



South Pacific Division Youth Congress Fact Sheet

Dates: January 1-6, 2013

Venue Watson Park Convention Centre, Brisbane, Australia

Registration Fee Structure and Deadlines

Early bird fee: \$350 AUD (expires July 31 2012)

Regular fee: \$400 AUD (expires September 30 2012)

Late fee: \$450 AUD (Expires November 30 2012)

* Strictly no applications will be accepted after Friday, 30th November 2012

Your Registration Fee Includes:

- Conference Tent accommodation (1-6 Jan, 2013)
- All meals (Tuesday dinner – Sunday Lunch)
- Bunk Bed, Mattress & Bedding (Summer Blanket, 2 Flat Sheets, 1 x Pillow & 1 x Pillowcase)
- Welcome Pack
- Workshops (8 to choose from)
- Community Service Projects (4 to choose from)
- Social activities (some activities are free of charge and some incur a surcharge)
- Life changing experience with Christ

Refund Policy

Should you change your mind and not be in a position to attend, you may be eligible for a 70% refund up until Wednesday 31st October. After this date, no refund will be possible in respect of the fact that preparations and purchases will have been made on your behalf. Please also note that refunds will be considered on a case-by-case basis after the event has concluded.

Accommodation

There will be 6 people allocated to each conference tent. You have the option to request who you would like to room with on your application form or online. Tents will be split by gender and where possible we will try to room church youth together. We will have a section of tents reserved for married couples, but other than this, all tents/blocks will be split by gender.

All Conference tents have a light switch – but other than this, they are not powered.

An area has been reserved for those who opt to bring their own tents. These tent sites will not be pre-allocated.

Guest Speakers

- Pr Sam Leonor
- Dr Barry Gane
- Dr Danijela Schubert
- Pr Eddie Hypolite
- Pr Gilbert Cangy
- Dr Hyveth Williams
- Ms Jo Darby
- Dr Tracie Mafile'o

Your Activity Options

Over the course of the event you will have the opportunity to participate in up to 4 activities of your choosing. You can choose from Workshops, Social Activities and Outreach/Service Projects – that will run on Wednesday and Friday. Please note that some social activities involve water and in choosing these options you are aware that swimming may be involved.

WORKSHOPS

Rescuing Human Relationships – from Kim Kardashian and CNN (Pr Sam Leonor)

What does the masculine and feminine identity of a faithful person actually look like? How does a Christian person relate to a world that is increasingly anti commitment – where less and less people choose marriage? How does a young person form or reform their ideas and attitudes about love and healthy sexuality? This seminar will address all these and many more questions about human relationships. We will explore Biblical principles that can help guide a young person to making healthy decisions about love, life and marriage.

Where are youth today? (Dr Barry Gane)

We are losing too many of our young people. Why do youth sever connection with the church? What can we do to bring them back? There is a strategy for reclaiming them – learn how to use it and be a ‘World changer’ in your church.

Pacific Island Culture (Dr Danijela Schubert)

Great changes are sweeping through the Pacific. Political, familial and religious challenges abound, the pace of these changes are unprecedented! How does a young person remain true to their Adventist beliefs when they are surrounded by traditional spirituality, familial expectations and the impact of mass media? Young people are the ones who struggle the most with these changes. This workshop will explore the challenges and opportunities in Melanesian culture and propose some possibilities for an exciting life for the youth of the Pacific, particularly Papua New Guinea.

Worshipping in Real-Time: Ideas about Worship, Youth Culture and Life (Pr Eddie Hypolie)

This seminar looks at how Jesus life interacts with modern culture and how His life brings meaning and value to us today. Eddie Hypolite speaks from an urban London background where he deals daily with youth. He preaches and teaches in the areas of street culture, youth and urban evangelism. Learn innovative Youth Ministry strategies from Eddie’s incredible life journey.

Igniting Youth to Change the World through the Power of 1 (Pr Gilbert Cangy)

Impossible is just a big word thrown around by small men and women who find it easier to live in the world they've been given than to explore the power they have to change it. Impossible is not a fact. It's an opinion. What will motivate young people to step up to the plate and do the seemingly impossible? What will motivate young people to reorder their life priorities and be willing to lay down their lives for the Kingdom of God? It is possible... let's explore together!

Finding Healing through Christ (Dr Hyveth Williams)

This powerful healing workshop will benefit a great number of our population who are dealing with issues related to the loss of innocence, personal struggles for identity and the integration of the private and public self. People with a history of a wounded private self tend to cover up, deny, and hide or paint an outer world far from the reality of internal struggles. This workshop teaches victims how to become victors by recovering and reclaiming their unique spiritual and emotional identities. It is also effective because Dr Hyveth Williams understands the language of shame, abandonment and abuse.

Living Justice: God’s Heart, our Life (Ms Jo Darby & Nathan Brown)

Gain a Biblical perspective of God’s heart for justice, what Jesus said about justice with examples from his life, and explore what justice has to do with grace. The second half of the workshop will focus on getting practical. We will spend some time considering what ‘justice living’ actually looks like in your context as well as discussing how best to restore God’s kingdom on earth. We’ll look at finding petitions; getting on board with campaigns, being a voice, shopping fair trade, how do I choose where to give money? We will brainstorm what social justice might look like in our local churches.

Pasifika Positive: Pacific Island Youth Wellbeing (Dr Tracie Mafile'o)

Pacific youth are 'world changers' and have potential to positively impact their families, churches and communities. This workshop aims to provide a reflective space for advancing pasifika youth wellbeing. Topics include population and migration trends for pasifika peoples, what happens to migrant aspirations in the diaspora, pasifika youth identity, how to weave together the best of both western and pacific cultures, and the interplay of culture and church. Drawing on a biblical perspective of cultural diversity, alongside contemporary social science research, the workshop will utilise participatory, creative and strengths-based methods. This workshop is relevant to youth from the Pacific Islands, youth of Pacific heritage living in Australia or New Zealand and for others who have an interest in things pasifika.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Sports on Site (Free of charge) – Wed AM & Fri AM

Fellowship on the field! If the idea of getting to know others through friendly sport sounds like something you would like to do, why not come and join us for a few hours of fun.

Shopping (Free of charge) – Wed PM & Fri PM

If your perfect day involves shopping at the local mall and you would like the added convenience of not having to worry about parking and transport, don't miss the opportunity to shop til you drop.

Beach and Games (Free of charge) – Wed PM & Fri PM

Enjoy a typical Ozzie day at the beach. You will be heading to Redcliffe Beach to enjoy sun, sand, wading pools, local shops and cafés.

Local Swimming Pool (\$5) – Wed PM & Fri PM

Come and relax with friends and enjoy a swim at the local swimming pool. It is a great way to enjoy an Australian summer.

Aquatics Centre (\$10) – Wed AM & Fri AM

Brisbane Aquatic Centre is Queensland's premier swimming complex featuring an indoor water park complex, a water slide, a dive pool and an outdoor café. If you fancy a relaxing swim on what promises to be a hot day, why not hit the pools.

Skate Away (\$10) – Wed AM & Fri AM

Try something new that's a whole lot of fun. If you would like to learn how to skate or show us your skills on wheels then come away and skate.

Ten Pin Bowling (\$13) – Wed AM & Fri AM

If you want to try something that's new and different, experience the fun of Ten Pin Bowling. The aim of the game is to knock down as many pins as you can. Hit the lanes for real fun and games.

Wet & Wild (\$40) – Wednesday & Friday

Experience the excitement of Wet & Wild, one of Queensland's premier amusement parks. Set sail for your very own aquatic adventure playground full of fun and fantasy. It features water slides, pools and other attractions and is very much activity-oriented.

OUTREACH & COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Chocolate Bibles

Join us in the most fun way to spread the Gospel by handing out Fredos (chocolate) in Brisbane. Spend the afternoon giving out a bit of heaven with a chocolate flavour. It's so simple – each Fredo has a bible verse attached to it. All you have to do is hand them out – who in their right mind wouldn't take one! Spreading the word is easier than you think.

Feed the hungry

Changing the world can be as simple as spending an afternoon collecting food for families struggling in poverty. Become part of the 'World Changer' movement and be God's hand and feet by spending Wednesday and Friday afternoon collecting food for families who are most in need.

Hunger needs to End: Tell the World!

As 'World Changers' one of our greatest weapons is our ability to influence people. Through social media let's tell the world that hunger is wrong and something needs to be done about it. Join 3000 other young adults in taking a stand and telling friends and family that hunger needs to end. In just one week we hope to influence over 100,000 people with this message.

Watson Park Blitz

While some like to get out there and mix it with people there are other ways to change the world. Watson Park is one of the premier Adventist camp sites in Australia, however, there are areas that the staff need help with. Step up for a physical challenge and spend an afternoon making Watson Park look like God's property.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Transport

Transport from and to Brisbane International Airport is an additional option that costs \$A30 per person. Please note that transport is available from the Airport (Domestic or International) to Watson Park on 1/1/13 between 8am and 5pm and from Watson Park to the Airport (Domestic or International) on 6/1/13 from 1pm – 4pm.

Visa's

An official Congress visa letter will be made available to the Union Youth Director who will make this available to those travelling from pacific countries upon request. We recommend submitting your application for a Visa to the Australian High Commission in your territory no later than the 30th November 2012 to allow adequate time for processing.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance must be taken for all overseas travellers. You must arrange for your own insurance through your travel agent or utilise the services provided through Risk Management at the SPD. <http://www.rms.org.au/>

Delegates aged 16 & 17

Parent/Legal Guardian approval must be given for participants 16 -17 years of age.

Furthermore, a Congress Guardian who is at least 25 years of age must assume full responsibility for this participant for the full duration of SPD Youth Congress from 1 – 6th January 2013. Forms can be downloaded from www.spdyouth.com and emailed to maviscrawley@adventist.org.au

Arrival and Departure dates

The World Changers SPD Youth Congress will be convening on January 1-6 2013, there will be no pre or post accommodation available from us as the organisers. Travel groups will need to make their own travel plans if arriving early or staying late.

On Line Registration

Registration is available online www.spdyouth.com/worldchangers until November 30th 2012

Message from Nick Kross (Youth Director, South Pacific Division)

The South Pacific 'World Changers' Youth Congress will ignite 3,000 young adult lives from across the South Pacific Division of the SDA church. From January 1-6 2013 youth will converge in Brisbane for 6 days of visioning, networking, witnessing and training. Bring your youth group and they will come home revisioned for ministry.

Can you imagine what God can do with 3,000 dedicated passionate young men and women who meet to be inspired and equipped to change the world right where they live?

World class youth speakers will converge to challenge and inspire the first wave of World Changers who will be equipped to share their faith with their friends. If you want to change the world you need to be there. For more information please visit: www.spdyouth.com/worldchangers