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News and Information from the North American Division

NEWSPOINTS



On Oct. 1, the NAD will livestream a special one-hour prayer meeting. This will be the third event of its kind hosted by the NAD. Division leaders will gather specifically to hear what's happening now in a few meetings across the division, and pray for those and other meetings also happening concurrently or this fall. Registration will soon be available to participate in the prayer meeting. [MORE](#)



More than 200 women from across the NAD converged upon Denver, Colo., to recalibrate and renew in purpose and mission at the NAD's Passionate Leader Summit, Sept. 4-6. This second run of the event is part of a four-course leadership plan developed by the department under the leadership of NAD Women's Ministries director DeeAnn Bragaw. [MORE](#)



Kerr County residents were the focus of discussion when administrators from AdventHealth and the Texas Conference gathered at the Adventist Community Services Depot in Keene, Texas, on Sept. 4, 2025. Trevor Wright, president and CEO for AdventHealth’s Southwest Region, presented a check for more than \$33,000, on behalf of AdventHealth’s Southwest Region employees and leadership, to assist Texas ACS as they provide relief in Kerr County. [MORE](#)



Last fall, shortly after the NAD launched Pentecost 2025 — a territory-wide effort to inspire bold, Holy Spirit-led evangelism — Pastor Chaka Samuel was scrolling Facebook when a post stopped him cold: his friend and fellow pastor Kojo Twumasi had baptized 80 people in Toledo through something called the Compassion Project. Inspired, Samuel reached out, hoping to bring the same momentum to his own Indianapolis district. [MORE](#)



Patricia Drake Cople, Walla Walla



NAD president G. Alexander Bryant met with Baltimore-area

University alumna, has received a 2025 Junia Award from the

Association of Adventist Women, which was awarded during the 62nd GC Session in St. Louis, Mo. The award acknowledges women who are breaking new ground, active in their church, or serving as leaders. In 1958, Cople became the first woman to graduate from WWU's Edward F. Cross School of Engineering. [MORE](#)

pastors from the Chesapeake and

Allegheny East conferences on Sept. 3, at the NAD headquarters in Columbia, Md., to encourage and pray with them as part of the upcoming Reach Baltimore 2025 evangelistic initiative, a collaborative project led by the Chesapeake Conference, Allegheny East Conference, and It Is Written. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Local Leaders Celebrate New Community Center and Computer Giveaway at Adventist Church \(Calif.\)](#)

[Study of 80,000 People Links Plant-Based Diets to Lower Cancer Risk \(Calif.\)](#)

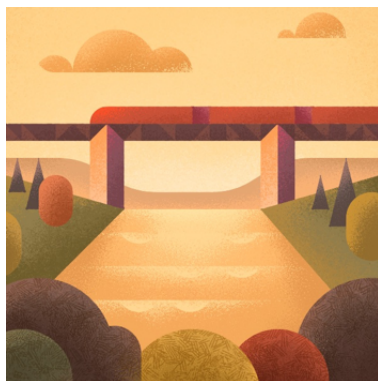
[Southern Adventist University Students Foster Positivity Through Painting \(Tenn.\)](#)

[Juan de la Cruz Presents Adventist Health's Vision for Montebello Hospital Expansion \(Calif.\)](#)

[Adventist Surgery Project Underway \(Ore.\)](#)

[Adventist Health Taps Network President \(Calif.\)](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



Our regularly scheduled NAD NewsPoints will be not be published next week. Please check out the NAD's social media ([Facebook](#), Twitter (X), [Instagram](#)) for new content, or visit the NAD Homepage for [news](#) and much more. [Click here](#) to read/watch *Adventist Journey* magazine stories and videos.



Did you know there is an annual International Day of Peace? In 1981, the United Nations General Assembly declared Sept. 21 as the International Day of Peace. It's designed to commemorate and strengthen the ideals of peace. It may be a challenge to imagine world peace, but it's never inappropriate to pray for peace. LifeTalk Radio encourages everyone to pray for peace, not only on Sept. 21, but on every day of the year. Plus take a moment to send a beautiful digital greeting card to someone special and remind them of the importance of peace and praying for peace. Free digital greeting cards at lifetalk.net/ecards.

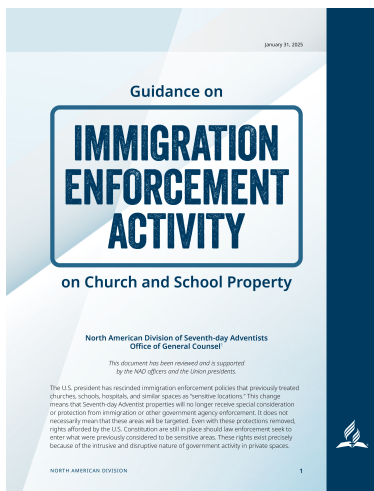


The Society of Adventist Communicators is holding its annual convention for communication professionals and students on Oct. 16-18, 2025, in Riverside, California. Join us for workshops/training, special general sessions, "Festival of Sabbath" programming, networking and much more! [Click here](#) to learn more/register. In addition to the full convention, we are offering a registration ticket just for the "Festival of Sabbath" special event.



The 2025 Conscience & Justice Council Annual Convention is scheduled for Sept. 25 - 28, in Huntsville, Ala. Adults interested in learning more about the issues of justice and conscience are encouraged to attend. Come and discover ways to overcome oppression through the power of the Word of God. Through plenary sessions, workshops, and best practices, we'll identify the abuses of power that subjugate the oppressed and the biblical solutions to resolve them. What's included in registration fee: All event materials, full access to general and breakout sessions, meals, and best practices tour. [Click here](#) to register/for more information.

The North American Division has provided for



churches and schools the document entitled "Guidance on Immigration Enforcement Activity on Church and School Property." These guidelines, prepared by the NAD Office of General Counsel, have been reviewed — and is supported by — the NAD officers and union presidents. [CLICK HERE](#) for the guidelines in English. [Spanish-](#) and [French-](#)language versions have been published and all are also available under the [NAD website "Guidelines"](#) tab.

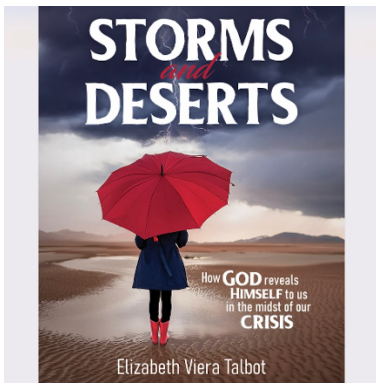


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New quarter of It Is Written Sabbath School! This quarter (starting June 28) on It Is Written Sabbath School, join host Eric Flickinger and study author Dr. Jiří Moskala as they dig into this quarter's study, "Exodus," and shed light on Moses' life and the God of the Old Testament. A new half-hour program is released every Saturday at 3 p.m. EDT. Watch on YouTube or [It Is Written TV.](#)

Jesus 101 has released *Storms and Deserts* by Dr. Elizabeth Talbot, a new book that discusses how God reveals Himself to us in the midst of our worst crisis. *Storms and Deserts* revisits biblical stories where people went through emotional and spiritual turmoil and how God revealed himself to them

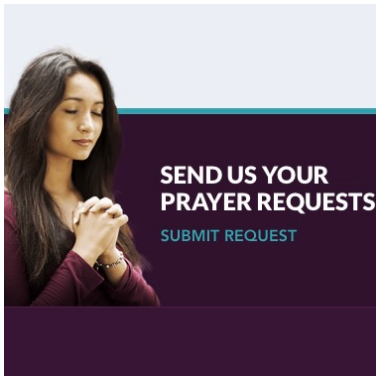


with compassion and grace in their darkest hour. It is also Dr. Talbot's most personal and vulnerable book to date. To pre-order your free copy, download the Jesus 101 mobile app, click on "Book Offers", and enter code "Storms825". Jesus 101 will send this completely free (U.S. only, one per household). Code valid thru Sept. 30.

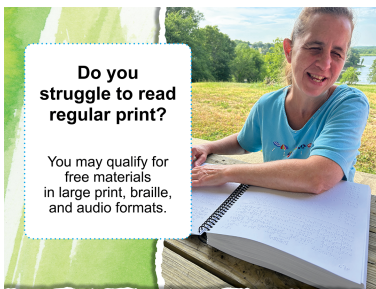
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messages. Listeners can see His tender, loving care for those around Him. No element of His life is too small to provide insight, and these insights will revitalize your life! Click [here](#) for access to these free daily devotionals.



Discovery Mountain has resources to help your school run a Pentecost 2025 event! Grow the faith of your students with our plug-and-play Week of Prayer program, Flyover Faith, and immerse them in the Word of God with our fun-filled Expedition Bible Guides, beautifully illustrated NKJV Bible, and easy-to-use study aids. [Click here](#) to learn more and view our resources.



Ready to strengthen your faith and grow in confidence in God's promises? Embark on a 40-day journey with Jesus, designed not for mere fasting or prayer, but for intentional, daily time with Him. This challenge, starting now, is all about personal spiritual growth and transformation — a journey to be inspired, empowered, and changed from the inside out. Over these 40 days, deepen your relationship with Jesus and experience the life-changing power of consistent time in His presence. Embrace the challenge and be transformed! Click [here](#) to learn more.



Lifestyle with Roy Ice has just released a new season of episodes. This award-winning talk show focuses on living your best life; featuring discussions, interviews, and demonstrations centered around whole life health. Some of the guests from this season include: Alison Arngrim, Dean Butler, Nikki DeLoach, Billy Gardell, J. Scott Reed, Lara Love Hardin, Josh and Lauren Swickard, and many more. To watch the latest shows, visit: www.lifestyle.org.

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Perspective: "People Are the Priority" by Kimberly Luste Maran, p. 11

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VIEWPOINTS



The Prototype

“Christ came to the world with the purpose of saving the world, also with the purpose — this in turn is implicit in His first purpose — of being the prototype, of leaving footprints for the person who wanted to join Him, who then might become an imitator.”

— *Søren Kierkegaard, Practice in Christianity*

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