



# NYC Times

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## While they run this race



Photos by Chris Detrick

Left, Jordan Bowman and Aaron Lahman race neck-and-neck; right, Paula Hoffert takes charge.

The first NYC 5K run/walk went off without a hitch Saturday morning under a sunny sky. More than 600 NYCers took part in the race, and they raised more than \$27,000 in donations to support Habitat for Humanity.

Jordan Bowman of the Lebanon Church of the Brethren, Mt. Sidney, Va., finished first overall, narrowly edging Aaron Lahman of Glendale, Ariz. Paula Hoffert of Minnesota finished first among female runners.

## NYC: "It just gets more fun"

This is the fifth National Youth Conference for which Chris Douglas, coordinator of Youth/



**Douglas** Young Adult Ministry for the General Board, has been at the helm. They don't necessarily get any easier, she says, but she always looks forward to them. "There are different challenges each time," she says, "but I'm always moved by what an incredible privilege it is to work with this many of our denomination's youth. . . . It just gets more fun."

## BIRTH OF A DRAMA



Photo by Chris Detrick

Lee Eshleman and Ted Swartz wrestle with some new ideas.

## Forgiveness takes center stage

It all began at a Lutheran convention two years ago. Ted & Lee were asked to do a piece on forgiveness, and an idea took shape. The idea of doing a story on Jacob and Esau had been "floating around," Swartz said, so they wrote a sketch that eventually became the final scene of the drama

they presented Friday. Ken Medema wrote a song based on that scene, and then NYC asked the three of them to expand it into the "world premiere" of "Fight for the Blessing." That, in turn, will be one half of a full show to premiere in Virginia in April 2003. A study video is also available.

## UP TO THE MINUTE

### Tonight's speaker

Deanna Brown gives the message tonight, titled "If you, even you, would see . . ." She is a pastor in Ft. Wayne, Ind., and was previously campus pastor at Manchester College.



**Brown**

### In the morning

Brethren Witness director David Radcliff will speak on "No Better Time" at the closing worship service. He lives in Elgin, Ill., and travels widely through the denomination and beyond.



**Radcliff**

### Meet the staff

**Rhonda Pittman** **Jim Gingrich** **Chinworth**  
**NYC role:** Morning worship coordinators



**Lives in:** Minneapolis  
**Family:** husband Mark; one daughter  
**Facts:** Was '90 NYC coordinator

**Lives in:** N. Manchester  
**Family:** wife Debbie; two sons  
**Facts:** Campus pastor at Manchester

## Announcements, Announcements, Announcements

### Check this out!

Actually, check yourself out, by noon tomorrow-- unless you are in Newsom or Parmelee, in which case you must check out by 8:15.

Take your key to the front desk in your hall, then take the voucher you receive to NYC staff in your dorm lounge. Full check-out instructions are available at the NYC information office on the Moby concourse. If you need to check out before 6 a.m., pick up a special set of instructions there.

### A wee correction

The role of Jeff Carter and Bonnie Kline Smeltzer was misidentified in Friday's Times. We beg for forgiveness and inform you that they are, in fact, the evening worship coordinators.

### It's virtually everywhere

Forget to buy something at the NYC bookstore? The NYC shop will be available



Photo by Chris Detrick  
Military spending towers high at Saturday's witness event.

online as of July 24. Visit [www.brethrenpress.com](http://www.brethrenpress.com) and click on the NYC section to see what is available. NYC clothing and gear will be for sale while supplies last.

### Outpouring of offerings

The offering taken Thursday for ministries in the Dominican Republic totaled as \$9,406.64. On Wednesday, \$32,778.82 was received in cash and checks toward

the clinic box project, not counting the materials goods received. And Friday night, a total of 2,570 pounds of food was donated to area food pantries in the can drive. Thanks for your generosity!

### Assisting with worship

Thanks to the following additional people for assisting in worship:

In tonight's service: Katie Hollenberg, Michael Martin, and Tamara Ricketts, all from Indiana.

In Sunday morning's worship: Rachel McFadden, Michael Chinworth, Marie Weller, and Ben McElwee, all from Indiana; and Adam Litke, Rob Chappel, Nate Ballinger, and Joel Langdon, all from Ohio.

### By the numbers

Atlantic Northeast District, the denomination's largest, also sent the most youth to NYC this year: a total of 620. They were followed by

Shenandoah with 406, Mid-Atlantic with 370, Southern Ohio with 331, and Northern Indiana with 303.

All but one district sent youth to NYC, and there were also participants from the Dominican Republic and one from Nigeria.

### Video vendors

The video of the Wednesday evening worship featuring Tony Campolo experienced some technical difficulties that left it below the usual Sollenberger standards.

Due to its popularity, however, it will still be sold for \$10 at the video table on the Moby floor. All other worship videos are \$15 each.

### Calling all vessels

All vessel carriers should meet at the stage at 7:15 Sunday morning to rehearse for worship.

Thanks to Danielle Hart for assisting with the compilation of announcements this week.

## NYC ASKS: "What is the biggest highlight of your week at NYC so far?"



**Whitney Kopp**  
Myerstown, Pa.

"Meeting new people and listening to Tony Campolo."



**Ashleigh Chadwick**  
Ridgely, Md.

"The people, because they accept you for who you are here."



**Noah Beam**  
Pleasant Hill, Ohio

"The music; the really great music."



**Matt Hoffman**  
McPherson, Kan.

"When Tony Campolo came and talked, it got me pumped up."



**Tamara Ricketts**  
Fort Wayne, Ind.

"If I had to pick one activity, it would definitely be the swing dancing."