

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

1 PETER 4:10, NIV

# TOUCHING *Hearts,* TRANSFORMING COMM[*You*]NITIES



Seventh-day Adventist Church  
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION



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Serving Communities  
in Christ's Name



## ABOUT

Adventist Community Services is a community outreach ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the North American Division.

## VISION

- expanding the scope of community services
- building collaborative partnerships
- integrating education in leadership development

## SHARING

We proclaim the good news of salvation by actively demonstrating the love of God.

## CONNECTING

We build relationships with people, connecting them with their community, family, and God.

## MINISTERING

We minister to the communities we serve by focusing on their physical, mental, social, and spiritual well-being.

## DISCIPLESHIP

We empower and engage members to serve their communities by teaching, mentoring, and equipping in holistic ministry.





## **OLDER ADULT MINISTRY**

*Addressing the needs of older adults and caregivers in our communities*

ACS Older Adult Ministry offers specialized trainings for local church groups and volunteers, preparing them to reach out to the community of older adults in their region.

### ***Training Topics***

- How to present practical solutions for successful aging
- How to start and plan local programs with and for older adults





### *Training Topics*

- Addressing fears, hopes, and dreams in this demographic
  - How to foster relationships with older adults for God's kingdom
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### *Learn More*

Visit the Adventist Learning Community for courses relating to Older Adult Ministry.

# TUTORING & MENTORING

*Supporting academic and life-skill development for young people and adults in our communities*



ACS Tutoring & Mentoring ministries encourage Adventist volunteers to facilitate trusting relationships with students of all ages as they work toward academic success and a better life.

## *Children & Youth*

After-school tutoring and mentoring provides disadvantaged young people with resources for physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual growth.



## *Adults*

Programs and classes are designed to support successful, independent life foster positive relationships and a better future.





# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & URBAN MINISTRIES

*Engaging with our communities to solve chronic, systemic problems in a whole*



ACS Community Development & Urban Ministries (ACS CD&UM) seeks to offer physical, emotional, social, and spiritual support to individuals and families in their neighborhoods.

- Acknowledging and accepting the needs of the whole community means how ministry is conducted can be more important than services rendered.
- Allowing the community to influence, inform, and work with ACS CD&UM ministries toward long-term solutions is essential for success.

# URBAN MINISTRIES

*in a holistic manner*



ACS CD&UM educates Adventist volunteers on best practices for connecting with their local communities to address felt needs.

- Community Services & Urban Ministry Certification Program
- Nonprofit Leadership Certification Program

### ***Learn More***

Visit the Adventist Learning Community for courses relating to Community Development & Urban Ministries.

# DISASTER RESPONSE

*Helping survivors of disasters and traumatic events in our communities*



ACS Disaster Response (ACSDR) regularly serves in donations management following a disaster.

- Managing collection centers
- Managing donation distribution centers
- Managing multi-agency warehouses





In communities affected by crisis events, ACSDR can also coordinate:

- Sheltering
- Disaster assessment
- Needs assessment



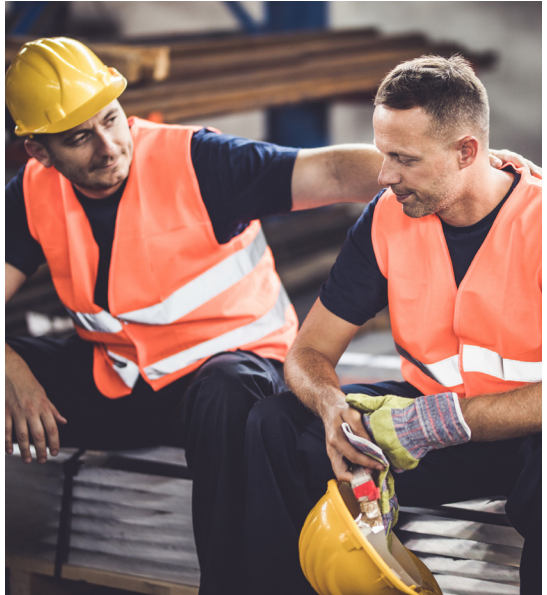
# EMOTIONAL & SPIRITUAL CARE

*Comforting members of our communities in times of crisis*

ACS Emotional & Spiritual Care teaches local pastors, mental health professionals, and church volunteers how to offer “psychological first aid” to individuals and groups recovering from extreme stress.

- Volunteers with the ACS Emotional & Spiritual Care credential can collaborate with local police and fire services to facilitate recovery for victims of difficult events.
- The ACS Emotional & Spiritual Care credential is International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF) certified and exceeds National Volunteers Active in Disaster (NVOAD) standards.





*Learn More*

Visit the Adventist Learning Community for courses relating to Emotional & Spiritual Care.







## YOUNG ADULTS IN SERVICE

ACS Young Adults in Service empowers young adults to serve their communities as part of a network of volunteers with talents and skills in leadership.

- ACS Young Adults in Service collaborates with affiliate schools, youth organizations, Pathfinder Clubs, and community service groups to reach communities across North America.
- Young Adults in Service participate in planned service events, disaster response, and emergency relief efforts coordinated by ACS.

