

**North American Division
Prayer Ministries Advisory
Albuquerque Convention Center
Sunday, January 12, 2019 – 8:30 am – 2:00 pm**

Members:	Chairperson: Secretary: Recording Secretary:	James Black Paulet Howard Diane Levy
Attendees:	Edwina Holley Anita Bryant Karen Martell Leon Bryant Kelly Veileux Kathy Howard Warren Ruf (video) Rupert Salmon (video) Yvonne Knight	Helvis Moody Deon Rickoff Kevin Wilfly Bobby Harris Latoya Wright Rachael Ortiz Janet Lui Honey Todd Debra Brill
Advisory Members:	NAD Ministries Director, NAD Prayer Ministries Directors, Recording Secretary, Union Prayer Ministries Directors, Prayer Ministries Coordinators & Invitees.	

1. Welcome by Pastor Black.
2. Devotional/Prayer Time presented by Pastor Black. Focus was on the importance of intercessory prayer. When someone needs prayer, pray with them while you are with them at that moment. Don't wait and do it later. Make prayer present – not future.
Group gathered in twos to pray.
3. Introductions: Pastor Black introduced the advisory members, prayer coordinators, and special guests.
 - Advisory: advises NAD and administer. Open invitation to meet and participate. First responsibility is to the unions.
 - Coordinators: There is an updated directory coming later.
 - Special Guests: Astor Fulkeniel, Patreece Charles, and Helvis Moody.
4. Minutes from previous meeting was accepted.
5. Reflections from 2018: Never get caught being a one-dimensional leader! Don't allow anyone to put limitations on your leadership. Color doesn't matter. Be able to reach everyone. Don't wait to get invited. Invite yourself, just show up. Diversity - come out of your dimension and go beyond. Where would Jesus go? Pray for everyone.
6. Challenges and Solutions

Challenges	Solutions
Difficult to get invitations to preach or do seminars from Hispanic groups. Some are against prayer ministries. Hard to speak and translate at the same time.	
Getting pastors to see how important prayer ministry is and get invitations is hard.	DeeAnn says she calls different people to pray for them. They will then ask for her to come to their church for a seminar.

Challenges	Solutions
	Esther says she contacts pastors with her schedule. She has a prayer line.
We should have materials to give them. How to resources in different languages such as Spanish and French.	
Know what other conferences are doing.	Website event calendar
Have a place where we can see what is happening in other locations that we can attend or send someone to attend.	Send information to Diane and she will put them on the website.
Need to get pastors together to discuss their challenges without lay people.	<p>Have pastor prayer conferences.</p> <p>Have training for church prayer coordinators on how to work with pastors.</p> <p>Teach leaders on how to use prayer ministry in the churches. They will learn how important prayer is to their churches.</p> <p>Teach prayer ministries at the seminary level.</p>
<p>Recommended reading:</p> <p>The Prayer Saturated Church w/DVD (Amazon.com and PrayerShop.org)</p> <p>Living in the Upper Room Booklet (PrayerShop.org)</p> <p>God's Got A Plan and You're It by James Black, send text to 301-254-1616 or email JamesBlack@NADAdventist.org (published by Advent Source)</p>	
Need materials written by SDA authors. Many people won't touch materials if it is not written by an Adventist.	Bible and SDA hymnal were not written by Adventists.
LGBTQ: pastors need training on how to respond to LGBT issues in their church. Many young people are questioning their gender.	
	Establish a prayer relationship with the community. The pastor must be present and onboard.
	The Fast Help book is not ready to be released yet. It will be out soon.

- Year end meetings: Leaders who vote are not always clear what prayer ministries does.
- We need to educate our stake holders.
- If your administration needs to know what you do.

- Submit a budget even if there is no budget for prayer ministries. If you don't submit you won't get it.
 - Need to show how prayer ministry can grow the church.
 - Prayer is evangelism.
 - Put together a package that you can get a piece of the evangelism budget.
 - You have to connect the dots to make the process happen.
 - Do your homework and know what you are asking for. How will these things impact the local church?
 - Know what your union, conference, church is planning for the year.
 - Get on their calendar.
7. Prayer Ministries Branding Plan:
- New Prayer Ministries Logo: Logo represents the ministry. It is to be missional. It is not to be used to replace the conference or General Conference. Prayer Coordinators may use the prayer ministries logo. Wording can be changed. Must work with local conference or union.
 - Website: Website will be rebuilt. Networking is key to success. Rupert Salmon is a broadcaster. He teaches ministry concepts to people on how to get lay people involved. He shares resources on websites that is interactive. He and his team will be working on the NAD Prayer Ministries website. The new website will allow union and conference people to come together on a project. There will be a free app for Apple and Android phones. The website will be available in the next 30-60 days. Diane will continue with content information. There will be a tutorial on how to use the new functions of the website. It is cost effective.
 - Blog: the new website will contain blog abilities.
 - Social Media: the new website will be connected to social media.
8. 2Pray Community Conferences: Paulet Howard discussed 2Pray conferences. The 2Pray logos are available for those having a 2Pray conference. The program is focused on prayer. It follows Steps to Christ by Ellen White. There are three formats that can be followed. Half day, all day, or weekend. Typically, the Sabbath School and divine services will not be familiar with visitors. It is often better if it is done at a retreat center. Focus is on community, but it would be good to try it first with the church.
- Reports by unions/conferences:
 - 1) Helvis Moody - Southwestern Union: There will be a union wide event. Every SDA will bring a non-SDA. Cowboys and bikers. Books will be handed out to participants.
 - 2) Michael Smith – Oklahoma Conference: A prayer retreat using 2Pray. It was very visual. Every month there are meetings with pastors using same visuals and object lessons. Need revival among the pastors. Use nature object lessons to learn about God.
 - 3) Bobby Harris – Texico: Had a 2Pray conference last July. Was an opportunity to engage the community. They have had drive through prayer that has been very successful.
 - 4) Lynette Beiber & Pastor Werner Gil – Arkansas/Louisiana Conference: Had prayer conference Friday to Sabbath in a local church that was interactive. Campmeeting Tuesday afternoon through Thursday evenings. Had mid-day speaker and a weekend speaker. Need to have pastors on board.
 - 2Pray concept was developed for the youth. It was to create something to take to the local church for the community. Create houses of hope. It is evangelistic. Designed to develop prayer relationships with community.
 - Update version of the guide will be in English, Spanish, and French when it is finalized.

- The youth version is available at Advent Source
9. Pastor Black went over his schedule for 2019. He is available for speaking at union and conference events. Not individual churches. Needs to go where he can reach the most people. The further out you go with your plans the better.
 10. 2019 All Night Prayer Call – Advertising (Ministry): Use social media to invite people to join. Especially those who are struggling and who have needs. Make it missional. Need to put the word out.
 11. Prayer Conferences Calendar (Master Calendar): Coming later
 12. Annual Prayer Calendar: Calendar was usually done by Wimberly Wolf. He passed away recently. Please pray for his family. Special thanks to Michael Roland who was able to pick up and put the calendar together. It should be out next week.
 13. Ministry Support – Financial/Fundraising (FYI) Devotionals/Inspirational Books:
 14. Supporting Ministries Endorsements: There will be a list on the website.
 15. 2019 NAD International Pathfinder Camporee – Prayer Ministries Presence – Volunteers: Prayer Ministries needs to have a presence at the camporee August 11 – 18, 2019. Need staff there. P³ – Pathfinders praying for power. Children, youth, young adults are the power for prayer. Pastor Black’s granddaughter, who is 10 years old, will be publishing a book of prayer titled “10 Year Old 40 days of prayer” for children which includes pictures to color.
 16. 2020 Pastors Convention – Lexington, KY – volunteers are needed. What can be done for the community?
 17. General Conference Session – Prayer Ministries Exhibit Hall – Volunteers Needed. We need volunteers to man the prayer booth.
 18. Other:
 - Prayer ministry needs access to the executive committee’s support at the union level. How often does prayer ministry get put on the agenda at the conference and church board?
 - We have not because we ask not. Need to establish a relationship with stake holders.
 - When you prepare a budget, make it your dream budget.
 - We have to show them an experience with prayer.
 - How to guide to train our leaders.
 - AdventistLearningCommunity.com
 - Short how to videos. How to do a prayer conference ...
 - Revisit the team. What is your team? Make certain the team looks like what you want to reach. If you want young adults, add young adults to your team. If you want children, add children to your team. Network the people you want at your table.
 - What is your goal? Be obvious and intentional. We need prayer ministry in every church.
 - Prayer ministry is more important now than ever before.
 19. Next Meeting: