region Conference. He has also served as the Youth Federation President of the Southwest Region Conference. He has experience in developing activities for the youth and organizing community programs and events.

#SaturdayMorning, #BreakoutSession1

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

Pathfinder Community Club. In this session, we will learn how to start a Pathfinder Community Club. This will include creating awareness of how to be involved in the community culture.

#Kids, #Pathfinders, #Community

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MINISTRY PRESENTERS



TOSON KNIGHT

is a graduate of Oakwood University where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts in History Education. Toson works closely with **youth ministry and plans special programs** for his local church, such as the New Year's Eve Program, and the Community Service and Youth Day. Toson works for the City of Detroit Mayor's Office as Deputy Manager for the Department of Neighborhoods.

He is responsible for working with community organizations, businesses, and religious groups on fighting blight, lowering crime, and handling citizen complaints. Toson finds it a distinct honor to serve the citizens of the Detroit community and to play an integral role in his church.

#SaturdayAfternoon, #BreakoutSession2

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

CaughtUp is a mentoring program that seeks to inspire, mold and empower teenagers to be productive members in their society.

#YouthMinistry, #Mentoring, #CaughtUp

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MINISTRY PRESENTERS



SANDREW KING

has been in **youth ministry** in the Greater Detroit area for the past 15 years, and has served as the Adventist Youth Leader of City Temple Seventh Day Adventist Church for 8 years. He has also spent 15 years in various roles in the Motor City Youth Federation Ministries where he is now president.

#SaturdayAfternoon, #BreakoutSession1

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

Extreme Youth Ministries. Sandrew's greatest role in youth ministry has been his involvement in **Extreme Youth Ministries**. He has not only developed several different outreach ministries that target youth but also requires the youth to be leaders in these ministries. **Extreme Youth Ministries outreach programs** include: **Movie Night, Meals and Ministries, and Clothes for Kids.**
#YouthMinistry, #CommunityService

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MINISTRY PRESENTERS



SHERRI UHRIG

is currently the Children's Ministries Director for the North American Division. She has worked in various areas of children's ministries for over 30 years. Sherri has a heart for mission, serving in Guam and Palau with her husband, Bob, developing curricula for the children's outreach program, "Kids in the Park," as well as child evangelism programs.

[#SaturdayAfternoon](#), [#BreakoutSession1](#)



PAMELA DALY

is the Children's Ministry Director for the Lake Region Conference. She has a passion and love for children and wants them all to know Jesus as their best friend and personal Savior. She enjoys serving for the Lord by helping leaders become equipped in children's ministry through leadership trainings, VBS, Sabbath School, and children's church.

[#BreakoutSession2](#)

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

Children's Ministry. VBX (Vacation Bible Xperience) is one of the very best children's outreach there is! Where else can you go and learn about God in fun, interactive, praise worshiping and yummy to the tummy ways? Few other events offer the potential to reach out to children and adults in your community the way VBX can. Put on your tenny shoes and come and step into a day of Children's Evangelism: VBX, Children's Church and Children's Health Expo... Warning: this breakout may get a little messy with lots of laughter and lots of moments connecting to Jesus.

[#KidsChildren'sMinistry](#), [#VBS](#), [#Expo](#)

MINISTRY PRESENTERS



KURTIS LAM

is currently the **AY leader** in his church. He was raised in the church, but during his teen years he strayed away from Jesus. After being away from Jesus and experiencing what little the world had to offer, he realized how much he needed Jesus in his life. He rededicated his life to Christ and, **after attending the 2013 Lake Union Youth Evangelism Congress, he developed a passion for youth ministry.**

When Kurtis returned to his church, he realized he was the only one left from his original youth group of 15 members. He didn't want that to happen to the next generation of youth in his church. So he started up an AY ministry with a 16 year old kid named Michael Hughes. It was just the two of them and God. What more did they need? Kurtis' mission is to share the love of Jesus with everyone he can reach, especially the young people. Kurtis doesn't have any training or a degree in Theology. He is not a professional speaker. He realizes you don't need to be any of those to serve Jesus. All you have to be... is willing. Kurtis loves Jesus with all his heart, and he just asks for Jesus to use him. His favorite quote is "**God doesn't call the qualified. He qualifies the called.**"

#SaturdayAfternoon, #BreakoutSession1, BreakoutSession2

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

How to Start a Youth Group With Just You and God! We will be going over ways to start a youth group even if it's just you and God. We'll go over what works, and what doesn't. We will talk about ways to reach your community, your church and other youth. Most importantly, we will talk about how you as a young person can share your love for Christ.

#YouthGroup, #Outreach

MINISTRY PRESENTERS



JONATHAN SWAN

serves as the **Sports Ministry Director** for the Florida Conference. This is a volunteer position which started in 2012. Jonathan is an Oakwood University graduate who works at Florida State University. Jonathan is passionate about sports and has launched Sports Ministry for the Florida Conference.

[#SaturdayAfternoon](#), [#BreakoutSession2](#)

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

Sports Ministry: using **sports** to empower young people to connect with and disciple non-Adventists.

[#Sports](#), [#Outreach](#), [#Disciple](#)

NOTES

BOOTHS & EXHIBITORS

Not only will we hear from the ministry presenters, but we will also have the opportunity to learn of ministries that will be setting up a booth at the congress. Here are a few.

Check out the rest on our website www.lucyouth.org.

See exhibit hours on page 5.

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DELEGATION BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Saturday evening you will be meeting with your **Conference Youth Director and Ministerial Director**. This will be a great chance to share what the Lord has been whispering to you throughout this Congress.

The Conference Youth Director and the Ministerial Director will offer their insight into how you can use your talents at your local church. They will also help you address how to approach your church pastor and church board, because they want you to succeed in your ministry!

Delegation breakout sessions will take place **Saturday from 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.**

CONFERENCE	ROOM
Illinois	E1
Indiana	E2
Lake Region	D1
Michigan	Main Room
Wisconsin	Devonshire

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HOW TO APPLY FOR EVANGELISM FUNDS

This weekend has been all about **inspiring and motivating you** so that **you** use your God-given talents to make a difference at your local church and community.

Now is the time to present your very own **evangelism project**. The Lake Union Conference will support you with a **\$20,000 Evangelism Fund**. This funding will be in the form of a **dollar for dollar match** between the Lake Union Conference and the local church as funds are available. That means **we can invest up to \$40,000 in evangelism!**

HOW-TO-APPLY

1. Fill in the **application form**. The application form is available at www.lucyouth.org in the **2016 Congress section - How to apply for Evangelism Funds**.
2. Get your **church board "on board"!**
3. Send the **application form and the church board minutes** where your project has been approved to Ron Whitehead by email: whitehead@andrews.edu and congress@lucyouth.org or snail mail: **Center for Youth Evangelism, 4145 East Campus Circle Drive, Berrien Springs, MI 49104-1570**.

The funds will be distributed on a first-apply-first-receive basis until all **\$20,000** are gone. Application forms must be **received by December 31, 2016**. For questions, email congress@lucyouth.org or contact Ron Whitehead: (269) 208-1344.

“The **gospel** is to be presented, not as a lifeless theory, but as a **living force to change the life**. God desires that the receivers of His grace shall be witnesses to its power.”

- *Evangelism*, p. 16

“Get the word out. Teach all these things. And **don't let anyone put you down because you're young**. Teach believers with your life: by word, by demeanor, by love, by faith, by integrity. Stay at your post reading Scripture, giving counsel, teaching. And that special gift of ministry you were given when the leaders of the church laid hands on you and prayed—keep that dusted off and in use.”

- *1 Timothy 4:12-14* (MSG)

“New methods must be introduced. **God’s people must awake to the necessities of the time in which they are living.** God has men whom He will call into His service, –men who will not carry forward the work in the lifeless way in which it has been carried forward in the past.”

- *Evangelism*, p. 70

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & RESOURCES

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Please note that all **movies and phone calls** charged to your room are a **personal expense**.

If you have a **medical need** please contact Vern Byrd (269) 208-7183.

For any **other information**, please feel free to visit our website at www.lucyouth.org.

RESOURCES

Resources will be found on our **website** www.lucyouth.org under **2016 Congress - Resources**. This includes evangelism resources, materials and the ministry presenters' and speakers' presentations.

ANY QUESTIONS?

If you have any other questions or **if we can support you** in any way, please contact us at congress@lucyouth.org or call us at (269) 471-8380. We will be happy to help you thrive in your ministry!



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