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INTRODUCTION TO THE JOURNAL OF ADVENTIST YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

THIS IS the second edition of the *Journal of Adventist Youth & Young Adult Ministries*. It is the outgrowth of years of collaboration between the Youth & Young Adult Ministries department of the North American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church (NAD), the Discipleship and Lifespan Education (DSLE) department of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, and the Center for Youth Evangelism (CYE) on the campus of Andrews University.

CYE innovated and has hosted the 180 Symposium since 2008. In 2017 the NAD Youth & Young Adult Ministries department joined CYE in collaboration to strengthen and support the Symposium. In 2021 the DSLE department of the Seminary joined in collaboration to bring more strength and focus to the Symposium. In 2022 it was decided by the three collaborating organizations to develop a yearly edition of this peer-reviewed *Journal of Adventist Youth & Young Adult Ministries*. It is available in hardcopy format from AdventSource and available digitally on the Andrews University Digital Commons.

The peer review process is quite extensive. Under the leadership of Dr. Steve Case, the papers presented at the 180 Symposium were peer reviewed prior to the Symposium. On day one of the Symposium the papers were presented by the authors and the participants gave a second peer-review in the form of feedback. On day two the participants broke out into three focus groups and developed recommendations for academicians, administrators, and practitioners. On day three the recommendations were presented and peer reviewed by the participants. Therefore, the articles were peer reviewed twice and the recommendations peer reviewed as well.

In addition, we have included book reviews of some of the most recent books being published in the area of youth and young adult ministry. We anticipate that you will find these insightful.

We hope that you enjoy learning as you read through each article, the recommendations, and the book reviews.

Blessings,

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