

# **ADVENTIST MINISTRY TO COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS**



## Connect.

We endeavour to connect students with their fellow human beings, their church and their community.



## Encounter Jesus

We aim to help students connect with Jesus and grow in a closer relationship with Him.



## Act.

We call students to be proactive in making a positive impact on people's lives and in their community, as well as in discovering their sense of mission.



## Think.

We encourage students to dare to ask questions and to think for themselves.



## Be.

We seek to aid students become the best human being they can be.





# WHAT IS YOUR REALITY?

If you're launching a new student ministry in your country, start by getting a glimpse of your reality.

- ▶ Since you share target groups, how does the Youth department work in your country? Is it possible to establish a partnership, i.e., work together?
- ▶ Where do most students live?
- ▶ What are the needs of students in your country?
  - ▶ Loneliness?
  - ▶ Faith crisis?
  - ▶ Practical needs: housing, grocery shopping, etc.
  - ▶ What are students going through?





# 2 TYPES OF MODEL IN EUROPE

## ► Event-based

- Usually happens when AMiCUS leader works as a volunteer (not full-time, has their own job).
- A few events in the year.
- Contact with students few times in a year.
- Little presence on campus.
- Less impact on students.

e.g.: Spain (AEGUAE)

## ► Ministry-based

- Works when the leader is employed a specific amount of time.
- Weekly events and activities; things are happening on a regular basis.
- Constant contact with students.
- Strong presence on campus.
- Greater impact on students.

e.g.: Czech Republic (INRIroad)  
and Romania (AMiCUS)



# IDEAS

- ▶ **Identify students** in your country. WHO do you want to reach? How many? Where? How are they connected?
- ▶ Learn what the **needs of students** are (survey, one-to-one interviews, focus group) in each of the five key areas of AMiCUS (Connect. Think. Encounter Jesus. Be. Act.)
- ▶ Focus on creating **student-friendly churches** in cities with students
  - ▶ REACH handbook.
  - ▶ Churches should: Be helpful in practical ways, provide a home away from home, promote spiritual nurture, provide lifestyle challenges, involve students in evangelism.
- ▶ Organize **national and regional events**
  - ▶ Faith and science focus. Geoscience Research Institute (GRI) (Noemí Durán) can be helpful.
  - ▶ Public debates at university (e.g. a believer and a non-believer addressing certain topics)
  - ▶ Inspiring event at beginning of school year to: remind students they are not alone, deal with specific challenges and questions they face at university, connect with other students, etc.

# IDEAS

- ▶ Help organize **local chapters**
  - ▶ Show students how they can become an official student association or organization (like in Spain or Romania)
  - ▶ Train students to lead their own local student groups
- ▶ Facilitate **useful materials**
  - ▶ Create your own materials for students (e.g. handbook, podcasts, online meetings, social media initiatives, etc.)
  - ▶ Translate existing materials

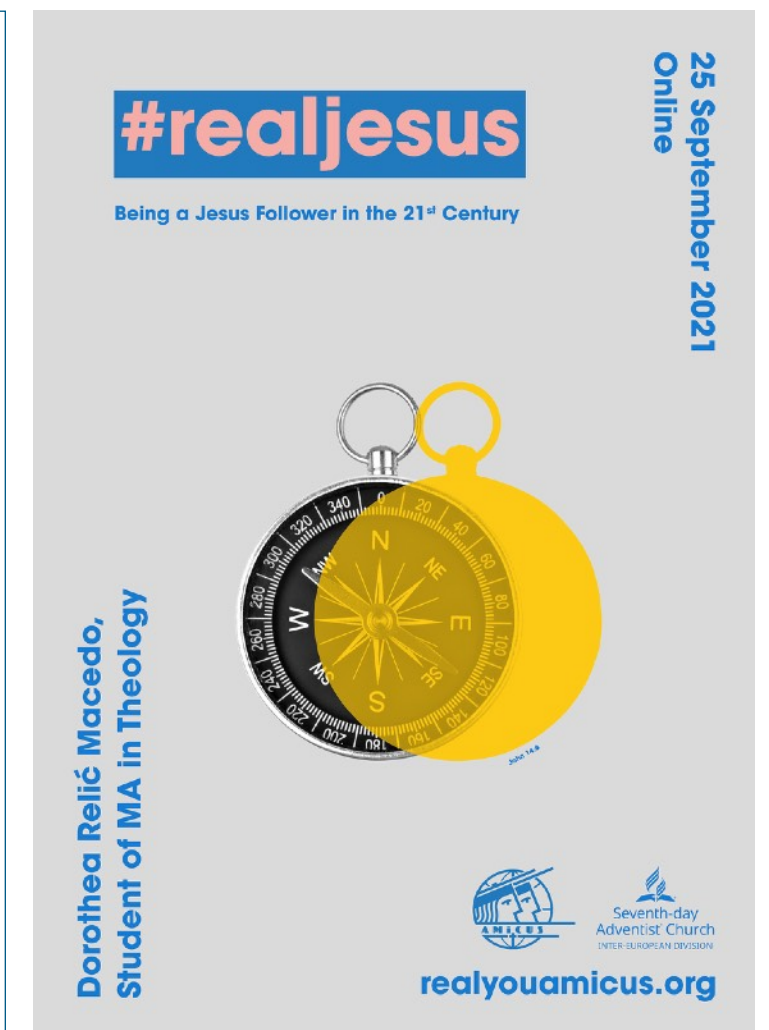
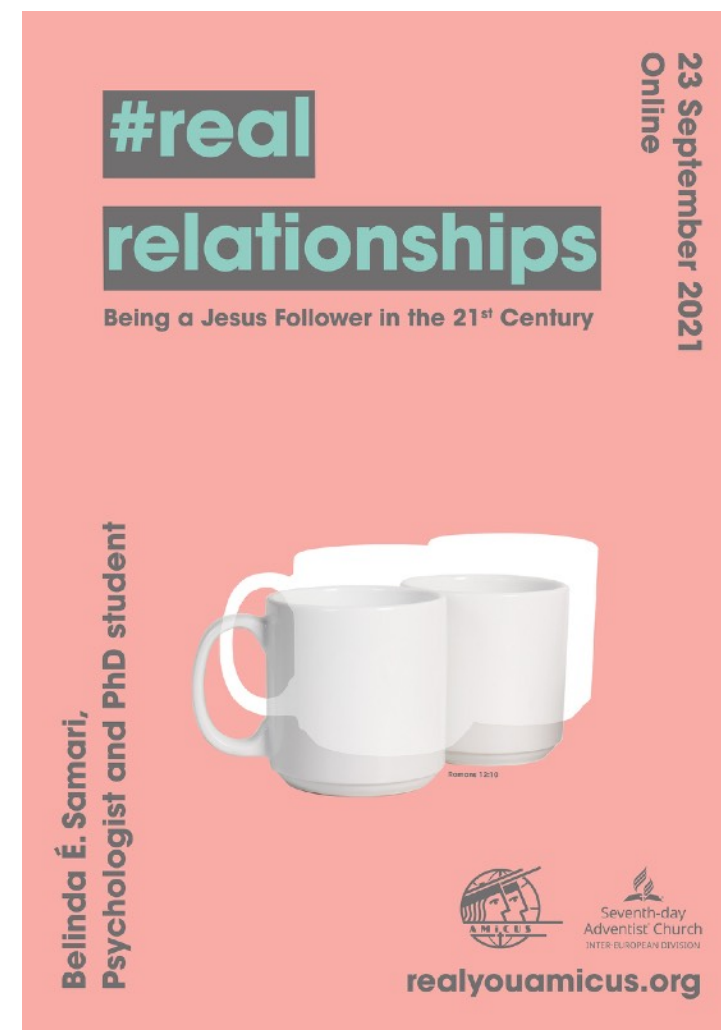


# AMiCUS COMMITTEE

- ▶ At the EUD level, the AMiCUS Committee meets once a year to further develop and grow the AMiCUS ministry in Europe.
- ▶ The AMiCUS Committee is made up of all the AMiCUS leaders of the EUD Unions.

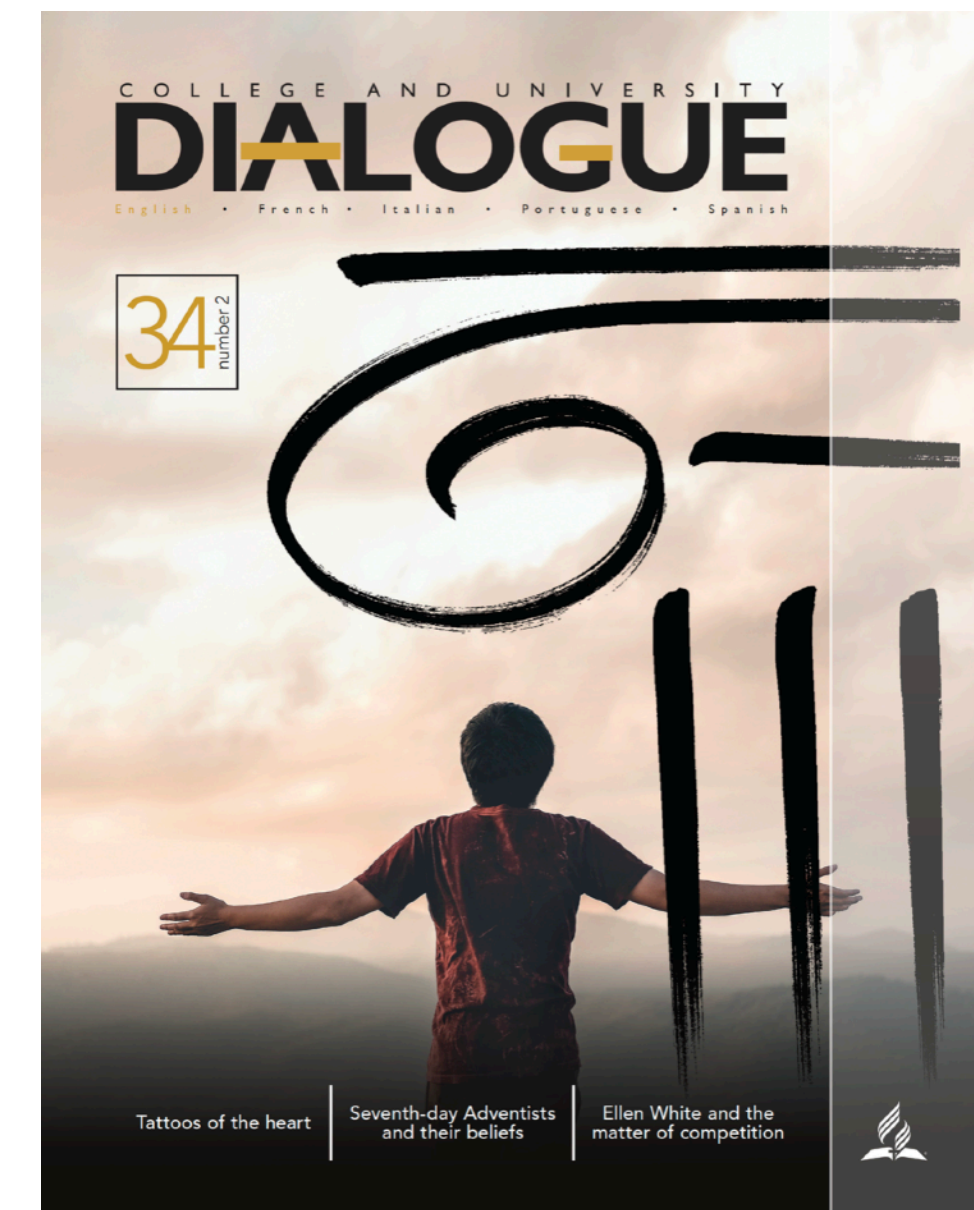
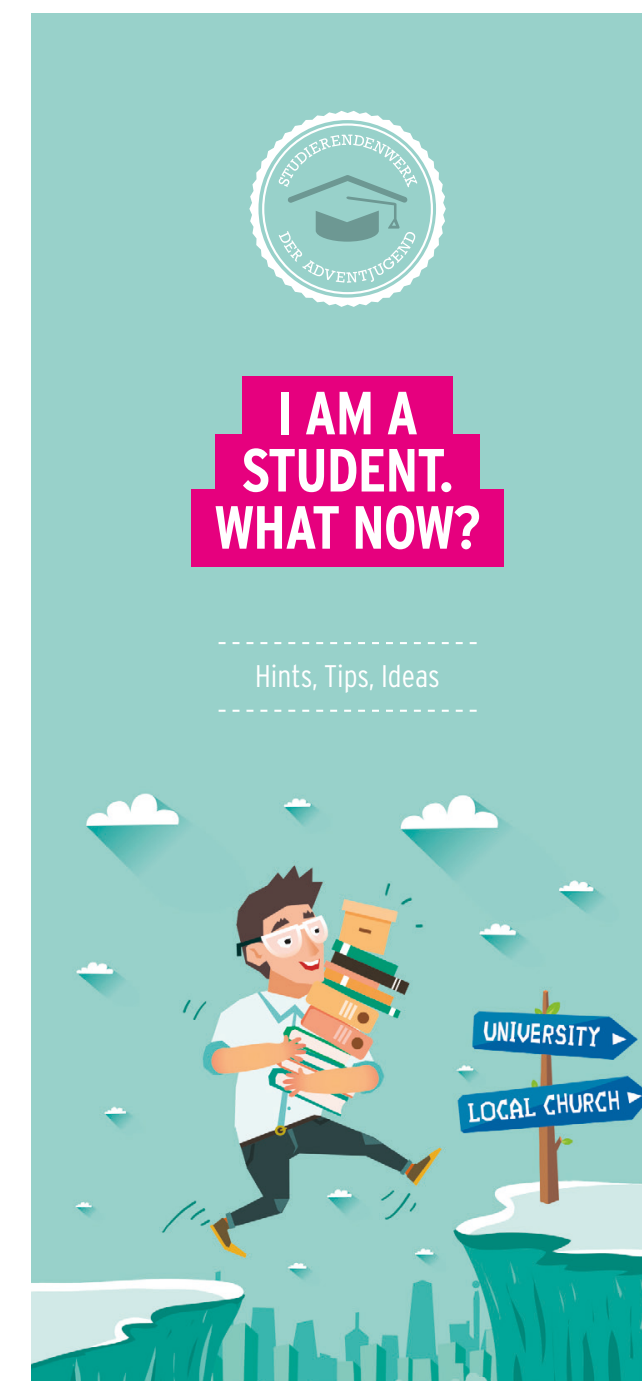
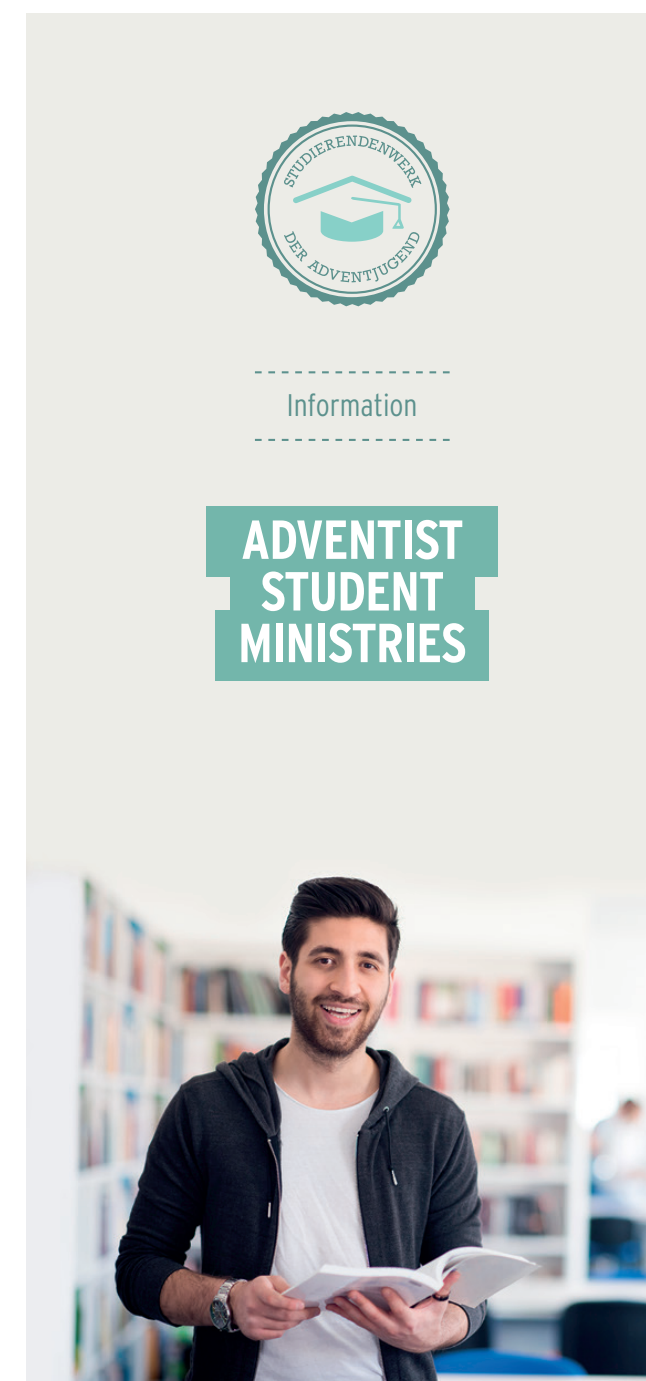
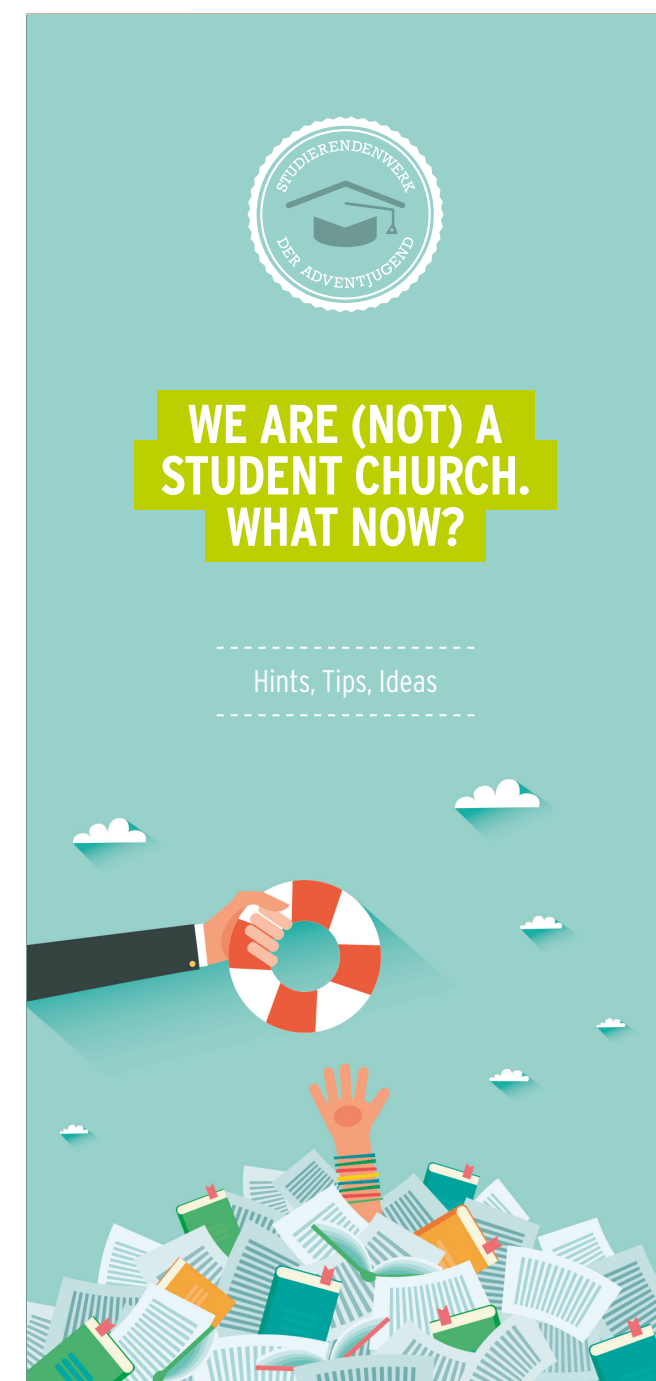
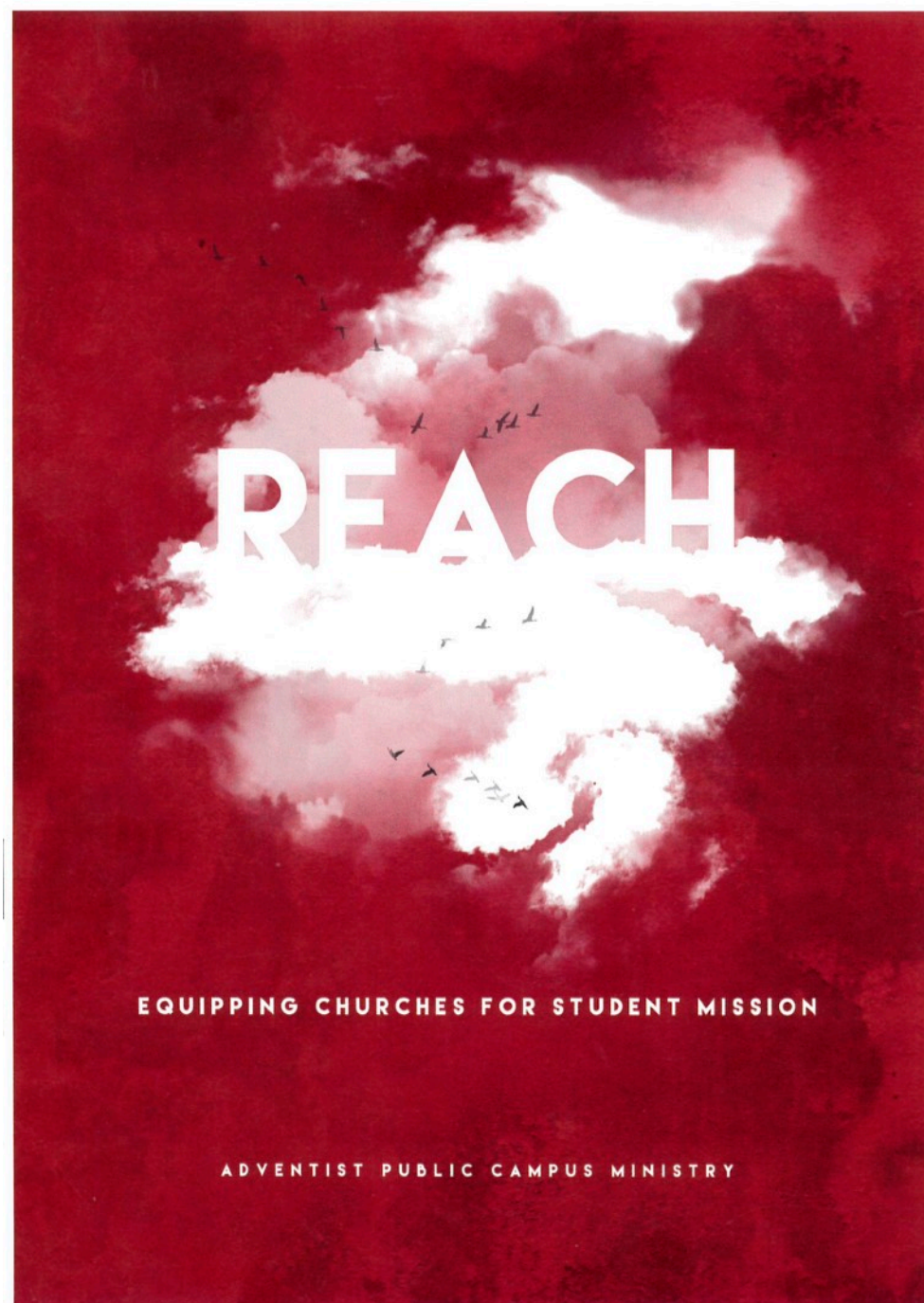
# EUD EVENTS

- ▶ The AMiCUS Congress is an event focused on students. It takes place every 3-4 years.
- ▶ This is a great opportunity to connect with other European students and go deeper into different topics.





# RESOURCES



- ▶ SDA websites/ministries:
  - ▶ <https://acflink.org/>

- ▶ Non-SDA websites/ministries:
  - ▶ <https://www.uccf.org.uk/>
  - ▶ <https://www.bethinking.org/>

- ▶ We are currently working on:
  - ▶ Starter Kit for churches, unions and students
  - ▶ Website: hub of resources
  - ▶ Seeker Bible studies
  - ▶ Apologetics video series



# RESOURCES





# OTHER AMiCUS MINISTRIES TO CONTACT



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Romania



@inriroad

Czech Republic



@aeguae\_org

Spain

# HOW CAN WE HELP?

- ▶ Help you develop a plan to grow student ministry in your country.
  - ▶ Share specific resources according to your needs.
  - ▶ Respond to your on-going questions.
  - ▶ Connect you with other AMiCUS leaders.
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