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News and Information from the North American Division

NEWSPOINTS

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The 2025 Safeguarding Peace training empowered attendees to build safer churches. From Feb. 9 to 11, a small but dedicated group of local church, conference, and union leaders, and lay members, met at the North American Division headquarters in Columbia, Md., for the NAD's enditnow® Safeguarding Peace training on abuse prevention and response. Through presentations, pair and group discussions, and hands-on exercises, attendees were



For years, White Memorial Adventist Church in Los Angeles, Calif., was viewed as the church that did not care. Then everything changed. On Jan. 7, during their week of prayer, Manny Arteaga and his leaders experienced three blackouts from heavy winds. The next morning, they awoke to “images that the city we love, our mission field, our home, was on fire,” Arteaga shared at the 2025 eHuddle — an evangelism/leadership think tank hosted

empowered to help make our churches safer spaces. [MORE](#)



It began as a small gathering under the trees on La Sierra University's campus in June 2003. Nine Seventh-day Adventist Ghanaian students and community members formed a Sabbath worship service, bound together by a shared faith, culture, and desire to connect. The small group began holding Sabbath School classes at various locations — first on campus and eventually at a nearby strip mall. Their numbers gradually grew until they had approximately 80 members in 2024. The congregation decided it was time to acquire their own church building. [MORE](#)

by the NAD Ministerial Association from Feb. 24 to 26 at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich. [MORE](#)



In a simulation of managing a startup company in the MGMT 364 International Business course, one of Southern Adventist University's teams placed first out of the five locally competing teams, and in the 99th percentile of more than 1 million simulation teams worldwide in 2024. In another business strategy challenge, three of Southern's teams ranked as Global Top 50 Performers out of 685 teams from 58 colleges and universities worldwide for the performance of their GLO-BUS business strategy simulations. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[AdventHealth Reaches Construction Milestone With Daytona Hospital Expansion \(Fla.\)](#)

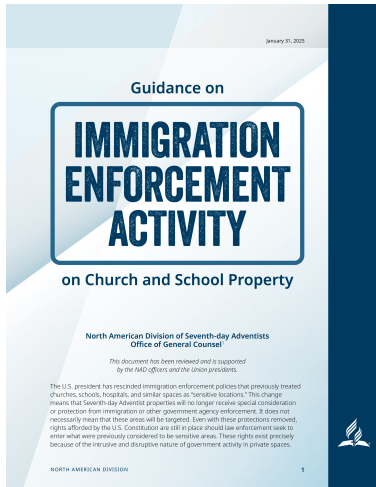
[Cutting-Edge Sepsis Dashboard Halves Mortality Rates, Shortens Patient Stays \(Fla.\)](#)

[\\$7 Million Donation to Help Expand Healthcare Access in Corcoran \(Calif.\)](#)

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. And [click here](#) to read/watch *Adventist Journey* magazine stories and videos.



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.



Earth Day is a celebration that raises awareness of the need to protect our Earth and its natural resources for future generations. It's celebrated annually on April 22. Earth Day is also a reminder that nature is God's lesson book. Through nature we learn more about Him and his character of love. LifeTalk Radio offers many programs on nature and creation including, Answers in Genesis, Creation Moments, Sink the Beagle and more. Discover the host of Bible-based programs at: lifetalk.net/programs



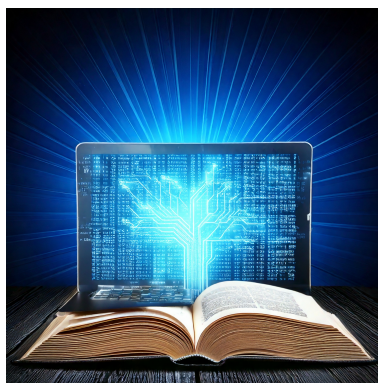
The ACS Disaster Famine and Relief Offering



(DFRO) is on Sabbath, May 10. You have witnessed the aftermath from tornadoes, hurricanes, fires, floods and other disasters tearing apart communities. Families are displaced, having lost their home, livelihood and even loved ones. Adventist Community Services Disaster Response stands ready to serve those affected by these and other tragedies. Plan now to give at your church on May 10 or give [here online](#); and together we are "Serving Communities in Christ's name."



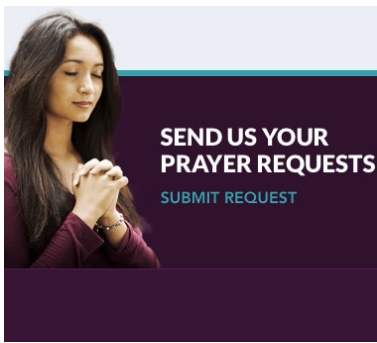
Prayer changes everything! Join our live-stream prayer meeting event on May 2. Hosted by the NAD, you can participate by signing up on the special Pentecost 2025 prayer page (limited space). Another option is to watch and pray with church members across North America by tuning in on the NAD Facebook page or YouTube. Let's meet at the throne of grace — as one church, one family. [CLICK HERE](#) for info on how to participate.



Take your ministry beyond the pulpit and into the digital world. This course empowers pastors and church leaders to harness the power of AI tools to transform sermon content into engaging, shareable social media posts. You'll learn how to optimize sermon videos, design eye-catching visuals, and use online engagement tools to grow your church's digital presence. By the end of the course, you'll have the skills and confidence to combine AI technologies with creative strategies—amplifying your message, reaching new audiences, and spreading the gospel far beyond your local community. [Click Here](#) to learn more.

Are you in need of encouragement, hope, or prayer? Jesus 101's prayer warriors would be honored to pray for your specific request. Our prayer team meets

every Wednesday to pray over received prayer requests.



Click [here](#) to submit your prayer request online.



Save the Date! The Office of Prison Ministry for the North American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in partnership with the Ontario Conference of Seventh-day Adventist Church is hosting a Prison Ministry Cross-Reach Conference in Toronto, Canada Aug. 7-9, 2025. We solicit your presence. This conference will be filled with explosive sermons, educational seminars, elevating and soul stirring music, networking, and culminating with an inspiring concert. Register opening soon for this event.



Jesus 101 has the perfect daily devotional podcast to help you connect to God daily. *Jesus Wins!* is an audio devotional that revisits the stories of Jesus, touches on His graceful ways, and shares applicable truths found in His simple yet profound 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.

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Join John Bradshaw for another season of It Is Written. The spring schedule features popular reruns from previous years, new episodes on health and US history, and the release of three new programs in the Daniel the Prophet series. In February, be sure to watch “The Rescue: Fugitives and Freedom,” which focuses on the story of the daring Oberlin-Wellington rescue. Episodes of *It Is Written* are released every Friday at 6 p.m. EST on itiswritten.tv.



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.](#)



“Scrambled Faith,” an all-new season of Discovery Mountain, is here! Keziah’s discovery of a very famous—and endlessly intriguing—puzzle sparks twists and turns. Listen along each week and exercise your faith. [Click here to listen to the latest episodes from Discovery Mountain.](#)



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.



This quarter on *It Is Written Sabbath School*, join host Eric Flickinger and study author John C. Peckham as they discuss God's love and justice. A new half-hour program is released every Sabbath that coordinates with the lesson study. Watch on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com) or [It Is Written TV](https://www.itiswritten.com).



Don't miss some of Authentic's most-watched episodes! Join host Shawn Boonstra in this winter best-of season as he cuts to the core of our fallen human nature and heaven's radical remedy. Using Scripture as his guide, he confronts tough topics like the truth about hell, slavery in the Bible, and the mystery of sin and temptation. Episodes rerun every Friday on [3ABN](https://www.3abn.com) (6 p.m. ET) and our [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com) channel (7 p.m. ET). View our entire back catalog of episodes on our [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com) channel and at vop.com/authentic.



It Is Written continues to provide Pentecost 2025 resources and training. Learn proven evangelism principles from John Bradshaw, Wes Peppers, Eric Flickinger, Robert Costa, and other seasoned evangelists through our online and live training events held around the country. Find Bible studies, sharing books, and more to aid your preparation in our online store. Explore all Pentecost 2025 resources at itiswritten.com/pc25training.



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VIEWPOINTS



One Grand Lesson

"One grand lesson should be taught to our children, and that is, freedom from every particle of egotism and bigotry. ... We should educate the children not to be narrow, but

broad; and an agony of desire and a wrestling faith should be encouraged, that God will give them the ability to win souls."

— *Ellen G. White, Sabbath-School Worker, Oct. 1, 1886, par. 4*

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