



MEMORANDUM

TO: All Educators in Alabama, Florida, Kentucky, Mississippi and Tennessee
FROM: Pastor Vandeon D. Griffin, Director of Youth Ministries
RE: Excused Absence for Youth Congress
DATE: January 14, 2009

On **April 2-4, 2009**, the Seventh-day Adventist Church will hold not only their annual Youth Congress, but will celebrate **75 years of Youth Congress**. This event, which we hold in different parts of our conference each spring, targets young people who are of high school & college age. In it, we promote career planning, drug awareness, sexual abstinence until marriage and a host of other programs and seminars of an academic, as well as, a spiritual nature.

Since this event does take place, at least in part, during the week, each year we have traditionally asked the educators, in the schools that our young people attend, to count this event as an excused absence. Traditionally, the educators have kindly accommodated us. We ask, again, for your assistance this year. We believe that, again this year, we shall offer programming that will compliment your efforts in the overall development of our young people.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office at (615) 226-6500 #141.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

“Putting Young People First”