

EAST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

# YOUTH CALENDAR





## MESSAGE FROM THE YOUTH MINISTRIES DIRECTOR



Fellow Youth Leaders:

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine! My Jesus is your Jesus too. We are privileged to have been asked to play a role in leading young impressionable minds. Now is not the time to engage in the luxury of cooling off, for the battle is raging and God has called us at such a time as this to shape a positive future. For this to be a reality we need to know our part in this work and channel our strengths, talents and time in serving more effectively and efficiently. Let us be reminded that the primary purpose of Adventist Youth Ministry is to win, train, commission, and retain the youth.

Ellen White wrote: *“The youth need more than a casual notice, more than an occasional word of encouragement. They need painstaking, prayerful, careful labor. He only whose heart is filled with love and sympathy will be able to reach those youth who are apparently careless and indifferent (Gospel Workers, p. 208)”*.

This document contains information on the foundation and philosophy of Adventist Youth Society and Pathfinder ministry, the organizational structure of Youth Ministry in the East Jamaica Conference of Seventh-day Adventist, the leaders serving you on the Youth Executive Council and the list of calendared events for 2017. Finally, I have listed twelve (12) strategic initiatives that are the latest thrust of the Youth Department, we seek your cooperation, support and prayer in the implementation and realization of these plan within 2017.



**Pastor Dane Fletcher**  
Youth Director,  
Jamaica Union Conference

## January

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8th- Youth Workshop

## ADVISORS TO DIRECTOR



**Stacya Stewart**

**Christopher Johnson**

**Christine Mundle**

**Carol Hunter**

**VISION:** Each Adventist youth or minor a candidate for the kingdom of heaven.

**MISSION:** Obtain recourses, programs, ministries and the adequate environment for the development of all the potential faculties in each child and in each youth who are under the leadership of the youth department, making sure that the work and effort put forth result in men and women who are faithful to God, true to their principles, who serve the church and who each in turn will be an influence and blessing to others.





## Overnight Prayer & Fasting

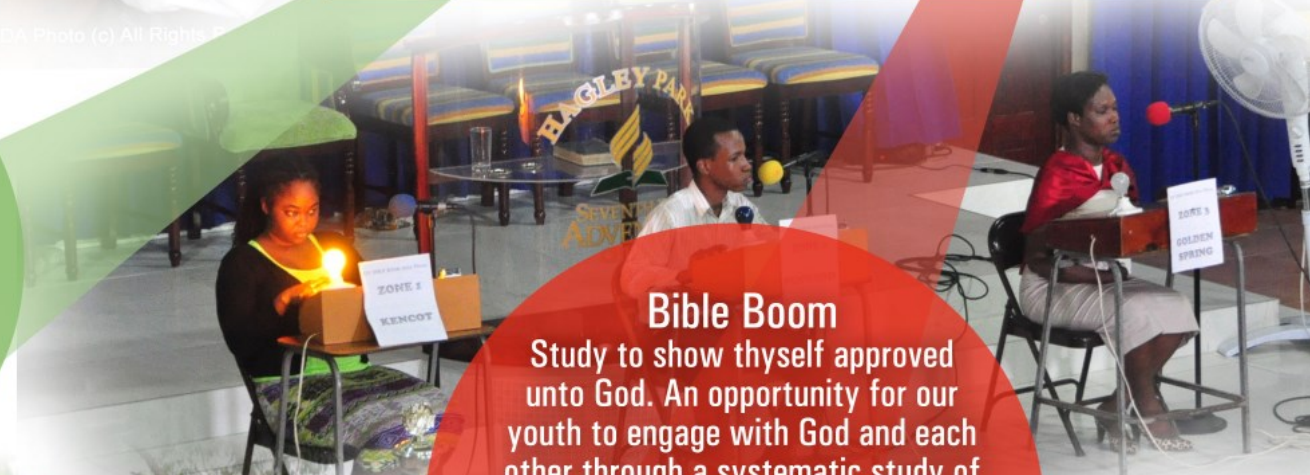
Designed to empower our youth and youth leaders as we commit this new year of ministry to God. Be empowered for taking our service and ministry to the service of Jesus Christ. Empowering our youth and youth leaders for Christian warfare for such a time as this.

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## Annual Youth Ash Wednesday Hike

Take the challenge up to Hollywell. A test of endurance, resilience and stamina. Invite your non Adventist friends to join us for this hike ministry as we explore nature in an unforgettable time of Christian fellowship.



## Bible Boom

Study to show thyself approved unto God. An opportunity for our youth to engage with God and each other through a systematic study of the word. Team of four to compete at the church and zone levels. One representative for the conference level and union level.

2017 Books are Daniel, Hosea, Joel, and Patriarchs and Prophets





# Global Youth Day

Be apart of the Global mission and reach of the Worldwide Seventh day Adventist Church. Impacting our communities through being the sermon for one Sabbath. Organized impact programs at the local church, zone and conference levels. In as much as we have done unto one of the least of these we've done unto Him. Follow and report on our impact with our global youth family.



- Download the GYD App
- Load your pictures
- Use the hashtags: #GYD16 & #ejcyouth

# March

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# Youth Week of Prayer

A unique opportunity for our youth to connect with Jesus through the link of prayer. Prayerful and powerful readings addressing the spiritual needs of our Young people. An opportunity to invite your Non Adventist friends for prayer.







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## IAD Camporee

The highlight of Pathfinding 2017. Join the over 30,000 pathfinders across the Inter American Division in learning and exploring new and exciting honours, the best of drill and march, rich spiritual discovery, friendship, opportunity for mission and so much more.



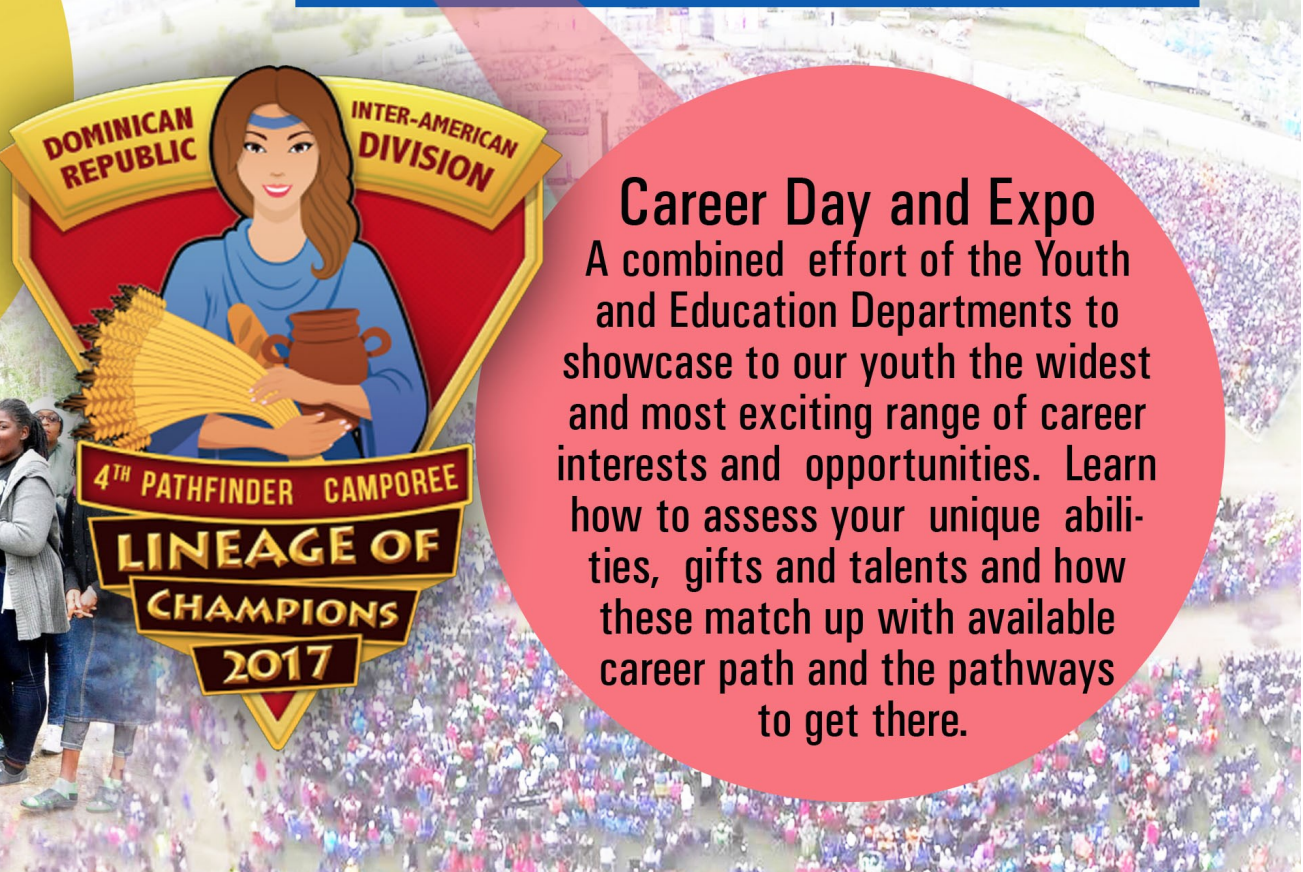
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## Career Day and Expo

A combined effort of the Youth and Education Departments to showcase to our youth the widest and most exciting range of career interests and opportunities. Learn how to assess your unique abilities, gifts and talents and how these match up with available career path and the pathways to get there.





## 20TH - ZONE 3 FEDERATION DAY

### ZONE 3 FEDERATION



**President:**  
Evon Jones



**Area Coordinator:**  
Patricia Young



**Sponsor:**  
Pastor Ryandro Brown

## May

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### ZONAL FEDERATIONS

Youth federations are organizations of AY Societies within a district or zone, in a local conference. Such organizations have no authority over the AY Societies, but function to advise, support and coordinate programs for youth particularly within that zones.

The federation builds fellowship and allows its member churches in the zone to share in the cumulative experience of its leaders and thus advance in greater strides. When functioning properly, the federation can be very helpful to smaller churches, encouraging them to participate and put together meaningful programming for the youth. Methods and programs that were successful in other areas can be readily available for the benefit of all the participating churches.





# 10TH - ZONE 1 FEDERATION DAY

## ZONE 1 FEDERATION



**President:**  
Joshiah Maynard-Reid



**Area Coordinator:**  
Cadienne English



**Sponsor:**  
Pastor Seabert Hamilton



# June

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### Cont. Federations

Youth Federations also help with providing a greater opportunity for expansion in leadership development. When functioning properly each federation has an Executive Committee which meets MONTHLY and makes arrangements for the QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETINGS. The General meetings are held for all invested Youth leaders, all AY leaders, all Pathfinders, and all Adventurer leaders within that zone. Each church is asked to contribute \$2,000 yearly to their federation for the smooth operations.

The Executive Committee is comprised of the following members: President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Relations Officer (PRO), Chaplain, Honours Coordinator, Social/Sport Coordinator, Bible Boom Coordinator, Outreach Coordinator, Exam Coordinator, Communication Representative, Area Coordinator and Sponsor.





## Summer Camp

The supreme summer thriller at our own Camp Oasis Phillipsfield in St. Thomas. Best way for you to spend your summertime. A time of adventure, thrill and fun. Enjoy spending time with God and your friends in a creative and expressive atmosphere.

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30th- Zone 4 Choir Fest

## Choir Fest

Halleluiah is the highest praise! The best of Adventist Youth choirs in worship, praise and adoration to the King. Prepare and come to share and experience all genres of music ....the rich sounds of acc-cepalla, Negro Spirituals, Hymns, Choral, Contemporary



# 12TH - ZONE 2 FEDERATION DAY

## ZONE 2 FEDERATION



**Interim President:  
Simone Knight**



**Area Coordinator:  
Monte- Carla Brown**



**Sponsor:  
Pastor Howard Smith**

# August

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## Sport Finals

It's the best of Christian sportsmanship and ministry through sports. Prepare your teams for dynamic and active engagement in football, netball... throughout the sports season and then meet us for the grand finals at the end of each event.





## Youth in Leadership Month

Purposely designed to develop our youth as the next generation of leaders across all departments of the local church this program entails entrusting the leadership of the church to our youth for one month under the

leadership, coaching and guidance of the local church leadership. Youth Church

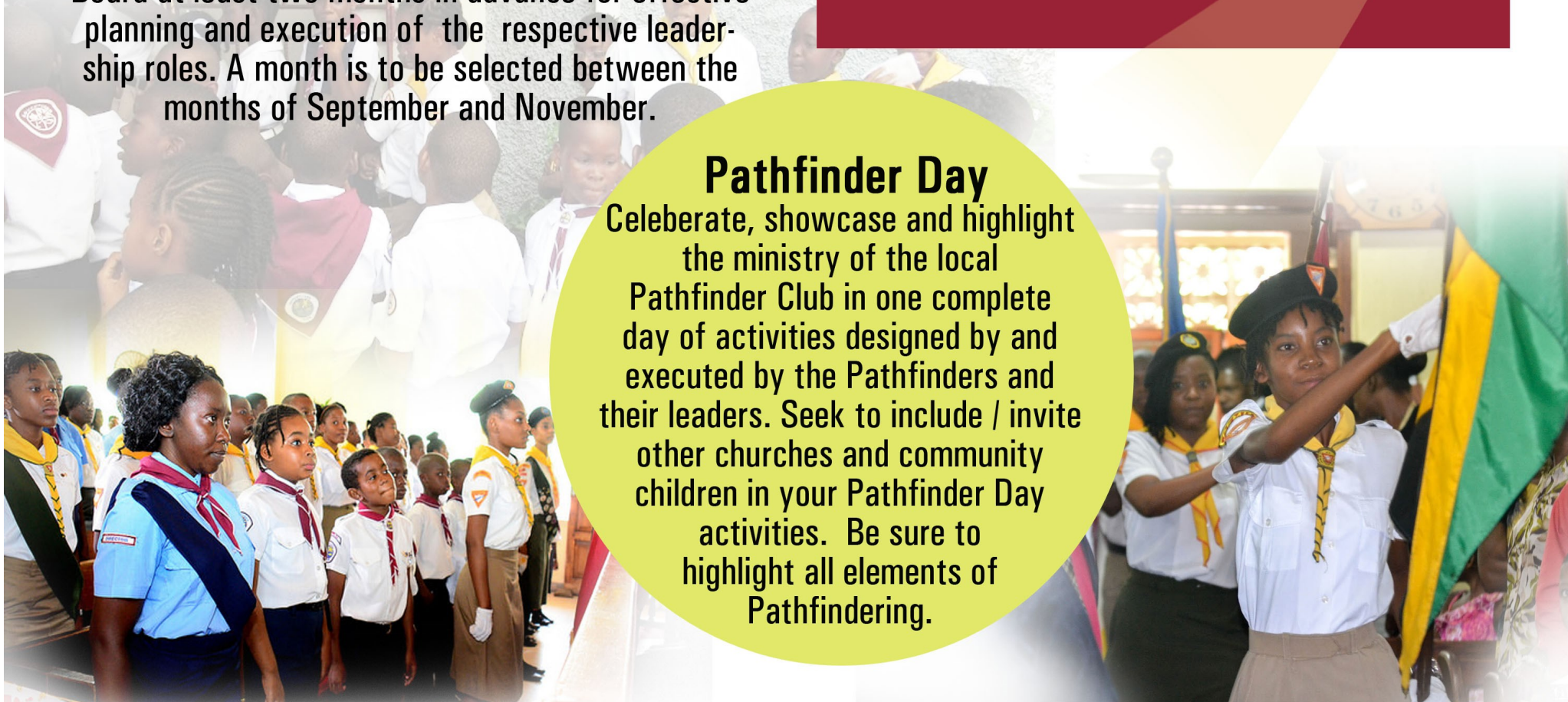
Officers and Board should be selected by the AY Department and passed by the regular Church Board at least two months in advance for effective planning and execution of the respective leadership roles. A month is to be selected between the months of September and November.

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## Pathfinder Day

Celebrate, showcase and highlight the ministry of the local Pathfinder Club in one complete day of activities designed by and executed by the Pathfinders and their leaders. Seek to include / invite other churches and community children in your Pathfinder Day activities. Be sure to highlight all elements of Pathfinding.





## 21ST & 22ND - ZONE 4 FEDERATION WEEKEND

### ZONE 4 FEDERATION



**President:**  
Troyton Beckford



**Area Coordinator:**  
Latiya Thomas



**Area Coordinator:**  
Yolanda Henry



**Sponsor:**  
Pastor Joel Jumpp



## October

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### Pathfinder Examination

This is the annual official assessment of all Pathfinders and Adventurers for the year. Be sure to follow the information and guidance provided by your zonal leadership throughout the year so that the Pathfinder Examination is a smooth part of your club year. Please ensure to use the official activity books and assigned honours.



## Objectives of Drill & March

1. **Order:** It helps maintain an organized unit.
2. **Morale:** Training discipline and group unity.
3. **Enjoyment:** Fun activity, promotes use of imagination.
4. **Fellowship:** Helps one learn to take orders, and follow them.
5. **Leadership:** Helps one learn to give orders and build confidence.
6. **Self Control:** Pay attention to leader.
7. **Respect:** Regard for the rights of others.
8. **Obedience:** Learn to follow rules and regulations.

## November

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## Pathfinder Festival

Showcases the best of Pathfindering activities through the year. Enjoy thrilling exchange, engagement and fun with each zone in an atmosphere of Christian rivalry.



Drill Major  
Ricardo Whyte





Our **Drum Corps** has been invited by the local churches, federations, government and civil entities to lead out in Faith Marches in protest against drugs abuse, crime and violence and other social ills. So if you are up for a challenge and fun we really welcome you to our band.

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### Youth Congressoree

The signature event to close a well spent youth year. To reflect on the blessings and challenges of the current year and to be spiritually charged and fired up to do greater exploits for God in the year ahead. A not to be missed from event.







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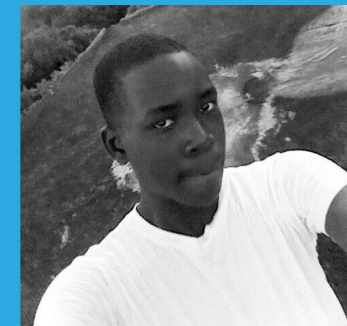
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