



# **Disaster Response Preparedness**



**Greater New York Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church  
A Combined Ministry of Adventist Community Services and the Adventist Youth Ministries Department  
Adventist Youth Emergency Services Corps (AYES Corps)**

Curriculum

**I. GENERAL COURSE INFORMATION**

**A. OBJECTIVE**

The Adventist Youth Emergency Services Corps (AYES Corps) Curriculum prepares the individual to serve God, the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and the Community voluntarily in moments of crisis and emergencies. These emergencies may take place in our neighborhood, city, state, country, or world. The AYES Corps will be prepared to be first responders under the Directions of the supervision and combined leadership of Adventist Community Services and the Adventist Youth Ministries Department of the Greater New York Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

**B. FEES**

Each potential graduate must make the following payments prior to examination day:

- Graduation fee \$35
- Uniform: Green blazer with name embroidered in the inside \$109 (subject to change)
- CPR and Basic First Aid Training Course \$65

C. Each candidate can only graduate from one (1) GNYC Adventist Youth Ministries course at a time.

**II. PRE-REQUISITES**

Be at least 18 years of age at the beginning of the course (*Proof of age must be presented to Instructor*).  
Be a baptized member of a Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Member at: \_\_\_\_\_ Church Signature of Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

**III. IN-SERVICE TRAINING**

A. Serve as a member of at least one local church ministry in your church for a minimum of 10 months, at the time of the graduation:

Name Ministry: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of your Service to the Ministry: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Church Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**B.** Within the 10 months, prior to graduation, fulfill the following requirement:

\_\_\_\_ Visit 2 churches of a different language/cultural group in the Greater New York Conference. (*Provide Signed Bulletin by Pastor or First Elder of Church attended*)

\_\_\_\_ At least 2 Conference Camp meeting (*Provide Signed Bulletin by Youth Director or AYES Coordinator on Youth & Young Adult Tent*)

#### **IV. ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS**

\_\_\_\_ Dedication Service                      \_\_\_\_ Conference Adventist Youth Evangelism & Leadership Congress

\_\_\_\_ 100% Attendance of the regular classes as scheduled by the Instructor

#### **V. SEMINARS & WORKSHOPS**

**A.** Complete the following Background & Policy Courses:

1. \_\_\_\_ 28 Fundamental Beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.
2. \_\_\_\_ Official Seventh-day Adventist Statements on Issues of Relevance.
3. \_\_\_\_ Denominational History
4. \_\_\_\_ Need & Overview of Adventist Youth Ministries
5. \_\_\_\_ Need & Overview of Adventist Community Services
6. \_\_\_\_ Why Adventist Youth Emergency Services Corps? Overview & Function of the Ministry.
7. \_\_\_\_ History of Emergency & Crisis Response
8. \_\_\_\_ Relationship with City, State, & National Emergency Organizations
9. \_\_\_\_ What Volunteers & Everybody Else Needs to know about Sexual Harassment & Abuse

**B.** Complete the following Emergency Response Courses:

1. \_\_\_\_ First Aid & Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation/CPR (Red Cross Certificate Required)
2. \_\_\_\_ Responding to Injuries in an Emergency
3. \_\_\_\_ Dealing with Grief for Property Loss
4. \_\_\_\_ Dealing with Grief for Human Loss
5. \_\_\_\_ How to introduce God & the Church in the midst of Crisis

**C.** Complete the following Outreach workshops (1 hour of each):

1. \_\_\_\_ Leadership in a Crisis Situation
2. \_\_\_\_ Using AYES Corps to Reclaim Lost Youth & Young Adults
3. \_\_\_\_ Spiritual Gifts
4. \_\_\_\_ Youth Evangelism
5. \_\_\_\_ Small Group Ministry
6. \_\_\_\_ Gang Related Issues

## **VI. KNOWLEDGE OF CONFERENCE VARIOUS MINISTRIES FOR ADVENTIST YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS**

**A.** Explain the function of the following ministries. How do these ministries work in your local Conference and how can the Children, Youth, and Young Adults of your local church benefit from them? (No more than one 1 paragraph per ministry).

1. \_\_\_ Adventist Youth Society
2. \_\_\_ Bible Bowl
3. \_\_\_ National Service Organization
4. \_\_\_ Adventist Youth Emergency Services Corps
5. \_\_\_ Collegiate or Public Campuses Ministry
6. \_\_\_ Teens Ministry
7. \_\_\_ Young Adult Ministry
8. \_\_\_ Adventurer Ministry
9. \_\_\_ Pathfinder Ministry
10. \_\_\_ Master Guide
11. \_\_\_ Pathfinder Leadership Award
12. \_\_\_ Pathfinder Instructor Award
13. \_\_\_ Adventurer Leadership Award
14. \_\_\_ Adventurer Instructor Award
15. \_\_\_ Camp Ministry
16. \_\_\_ Mission Trip Ministry
17. \_\_\_ Adventist Youth Media Ministry
18. \_\_\_ Adventist Youth Preach Ministry
19. \_\_\_ Passion Play Ministry

## **VII. KNOWLEDGE OF CONFERENCE VARIOUS MINISTRIES FOR ADVENTIST COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**B.** Explain the function of the following ministries. How do these ministries work in your local Conference and how can the local church and the community benefit from them? (No more than one 1 paragraph per ministry and no more than 2 pages for the entire assignment):

1. \_\_\_ Adventist Youth Empowered to Serve
2. \_\_\_ Health Programs
3. \_\_\_ Disaster Response (AYES Corps)
4. \_\_\_ Inner City Program
5. \_\_\_ Tutoring & Mentoring
6. \_\_\_ Adult Care

## VIII. PERSONAL ENRICHMENT

**A.** Read the following books of the Bible and enter the date in which you read each chapter in your Bible Reading Record. Also prepare a journal of your favorite chapter in each book you read; your entry does not need to be longer than a paragraph. Mention the chapter and why is it your favorite chapter in the entire book. This assignment is intended to have the candidate read at least one chapter per day, thus creating the habit of reading the Bible daily.

1. \_\_\_ Genesis (50 chapters)
2. \_\_\_ I Samuel (31 chapters)
3. \_\_\_ II Samuel (24 chapters)
4. \_\_\_ Job (42 chapters)
5. \_\_\_ Proverbs (31 chapters)
6. \_\_\_ Gospel of Matthew (28 chapters)
7. \_\_\_ Gospel of John (21 chapters)
8. \_\_\_ Acts (28 chapters)
9. \_\_\_ I Timothy (6 chapters)
10. \_\_\_ II Timothy (4 chapters)
11. \_\_\_ I Thessalonians (5 chapters)
12. \_\_\_ II Thessalonians (3 chapters)
13. \_\_\_ Revelation (22 chapters)

**B.** Read one (1) of the following books and write a two page reaction paper:

1. \_\_\_ *Ministry of Healing*, White, E. G.
2. \_\_\_ *Compassion: A Reflection on the Christian Life*, Nouwen, Henri
3. \_\_\_ *Descending Into Greatness*, Hybels, Bill and Wilkins, Rob

**C.** Read two (2) of the following books on Dealing with Crisis and write a two page reaction paper:

1. \_\_\_ *Tragedy Survival: Coping with Grief, Depression, & Loss*, Marty McGinn
2. \_\_\_ *In the Wake of Disaster: Religious Responses to Terrorism & Catastrophe*, Harold G. Koenig, MD
3. \_\_\_ *ABC of Healthy Grieving*, Harold Ivan Smith
4. \_\_\_ *Americans At Risk*, Irwin Redlener

**D.** Read "When Disaster Strikes Home!", Norris L. Beren, and write a two page reaction paper.

## **IX. COMPLETE TRAINING IN THE FOLLOWING STEPS IN THE ROLE OF ADVENTIST COMMUNITY SERVICE DISASTER RESPONSE (ACS DR)**

### **A. Operation**

1. Disaster Volunteer Orientation
2. Emergency Distribution Operation
3. Disaster Preparedness
4. Disaster Volunteer Management
5. Warehouse Operations
6. Disaster Response chain of command

### **B. Services Provided**

1. Emergency Distribution of Relief Supplies
2. Cloth Distribution
3. Clearinghouse for Donated Goods
4. Disaster Child Care
5. Collection Centers
6. Listening Post & Door to Door Visitation
7. Shelter Management

### **C. Know and understand the policies of ACS DR**

### **D. Know and Understand the role of National Volunteer Organization Active in Disaster (NVOAD) (VOAD)** Write a short explanation on the items below:

1. Who and What is NVOAD?
2. What is the mission of NVOAD and its priorities?
3. How is NVOAD organized?
4. What is a state VOAD?
5. What does disaster response organizations accomplish through state VOADS?

### **F. Understand the role of FEMA - Write a short explanation on the items below:**

1. Disaster Assistance
2. How Communities & States deal with Emergencies & Disasters
3. Overview of Federal Disaster Assistance
4. Federal Disaster Assistance in Action
5. Citizens role in Disaster Preparedness

**X. ADVENTIST YOUTH EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPS (AYES Corps) Final Project or Dissertation:**

- A. Sign up and work with your Local American Red Cross, CERT Team or Community organization. Provide proof of membership in your final binder.
  
- B. Report to the Adventist Community Services Headquarters for Weekend Duty (Friday Evening to Sunday Afternoon) during the ten (10) months period prior to graduation as designated by your instructor. Each weekend program will contain worship services for the class, training, spiritual activities, and visitation with individuals affected by emergencies. Complete a 2 page reaction paper for Weekend classes.  
*(Signature Required)*

Signature of Adventist Youth Emergency Service Corps Coordinator/Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_

- C. Make the following visits and be prepared to minister to: (Write a paragraph for each on your experience)

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ an individual who has lost a loved one recently Name of Person visited: \_\_\_\_\_
  
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_ a person who is sick in the hospital Name of Person visited: \_\_\_\_\_

- D. Volunteer Service with any reputable Volunteer Organization for a total of 40 hours serving the community. Include Sign off Sheet in your final binder. *(Signatures required below)*

Signature of Adventist Community Services Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Adventist Youth Ministries Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Adventist Youth Emergency Service Corps Coordinator/Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_

- E. Prepare and submit a detailed **Disaster Plan** for personal, home, and church, including a personal **Go Bag**.

- F. Complete the Rescue Training Weekend (it must be a group experience, not an individual experience)  
(Place Rescue Training Certificate in the Binder-to be provided by instructor)

**Plagiarism Policy:** Copying any elements of another candidate's binder or cheating of any kind during the exam is completely unacceptable. Each element of the binder should be expressed in the candidate's own words. Each candidate must be able to complete the final exam using his/her own efforts in an honest manner. Any plagiarism or cheating may result in the candidate's ineligibility to graduate.