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North American Division

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**To: Education Superintendents
Principals, Teachers, School Chaplains
K-12 Committees
Colleges/Universities**

Youth and Young Adult
Ministries

RE: Request for Excuse Absence for JCI Attendees



Dear Educators,

Youth and Young Adults of Seventh-day Adventist from around the world are preparing to attend the 2nd **NAD World Youth Prayer Congress scheduled for April 7-11, 2010 in Columbus, Ohio**. Over 15,000 youth from around the world will gather under the theme, “Just Claim It! (JCI)”. They are claiming power for Salvation and Service”.

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In partnership with the NAD Office of Education, we are appealing for your help by granting an excused absence in order for your students to attend this unique and historic conference. Please do all you can to accommodate those who feel the need to attend. Several academies and colleges are working to bringing their entire student body to be a part of this experience. Many of our schools are considering this date as an early spring break.

We trust that this leadership/summit will serve as an exceptional opportunity for strengthening schools and senior youth ministries in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. In order to create a model for youth to claim their cities for Christ, we need your students to attend and participate in every aspect of the Leadership/Summit Convention.

“If my youth who are called by my name will ...pray...I will heal their land.” Please pray for us as we plan for this **“outpouring of the Holy Spirit”** experience for our youth and communities.

Blessings,

James Black, Sr., Director
NAD Youth Ministries & ‘Just Claim It’
World Youth Prayer Conference