

### **Pertinent Excerpts from the Church Manual:**

The Pathfinder club provides a specialized programme needed for junior youth and in some areas has replaced the Adventist Junior Youth Society in the local church. Pathfinders will meet according to Conference/Mission/field policy, Pg 88, Church Manual.

The Adventurer Club provides a specialized program suited to the rapidly developing primary/early school-age children in the local church. It is designed to strengthen parental involvement in the early childhood development. Church Manual Pg 88

The Adventist Junior Youth Society has as its objective the training of junior youth for christen leadership and service and the development of each individual to the fullest potential...the AJY is part of the church school curriculum...The pathfinder Club has taken the place of the AJY society in some local churches, since its specialized program incorporates the same objectives plus other opportunities. Where there is a Pathfinder Club and a AJY Society there must be close coordination and corporation between the two , with the leader of the AJY society being on the Pathfinder Club Staff Council... Church Manual Pg 114

**Note:** the Pledge and Law of both the AJY and the Pathfinder Club is the same.

### Pathfinder and Adventurer Clubs

The pathfinder Club is a church- centered program which provides an outlet for the spirit of adventure and exploration that is found in every junior youth...This includes carefully tailored activities in outdoor living, nature exploration, crafts, hobbies, or vocations beyond the possibilities in an average AJY Society...In many local churches the Pathfinder Clubs have replaced the traditional AJY Society...The pathfinder Club Director and deputy director(s) are elected for one or two year term by the church at the time of the general elections. If two deputy directors are elected there should be one of each sex...The director is a member of the church board. CM pg 115-116

The Adventurer Club is a parent /church – centered program which provides parents with a tool useable with the 6 through 9 year old children designed to stimulate the children budding curiosity ...This program includes age- specific activities that involve both parent and child...with a spiritual focus setting the stage for participation in the church as a Pathfinder

The Adventurer Director and that person's immediate associates are elected for one or two year terms by the church at the time of the general elections. Additional staff is elected by the administrative staff of the club. The Director is a member of the local board. CM pg 116

### Funds (Special funds)

It is of utmost importance that all offerings and gifts contributed by individuals to the church for a specific fund or purpose be used for that purpose. Neither the church treasurer nor the board has the authority to divert any funds from the objective for which they were given. Pg 64 CM **(keep in mind neither do the Directors have that authority)**