



# Just The Facts!

- ❖ Two-thirds of Seventh-day Adventist students attend public colleges and universities in North America.
- ❖ 25,000 attend our church sponsored institutions
- ❖ Adventist sponsored campus ministries reach about 2,500 of the 50,000 Adventist students attending public colleges.
- ❖ There are over 19 million students in over 15,000 degree-granting institutions in North America.
- ❖ The Seventh-day Adventist Church has a ministry presence on over a hundred of these campuses.

# 19 Million Students Is More Than

New York City                      8 Million

Los Angeles                        4 Million

Chicago                              3 Million

Houston                             2 Million

Phoenix                             1.5 Million

**There are more college students in The United States than the combined population of the five largest cities.**

# Why Seventh-day Adventist students attend public colleges

- ❖ Degree
- ❖ Accessibility
- ❖ Perception of Quality
- ❖ Finances
- ❖ ROTC Officers Training Opportunities
- ❖ Disillusionment with church

# Issues students face

- ❖ Independence
- ❖ Major Life Transitions
- ❖ Loss of Community
- ❖ Temptations
- ❖ Challenges to Faith

# **Benefits of establishing an Adventist presence on public college campuses**

- ❖ Retention
- ❖ Nurture
- ❖ Faith Development
- ❖ Leadership training
- ❖ Evangelism
- ❖ Campus & Community Influence

# What We Have!

- ❖ Mission Mandate - *“Go Into All The World!”*
- ❖ Mission Field - *19 million students on 4,300 campuses*
- ❖ Missionaries - *50,000 SDA Students*
- ❖ Mission Sending Agency - *Adventist Christian Fellowship*
- ❖ Campus Ministry Resources - *Adventist Center For College Faith*
- ❖ Supporting Agencies - *An organizational structure from General Conference down to the local church that needs to be harnessed and properly trained to support this unique mission field*

# What Is Needed!

- ❖ **NAD Campus Ministry Department** with at least one FTE overseeing this great mission field
- ❖ **Campus Ministry Point Person** at every level of church leadership from GC, Division's, Union's, Local Conference and local churches near university campuses
- ❖ **Student Task Force Workers** willing to spend a year helping launch or support existing campus ministry groups
- ❖ **Ministry Training** for Task Force Workers and Student Leaders
- ❖ **Resource Development** for continued campus ministry support (*Support for the Adventist Center For College Faith*)
- ❖ **Annual Campus Ministry Conferences** to help inspire and energize our student witness
- ❖ **Endorsement Process** for existing and newly organized ACF groups
- ❖ **Increased Awareness For Public High School Students and Ministry**
- ❖ **Public High School Recruitment**
- ❖ **Adventist Youth Transition Network** from high school on into college