



The history of

Center for Youth Evangelism

1979–2025

1979	Youth Resource Center (YRC) begins with Prime Time '79, under the direction of Des Cummings, Jr.
1980	Roger Dudley becomes YRC Associate Director
1981	Randal Wisbey becomes YRC Assistant Director
1982	Ministry project started: Youth Ministry Training Seminars
1983	Study Conducted: Value Transmission Study
1985	Steve Case becomes YRC Director
	Ministry project started: Computer Bulletin Board of Program Ideas
	Study Conducted: Religious Factors in Drug Use (1985–1987)
1986	Ministry project started: Youth Ministry Book Library
1987	Study Conducted: 10-yr Youth Retention Study (1987–1997; various articles published)
1988	Study Conducted: Hispanic Youth Study (1988–1990)
1990	Ministry partnership established: Valugenesis Study
1991	Randal Wisbey becomes YRC Director
1992	YRC authors Valugenesis book
	Ministry project started: Youth Summit (10,000 trained)
	Ministry project started: Giraffe Society
	Ministry project started: Giraffe News Magazine
1993	Ministry project started: Giraffe Resources
1994	YRC sponsors Teen Tent at the first International Pathfinder Camporee "Dare to Care"
1995	Ministry project started: Youth & Young Adult Ministry Training
	Ministry project started: Speakers Bureau
1996	Ron Whitehead becomes Lake Union Conference Youth Director
	Ron Whitehead becomes NAD Associate Youth Director
	Ron Whitehead becomes CYE Director
	Youth Resource Center (YRC) renamed Center for Youth Evangelism (CYE)
	CYE moves from Andrews University Seminary to Lake Union Conference Office
	Ministry project started: Giraffe University (leadership training)
	Ministry project adopted: International Pathfinder Camporees
	Ministry project started: 411 Youth Ministry Newsletter
1997	MA in Youth Ministry Degree established by Randy Wisbey
1998	Ministry project started: YouthNet Extreme Team (youth evangelism training)
	Mission: Possible (youth evangelism resource for Net 98)
1999	Barry Gane becomes Director for MA in Youth Ministry
	Seven Principles for Youth Ministry Excellence manual published (Version II , 2007)
	International Pathfinder Camporee "Discover the Power" (22,000 attendees)
2000	Ministry project started: Impact Toronto (General Conference Session)
	YRC publishes 10-yr Youth Retention Study book, Roger Dudley
2001	Ministry project started: WeCare Missions (domestic and international)
	CYE moves from Lake Union Conference Office to new Andrews University Seminary
	WeCare Missions on site of 9/11 (New York City, NY)
2003	Emphasis in Youth Ministry established for DMin degree
	Ministry project started: A.U. Easter Passion Play
2004	International Pathfinder Camporee "Faith on Fire" Joseph (31,000 attendees)
	Ministry project started: Music & Worship Conference , Nick Zork
2005	WeCare Missions on site of Hurricane Katrina (New Orleans, LA)
2006	Japhet De Oliveira becomes CYE Assistant Director and Interim Director for MA in Youth Ministry
2007	Ministry project started: Youth Leadership Development (YLD)
	Ministry project started: Cruise With a Mission (CWM)
	Ministry project started: Children's Ministries
2008	Allan Walshe becomes Director for MA in Youth Ministry
	Ministry project started: 180° Symposium
2009	Ron Whitehead becomes CYE Executive Director
	CYE incorporated in the state of Michigan with Andrews University
	International Pathfinder Camporee "Courage to Stand" Esther (38,000 attendees)
	Ministering to Millennials published after 180° Symposium
	Ministry project started: Speakers Bureau
	Ministry project started: Creative Arts
	Ron Whitehead becomes AU Assistant to the President
2010	Jose Bourget becomes CYE Assistant Director
	Ministry partnership established: Institute of Church Ministry (ICM)
	Launch of CYE app (first SDA youth ministry app)
	Launch of 2014 International Pathfinder Camporee app
	Reach Your Campus, Reach the World published after 180° Symposium
	Ministry project started: Church of Refuge (COR)
	Ministry project adopted: Standout (public high school retreat)
	Ministry partnership established: The One project (Jesus. All.)
2011	Launch of Cruise with a Mission Family Edition
	Ministry project started: Bible Summit (youth evangelism training)
	Tibor Shelley becomes CYE Assistant Director
	Recalibrate: Models of Successful Youth & Young Adult Ministry published after 180° Symposium
2012	Ministry project started: Bible Summit
	Ministry project started: Children Ministry Training
	Ministry project started: Master Guide/Toolbox Training
2013	Peter Cincala becomes Institute of Church Ministry Director
	Ministry project started: LUC Youth Evangelism Congress
2014	International Pathfinder Camporee "Forever Faithful" Daniel (50,000 attendees)
2015	Ministry project started: Natural Church Development , Peter Cincala
2016	Ministry involvement: Care for Cuba/Seminary , Fernando Ortiz
2019	International Pathfinder Camporee "Chosen" David (56,000 attendees)
2020	Don Church becomes Business Manager
2021	Rogelio Paquini becomes Director of MA in Youth and Young Adult Ministry
2022	Akram Khan becomes Business Manager
2023	180° Symposium book becomes peer-reviewed Journal of Adventist Youth & Young Adult Ministries
2024	International Pathfinder Camporee "Believe the Promise" Moses (63,000 attendees)
	"Who Cares" Ministry to (and with) young people in the secular world published after 180° Symposium
2025	Following Jesus: Discipling Young People published after 180° Symposium
	CYE incorporated in the state of Michigan with North American Division