Welcome To AEC Master Guide Training Program

Dear Pastoral Master Guide Trainee,

Welcome to a world of Spirit-filled service and commitment. You have chosen to embark upon an adventure like none other. As you matriculate through seminars, workshops, camping fun, Bible readings and hands-on leadership training seminars, it is our prayer that you will be thoroughly equipped to lead God’s youth and young adults.

The AEC Master Guide training program is where you will receive most of your knowledge but, it doesn’t stop here. You will recognize the need to dig a little deeper in your reserves for the work that God has called you to do. You know, sort of like putting on skates -- to skate. The theory of training is no substitute for practice of doing. So, we encourage you to stay connected with ALL God’s youth through viable youth programs in the church like Pathfinders, Adventurers, Adventist Youth Society, Youth Empowered to Serve (YES!), Teen Leadership Training(TLT) or Ambassador youth programs as well as community sponsored programs.

So, stay informed (Read your Bible daily).
Stay in tune (Communicate through prayer for guidance).
Stay in touch (Be active in the lives of God’s youth & young adults).

Again, welcome.

In His Service,

Patrick Graham, Pastor
Pastor Patrick Graham
AEC Youth Ministries Coordinator
A Welcome Note to AEC Pastoral Master Guide Trainees

Dear Pastoral Master Guide Trainees (PMGTs):

We are excited to know your commitment includes preparation via the Master Guide Award Program. As the highest level of Youth Ministries you can attain in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, we encourage you to get thoroughly entrenched in a local youth program (Pathfinders, Adventurers, AYS, TLT, Ambassadors or the Adventist Community Services – YES! Ministry). This is key to your hands-on interaction and commitment.

We are aware that many of you have completed youth ministries training while attending the seminary. For some of you, that may be as recent as two- to three- years ago. For others, it might go beyond our five year benchmark. So, in an effort to assist our pastors, committed to completing the requirements, we are asking you to do the following:

1. Attend a ten hour AEC approved Basic Skills Training Session
2. Serve as a presenter in your chosen area of specialty
3. Complete a current Spiritual Gifts Inventory
4. Complete the iFollow Discipleship Inventory (ifollowdiscipleship.org)
5. Be inducted into and work with a local area youth ministries (Adventurers, Pathfinders, MV or other Conference sponsored youth program)
6. Complete a current Temperament Inventory
7. Complete Camping Skills I and II
8. Complete the Master Guide Seminars Training Course (All PMGT’s will receive a Master Guide Record Card.)

We realize the capacity of your Call. We recognize the gifts God has entrusted to your service. We are receptive to your commitment to enlarge your service to include this most vital work of evangelizing God’s youth.

In His Service on Purpose.

Sharon V. Howard
Sharon V. Howard
AEC Master Guide Coordinator
Becoming a AEC MASTER GUIDE

The AEC is seeking to prepare Master Guides who want to serve as positive and productive leaders. Through training and service, the AEC Master Guide will exert a powerful influence of spirit-filled, active leadership as they encourage Seventh-day Adventist and community youth to become empowered leaders for Christ.

Purpose of the AEC MASTER GUIDE

The Master Guide is the highest attainable leadership program within the Youth Ministries Department of the Seventh-day Adventist church. Therefore, the purpose of the AEC Master Guide program is to train people to operate from, “the highest level of Christian leadership” within the confines of the Aim, Motto and Pledge.

Aim of the AEC MASTER GUIDE

The Master Guide Aim: “The Advent Message to all the World in MY Generation” is key to becoming an effective Master Guide leader. The GC Youth Ministries Department website states that Master Guides are “the foundation for the youth ministry leadership”. It further states that, “the principal focus” of the Master Guide leadership is, “to help in all levels” for the development of church growth. Therefore, the ultimate aim of the AEC Master Guide is to function as a servant for the purpose of building up the kingdom of God via principle living within the confines of “the highest level of Christian leadership.”

Focus of the AEC MASTER GUIDE

Christ-filled leadership requires that the Master Guide have a personal/spiritual relationship of continual growth and development. The focus of the AEC Master Guide is to purposely exemplify the ideals of God and the Seventh-day Adventist Church in everyday living and lifestyle practices. They should demonstrate their commitment to the principles of Christ-centered leadership by incorporating the Aim/Motto/Pledge and Law in the spreading of the gospel of Christ via the youth of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and the community.

AIM
The Advent Message to all the World in My Generation.
AIM
(Do not salute for the Aim)
“The Advent Message to all the World in My Generation.”

MOTTO
(Do not salute for the Aim)
"The Love of Christ Constrains Me."

MISSION
To empower leaders through effective training, equipping and deploying them for service.

PLEDGE
(Salute for the Pledge by placing the palm of your right hand over your heart)
“Loving the Lord Jesus, I promise to take an active part in Adventurers, Pathfinders and Youth Ministry doing what I can to finish the work of the gospel in all the world”.

PURPOSE
Develop Christ-like leaders to disciple children, youth and young adults.

LAW
(Sworn in as you repeat the Law)
The Master Guide Law is for me to:
Keep the Morning Watch,
Do my honest part,
Care for my body,
Keep a level eye,
Be courteous and obedient,
Walk softly in the sanctuary,
Keep a song in my heart,
Go on God’s errands.
I. Prerequisites:

1. Be an active member of a local area club with 75% attendance.

2. Complete the iFollow Discipleship Inventory @ www.ifollowdiscipleship.org

3. Complete a Current Spiritual Gifts Inventory Assessment

4. Complete Ten Hour Basic Staff Training in Adventurers, Pathfinders, Youth Ministries

II. Spiritual Development:

1. Write a one page reaction to the book *Steps to Christ* focusing on the benefits of reading.

2. Complete the one page response to the devotional guide “Encounter Series I, Christ the Way”, and the Desire of the Ages or Humble Hero.

3. Do one of the following:
   a. Write a devotional concept on the Master Guide Aim, Motto, Pledge and Law, summarizing how it impacts the life and faith of a Seventh-day Adventist Youth.
   b. Using the Steps to Discipleship Personal Spirituality Curriculum, conduct a presentation to age appropriate youths. http://gcyouthministries.org

4. Earn the Pathfinder Evangelism Award. Must have signature of Area Coordinator.

5. Prepare a one page summary on the book *What We Believe Teens* by Seth Pierce.

6. Using creative media present one of the following beliefs, as a worship or vesper service for age appropriate youth.
   a. Creation
   b. The Experience of Salvation
   c. Growing in Christ
   d. The Remnant and Its Mission
   e. Baptism
   f. Spiritual Gifts and Ministries
   g. The Gift of Prophecy
   h. The Sabbath
   i. Christ’s Ministry in the Heavenly Sanctuary
   j. The Second Coming of Christ
   k. Death and Resurrection
7. Enhance knowledge of Church Heritage by completing the two of the following:
   a. Earn the African American Adventist Heritage Honor.
   b. Earn the Adventist Heritage Honor.
   c. Read a book about SDA youth ministry such as:
      1. The Pathfinder Story by Robert Holbrook.
      2. We are the Pathfinders Strong: The First Fifty Years by Willie Oliver with Patricia Humphrey (book is currently out of print)
      3. Another book that is approved by your conference Youth, Pathfinder or Adventurer Director, or their designated Master Guide representative.
   d. Reading a book about church heritage such as:
      1. Anticipating the Advent by George Knight.
      2. Tell It to the World by Mervyn Maxwell
      3. Light Bearers to the Remnant by Richard W Schwarz and Floyd Greenleaf
      4. The Church Heritage Manual produced by the General Conference Youth Department.
      5. Another book that is approved by your supervising Master Guide Conference/Youth Ministries Director.

8. Complete a two page research on a standard temperament analysis program and complete the affiliated temperament inventory.

III. Skills Development:

1. Attend and complete the at least three of the seminars below. (Each seminar must be at least 75 minutes long)
   a. How to be a Christian Leader & Leadership Skills
   b. Vision, Mission and Motivation
   c. Communication Theory and Listening Skills
   d. Practical Communication Practices
   e. Understanding Teaching and Learning Styles
   f. Creativity and Resources Development
   g. How to Prepare Effective Creative Worships
   h. Principles of Youth and Children’s Evangelism
   i. How to Lead a Child to Christ
   j. Understanding Your Spiritual Gifts

2. Attend a seminar on Risk Management in the context of Adventurer and Pathfinder Activities.

3. Attend a Seminar on Child Abuse or Complete Shield the Vulnerable Child Abuse course online at www.shieldthevulnerable.org Simply print your coursework sheets out and place inside your portfolio.
4. Earn at least two the following honors:
   a. Christian Storytelling
   b. Camping Skills I-IV
   c. Basic Drilling and Marching
   d. Knots

5. Earn two additional honors.
   a. Crisis Intervention
   b. Nutrition
   c. Customs and Flag Etiquette
   d. Family Life

6. Hold a current First Aid & CPR certificate or its equivalent. (Instructor Required)

7. Supervise participants through either the Adventurer Curriculum, Pathfinder Investiture Achievement, or teach a Sabbath School class for children ages 6-15 or its equivalent for at least one year. (Candidates under 18 must have a supervising adult).

IV. Child Development:

1. Submit a one page response to the book *Education, Child Guidance or Messages to Young People* focusing on your reaction and the reaction today’s youth to its content.

2. Observe for a period of two (2) hours a group of Adventurers or Pathfinders and write a reflection on their interaction.

3. Attend a seminar on child development and discipline.

V. Leadership Development:

1. Write a response to a current book of your choice of a topic under the general category of “Leadership Skill Development” from a book that is approved by your Conference, Youth, Pathfinder or Adventurer Director, or their designated Master Guide representative.

2. Demonstrate your leadership skills by doing the following:
   a. Develop and conduct three creative worships for children and/or teenagers.
   b. Participate in a leadership role with your local church children’s/youth group in a Conference sponsored event.
   c. Teach three Adventurer Awards or two Pathfinder Honors.
   d. Assist in planning and leading a field trip for a group of Adventurers, Pathfinders or AY or Sabbath School class.
   e. Be an active Adventurer, Pathfinders, or Sabbath School staff member for at least one year and attend at least 75% of all staff meetings.

3. Write personal goals that you would like to accomplish in youth ministry.
4. Identify three current goals in your life, at least one of which is spiritually oriented, and list three goals or objects for each.

VI. Fitness Lifestyle Development

1. Participate in a personal Physical fitness plan by completing two of the following:
   a. A personal physical fitness program of your choice and according to your abilities, for at least three months.
   b. Write a response to the Benefits of Health and Fitness in the Life of a Christian.

VII. Confirmation of Completion

1. The Master Guide curriculum must be completed in a minimum of one year and a maximum of three years.

2. All Master Guide Candidates must document all work in a portfolio.

3. Curriculum completion is under the supervision of the Conference, Youth, Pathfinder or Adventurer Director, or their designated Master Guide representative.
Preparation for Investiture for Pastoral Master Guides

Dear Pastoral Master Guide Trainee:

Once you have completed your Master Guide training you will be invested. Your Area Coordinator will submit your name to the AEC Master Guide Coordinator. You will then be eligible to be invested at any upcoming AEC Youth Ministries/Columbia Union Conference/NAD sponsored programs.

We are asking each trainee to share a portfolio which includes some of the following:

1. Master Guide Record Card with appropriate signatures
2. Encounter Devotional Guide responses
3. A sample of certificates, handouts and any other pertinent activities you’ve earned within the last five years
4. Devotional Journal
5. Current First Aid Certificate
6. Fitness Lifestyle Development plan
7. Temperament/Spiritual Gifts Inventories

A Master Guide Review will be conducted by the AEC Youth Ministries Director, with supporting staff (i.e. AEC Master Guide Coordinator, Master Guide Area Coordinator/Specialist or representative).

In His Service,

Sharon V. Howard
Sharon V. Howard,
AEC Master Guide Coordinator
Master Guide Training (MGT) – 10 hours

MGT 001 – Steps to Discipleship Personal Spirituality –
MGT 002 – How to be a Christian Leader –
MGT 003 – Vision, Mission and Motivation –
MGT 004 – Risk Management –
MGT 005 – Discipline –
MGT 006 – Communication theory/Listening skills –
MGT 007 – Practical Communication Practices –
MGT 008 – Understanding and Teaching to Learning Styles –

Master Guide Training (MGT) – 10 hours

MGT 009 – How to Prepare Effective Creative Worships -
MGT 010 – Understanding and Using Creativity -
MGT 011 – Principles of Youth and Children’s Evangelism -
MGT 012 – How to Lead a Child to Christ -
MGT 013 – Understanding Your Spiritual Gifts –

Master Guide Training (MGT) – 10 hours

MGT 014 – Seminars on Child Development -
MGT 015 – Seminar on Education Theory -

Master Guide - Adventist Church Heritage (MG-ACH) – 10 hours

John Hall, Lead Instructor and Pastor Norman Miles, Assistant

ACH 101 – Adventist Church Heritage