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“Humans of ACF” tries to capture the different stories and personalities of students that make up the community of Adventists across public colleges & universities in North America.

Adventist Christian Fellowship (ACF) is the North American Division's (NAD) ministry to support college students on non-Adventist campuses. Each year we have literally thousands of undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate students studying on campus throughout Bermuda, Canada, and the United States. Over the past two years we have been working to develop an Adventist Christian Fellowship Student Association. This student association is a pilot-project that involves students throughout the NAD studying on non-Adventist campuses. The student association operates by the authority and with the consent of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists Administration under the direction of the Youth and Young Adult Ministries department.

## **Vision Statement**

To see Christ recognized on our campuses as the source of truth and redemption through a movement of Adventist students fully dedicated to His mission.

## **Mission and Purpose**

- A. The Association is a body of Adventist students attending non-Adventist institutions, that:
  - i. Connects chapters and students to academic, professional, missional, and faith communities
  - ii. Serves as a means of representation of public campus students throughout the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists to pertinent organizations
  - iii. Provides access to relevant resources for advancing public campus ministries.

Many of the students involved with Adventist Christian Fellowship chapters have attended Adventist higher-education institutions. Some attending community colleges will transfer to Adventist institutions when they finish their general education courses. It is very common for college and university students to take classes

at both Adventist and non-Adventist institutions throughout their college years. It is anticipated that having an Adventist Christian Fellowship Student Association will help to keep students on non-Adventist campuses connected with each other and with students on Adventist campuses.

ACF Chapters will continue to be supported by local churches, conferences, unions, and the North American Division.

**Pastor Tracy Wood**

Seventh-day Adventist Church

North American Division

Youth & Young Adult Ministries Director

Adventist Christian Fellowship is a ministry of, by and for students. However, many times when ACF is discussed within the high echelons of our church, the students are kept behind the scenes and their stories often remain untold.

This compilation features some of the different stories and personalities that make up the community of Adventists students and chaplains across public and private colleges and universities in North America. It also shares some of their unique faith journeys and experiences. Additionally, it is our attempt to bring life to some of the student faces that make up ACF.

It is my hope that the stories in this book will inspire and encourage you to come alongside our students and support their efforts in ministry as they share their faith and the gospel on their campuses.

**Lucien Nana Yobo**

NAD ACF SA President

PhD Candidate in Geology





**“Since you are from Vancouver, what do you like best about London and Western University’s campus?”**

“When I first came to London, I thought it was like a farm so I was shaken for a month. Then I slowly began discovering the treasures of London... I really like the local restaurants but you have to search for them. And... the diversity, because in Vancouver, we were 99% Chinese. What else do I like... Oh I like the church!

I like WASA, Western Adventist Students Association, because in Vancouver it wasn’t as close-knit and there was no one my age. Adventist people weren’t very Christian. I also look up to everyone in WASA. They make me reflect on my own spiritual life and I’ve tried to fix lots of things since coming here. I was surprised because I thought Western was a party school.”

- School: University of Western Ontario
- Location: London, Ontario, Canada
- Year: 2
- Major: Biology



## DAVINA BURUCHURA



### “What are you studying?”

- Major: International Studies
- Minor: Afroamerican and African Studies

### “Where do you think you’ll go with that after you graduate?”

“I have a passion for children, specifically orphaned and vulnerable children. After I graduate, I hope to be working for an international development organization that has a mission to help nurture, protect and provide the relevant resources for the development of such children.

I hope to be immersed in work that helps the vulnerable; those who do not have means or opportunities to help themselves. I believe in the mantra: ‘If you know better, do better.’ Because I’ve been blessed with an education, I want to be in a position where I can help others to know better so they too can do better.”

- School: University of Michigan
- Location: Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA
- Year: Alumni, Class of 2017

**“Do you have an experience of answered prayer?”**

“Recently in my academic career, I was trying to get this very competitive fellowship where only 10 students from across America are awarded it. I was sitting at my desk, doubting myself, and then I prayed to God. I got an email one day saying I was one of ten selected nationally to receive this fellowship and attend the program to connect with the world’s leading scientists in my field, while also growing my professional network. Just another reminder that God listens to and answers our prayers.”

- School: University of Houston
- Location: Houston, Texas, USA
- Major: PhD Candidate — Geology

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