

European Valuegenesis Survey

ADMINISTRATION MANUAL

A youth survey organised by The Euro – Africa Division and Trans – European Division Youth Ministries Departments and The Jose Figols Centre for Youth Ministry.

1. Mission Statement

To understand how European Adventist youth live out their faith in order to develop a culturally appropriate strategy for Adventist Youth Ministry and mission.

2. Overview

The purpose of this survey is to provide a description of the value system of European Adventist youth. Also to determine what factors in Adventist homes, churches and in their social context, nurture the values and faith in young people. Finally, to help understand how Adventism in the 21st Century can provide a framework for the faith of young people in the European context.

The Valuegenesis survey will be a census of young people aged 14-25. This target group will be associated with the church either through attendance, baptism or living in an Adventist home. Inactive youth associated with the church within the last two years should also be included if at all possible.

The organisation of the survey will be co-ordinated by the executive committee of the Centre for Youth Ministry, in cooperation with the EUD/TED Youth

Ministries Departments and their networks – at Union and Conference level.

The survey will be administered through a website designed by a professional survey company. The website will provide protected access to the questionnaire by means of a password. Each young person will receive a personal and single-use password which will allow him/her to fill out the questionnaire. The password will expire at the completion of the questionnaire –*so if a break is needed please do not log off before completing all the questions.*

3. Preparation for Administering the Survey

- The countries involved in the European Valuegenesis survey are:

EUD

1. Austrian Union
2. Bulgarian Union
3. Czech Union
4. Franco Belgian Union
5. North German Union
6. South German Union
7. Italian Union
8. Portugese Union
9. Romanian Union
- 10Slovakian Union
- 11Spanish Union
- 12Swiss Union

TED

- Adriatic Union
- British Union
- Netherlands Union
- Swedish Union
- Danish Union
- Norwegian Union

- The questionnaire will be translated into the appropriate language(s) for each participating Union.
- Each Union will supply a 100% figure for participants as part of a pre-survey. Passwords will be made available according to this figure.
- In a church setting the best picture will be gained if all within the target age group participate. Smaller Unions/Conferences will need to be close to 100% participation in order to insure reliability of the result.
- Any decision about parental consent should be made in terms of local policy, practice and legislation. In England, for example, the collection and use of personal information is governed by the Data Protection Act 1998, which imposes restrictions on the use of “Personal Data”. This is defined as information about an identifiable living individual. If it is not possible to identify an individual from the information then that information will not be Personal Data and the act will not apply. As the Survey is completed without giving names, no-one can be identified, and as such anonymity will be preserved at all times. This is also the case of most of the European countries.
(Please see attached info note to parents - Pdf file)
- In addition to web based forms written forms can be made available as a PDF file upon request for young people not having access to a computer. However, these results must be processed locally under the supervision of the Union/Conference survey administrator.

4. Procedure for Survey Administration

- Each Union will be designated one month during which the questionnaires should be completed on-line. (see enclosed Valuegenesis Calendar)
- The central organisation will provide a Valuegenesis survey package to the Union/Conference Survey Administrator, to be distributed to the local pastor as the local survey administrator. The package will include a check list, (general description of the survey process) passwords, and an evaluation feedback form.
- Local youth leaders should issue each young person in the target age group with a password for use during this month. The questionnaire can be completed wherever there is computer usage and internet access and all youth are invited to complete the questionnaire in one sitting.
- Survey administrators should inform all participating youth that:
They are involved in a very important study on young people's attitudes and behaviours. The purpose of this study is to help the church better understand the problems youth face, and how it can be more effective in helping. This survey will help young people build a more mature faith and deepen relationships with God. By taking this seriously, and by being as honest as possible, young people will help improve the programmes and ministry of the church.

It is very important that young people know that their survey will be confidential. Since their name will not be on the survey anonymity is assured.

- The passwords will expire at the end of the month and it is important that all fill out the survey in this time period.

5. Specific Concerns

- Students attending University or College in a secondary town should gain their password from their home church.

6. Post Administration

- Unused passwords should be returned to the Conference/Union Survey Administrator together with the signed checklist and feedback form...
- A raw percentage score analysis of all questions will be available for each Union 4-6 weeks after the close of the survey month.
- The European analysis will be completed by the Valuegenesis Research Committee after the conclusion of the whole survey.

7. Other Guidelines

Further details are available on the Valuegenesis website www.valuegenesis.org

Thank you to all the Survey Administrators, Youth Leaders and Youth participants who will help to make this survey successful.