Organizations Worth Investigating

- **NADEducation** is the official online presence of the *North American Division Office of Education*. This Website communicates guiding philosophy, administrative policy, NAD-required K-12 curriculum, marketing resources, school contact information and Websites, and links to additional services it sponsors or recommends. J2E, CIRCLE and TDEC are Websites sponsored by the NAD Office of Education, for specific services. http://nadeducation.org

- **CIRCLE**, acronym for the Adventist *Curriculum and Instruction Resource Center Linking Educators*, serves as a clearinghouse for Adventist education. CIRCLE's priority is to seek out and connect uniquely Adventist-designed curriculum, instruction and education administration resources K-20. http://circle.adventist.org

- **J2E**, acronym for *Journey to Excellence*, is the guiding framework for Adventist education in North America. The J2E Website provides an overview of the purposes and preferred practices built on ten goals. Use this site to align school plans and curriculum development as one might adjust one's journey after consulting a compass, to ensure the desired destination is reached. Visit these four sections for an overview: the home page interactive model, Purpose:Goals, Practice: Classroom Instruction; Spiritual Resources; and Products:Key Learnings K-8. www.journeytoexcellence.org

- **TDEC** is an acronym for NAD's K-12 *Technology and Distance Education Committee* with representatives in each union guiding recommendations for educational technology and teacher training to best utilize technology in education. TDEC's Website, http://nadtdec.org, includes links to NAD technology policy, implementation guidelines, discounted prices for NAD education, a blog with tips to tech use and teacher continuing ed tech requirements.

- **Adventist Edforum** is a Google chat room for Adventist educators, for any topic but is most often used for discussion of technology – join. http://groups.google.com/group/AdventistEdForum?hl=en

- **ADEC**, the *Adventist Digital Education Consortium*, facilitates collaboration to enhance Christian education among its 13 member institutions (NAD higher education) with the aid of digital technology. ADEC is actively working on cross-campus credits for online courses – see what's already available at http://www.sdaedu.org. Launched in 2007, http://adventistcolleges.org provides a centralized connection to all *Adventist higher education programs* in North America.

- **AVLN**, *Adventist Virtual Learning Network*, http://avln.org facilitates collaboration through online courses in using technology in education K-20, and conferences networking Adventist educators globally.

Websites Worth Noting

http://www.adra.org/VBS/main.html

This is a dynamic, interactive learning experience for children. Drawing on ADRA field stories and rich Biblical values of compassion and responsibility for our neighbors, children will recognize not only their own uniqueness and what they each have to offer to the world, but they learn about other cultures and what life is like for children their age in other parts of the world. Once a child has been on this adventure, he or she will never be the same again!

This program can be used by churches (idea: Vacation Bible School), schools, and even camps. Basically, anywhere children's groups gather to learn while having fun. Start with the Leader's Guide and let your imagination take you on an adventure for life.

http://adventistmission.org/

The Seventh-day Adventist Church finds its strength in mission. Its commitment includes a worldwide humanitarian work, an international volunteer program, satellite television and shortwave radio blanketing the globe, a huge publishing program, thousands of schools, a large network of hospitals and clinics, the Global Mission pioneer program, and hundreds of overseas missionaries.

Through the years, Seventh-day Adventists have generously supported mission through their tithes and mission offerings because they believe the gospel commission. They believe we're called to help the less fortunate, the poor, the sick, and those who don't know about Jesus.

The story of Adventist Mission around the world centers not on the story of highly-educated super-Christians performing exceptional feats. It's the story of everyday people who answer the call to touch the lives of others in the name of Jesus. And it's your story, because you help make it happen.

Adventist mission work today touches lives in more than 204 countries of the world. Adventist mission workers preach the gospel, teach relevant living skills, heal people through Adventist hospitals and clinics, spread the gospel on radio and television, run development projects to make better lives for people, and provide comforting relief in times of suffering.

So many mission workers serve God as part of the church that you may not have heard their stories. This Website not only shares their stories but focuses on the mission of the church. As you browse through this site, witness how God is improving lives through Adventist mission work around the world and in your neighborhood.

- o Mission Challenges
- o Missionaries
- o Global Mission
- o Tell the World
- o Institute of World Mission

http://life-equals-jesus.org/NextGen/L=Jhome.html
We will not let the sharp edge of our expectation get dull, if we are always up at the crack of dawn to listen to Jesus. This site provides daily devotionals written by a Seventh-day Adventist laymen who loves listening to Jesus in His Word in those early hours of every morning.

http://www.whiteestate.org/godsmessenger.html
God's Messenger: Meeting Kids' Needs is a brand new Web site created especially for teachers wanting to enhance their students' spiritual walk with Jesus. There are 38 fully-developed lessons on 10 important topics that Adventist school students face in their daily lives. Each faith-building lesson integrates heart-warming Adventist pioneer stories along with Scripture and Ellen White's writings. We pray that resources will enrich the lives of your students, develop their faith in God, help them grow in Christian character, and build their sense of identity with the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

http://www.whiteestate.org/vez/vez.html
Visionary for Kids (Ve.Z), a brand new online e.Zine from the Ellen G. White Estate. It's loaded with stories, activities, and lots of great stuff about reaching out and sharing your love for God.

- Florida Conference's Adventist Education for the 21st Century, http://www.ae21.org/

- Southern Union's Adventist Edge, http://www.adventistedge.org/

- Lake Union's Pathways of the Pioneers, http://www.whiteestate.org/pathways/pioneers.asp

- Access full EGW writings and new resources for kids from http://www.whiteestate.org/

- Network with Canadian teachers, http://catnet.sdacc.org/

- North Pacific Union's K-8 Key Learnings, http://www.npuc.org/article.php?id=88#Key%20Learnings

- Pacific Union's Early Childhood Education Website, http://paucearlychildhood.netadventist.org/

- Geoscience Institute powerpoints for High School Science, http://grisda.org/teachers/

- Southwestern Adventist University Online Fossil Museum, http://geology.swau.edu/fossil/

- Southern Asia's Christ-centered values education tools, REBIRTH and handbooks K-12, http://www.ssd.org/REBIRTH/

- Visit http://www.cognitivegenesis.org/ for testing info and downloads, including preliminary 2006 research test results

- Dialogue, an international journal of faith, thought and action, provides great insights for discussion with young Christians. All essays online at http://dialogue.adventist.org/

- This South Pacific Division Bible K-8 curriculum, based on Uncle Arthur's Bible stories set, is free, concise, multiple-intelligence based, and multi-grade/family

friendly, a spiritual formation tool pastors (and parents) interested in intentional, sequenced religious education for children not attending Adventist schools might appreciate http://circle.adventist.org/browse/resource.phtml?leaf=6910

http://www.journeytoexcellence.org - look for new links to the PowerPoint and DVD presentations as well as the original document in PDF and word

http://www.ebibleteacher.com
Resources for the Computer in the Bible Class and Worship – backgrounds, photos, model kits, maps, etc. While this is not a Seventh-day Adventist managed site, there is a wealth of material which can be adapted to our SDA perspective.

http://www.templateready.com/Specials/Free_educational_template.html

http://www.pppst.com/geography.html
http://ancienthistory.pppst.com/africa.html

http://africa.mrdonn.org/
Lesson plans and resources galore - Geography, History, Ancient/Medieval Africa, Contemporary African. Check it out!

http://www.eduhound.com/ewarchives/060707ew.html
A weekly newsletter built around a theme. Examples of resources listed:
- 50 States.com
  - Extensive collection of factual information about each of the United States and their capitals.
  - http://www.50states.com
- EnchantedLearning.com: US States
  - Facts, map and state symbols for the 50 states, with links to related quizzes and printouts.
  - http://www.enchantedlearning.com/usa/states/
- USA Geography: Online Games
  - Learn the locations, capitals, abbreviations, and over 500 important facts about the 50 states of the USA.
  - http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/Web_games.htm
- TheUS50.com
  - Listing history, events, outdoors, attractions, and general information for each of the 50 states.
  - http://www.theus50.com
- Netstate.com

- Features state symbols, flags, capitals, outline maps, songs, facts, history, and geography.
- http://www.netstate.com/states/index.html

Teaching *The Levees*

http://www.teachingthelevees.org/

Katrina's floodwaters may have receded, but the cultural, social, and political damage remains -- and needs to be explored. This curriculum package, designed to accompany Spike Lee's powerful documentary *When the Levees Broke: A Requiem in Four Acts*, will carry the cultural debris of Hurricane Katrina into the classroom. A media-literacy component teaches students how to steady themselves against media spins and biases, and helps them examine the failure of government officials to act decisively in Katrina's wake. The ambitious package, supported by the Rockefeller Foundation, aims to rekindle the fading questions the survivors and victims of Katrina have left for us -- namely, "What kind of country are we?" and "What kind of country do we hope to be?"

PBS Teachers

http://www.pbs.org/teachers

The site offers teachers in grades preK-12 rich passageways into the arts, health and fitness, math, language arts, and social studies, and pays special attention to early-childhood educators, library media specialists, and technology coordinators. Though the lesson plans are free, the site also offers the option of purchasing award-winning PBS documentaries -- with curricula -- such as *Eyes on the Prize*, seven discs of America's civil rights story.

TeacherTube

www.teachertube.com

This is the extension of the YouTube model to YouTheTeacherTube. This site, unaffiliated with the online video-sharing powerhouse, is a Web bazaar for teachers to browse and post professional-development videos. Viewers can learn everything from how to teach electromagnetism to the best tips for creating an in-class laser show to the mathematics of musical-instrument strings.

As a rule, we discourage pictures of individual students on a Web site, pictures such as a student directory or class pictures, but to use activity shots of students at play or in the classroom doing an activity, or a mission/outreach project are fine. Just remember that there are predators out there searching for young girls and boys to destroy. If they can use your Web site to identify those children, fixate on them, find your school using the address on your site and then prey upon them, then don't use the picture. Never give

student names associated with the pictures as that is one more piece they can use to track that child. You can say the seventh graders, or the drama team, but try not to use individual names. Sometimes it is unavoidable, but always be sure that the parents sign off on placing the name on the Web.

http://computersforlearning.org/
The CFL program evolved as a guide for implementing Executive Order 12999, Educational Technology: Ensuring Opportunity for all Children in the Next Century. The executive order encourages agencies, to the extent permitted by law, to transfer computers and related peripheral equipment excess to their needs directly to schools and some educational nonprofit organizations. The CFL program specifically matches the computer needs of schools and educational nonprofit organization with excess equipment in Federal agencies.

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