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News and Information from the North American Division

# NEWSPOINTS

August 20, 2025



**From April 3-5, more than 200 student filmmakers, professionals, and guests** gathered at Loma Linda University Church for the NAD's 2025 Sonscreen Film Festival. Now in its 22nd year, this unique NAD event showcased 48 student films and several professional projects, featured workshops led by professional faith-based filmmakers, and honored emerging voices via a pitch competition with cash prizes and an awards ceremony. [MORE](#)



**From April 28 to 30, human resources professionals from across the division gathered in** Miami, Fla., for the NAD's annual event honoring their often-unseen labor and offering a unique networking, training, and worship experience. Throughout tHRive, the division's 2025 Human Resources Conference, 329 attendees were reminded that their work is more than recruitment, onboarding, and policies. It's critical to the gospel mission of the



**“Students learn fantastic project management skills,”** said Sergio Bellino, associate professor in the school of business, advisor for Enactus at Southern Adventist University. “They take on leadership roles in a structured organization, and they have people outside of Southern depending on them to follow through on their promises.” [MORE](#)



**From laughter to tears, the 2025 Sonscreen Film Festival spotlighted bold, personal storytelling by emerging Adventist filmmakers.** Discover the heart of this one-

Seventh-day Adventist Church. [MORE](#)



**Greg Iverson, who has served the Information Technology Services (ITS) at the Columbia Union**

Conference for 24 years, will transition to the NAD to serve as its director of ITS. Iverson replaces Milton Sand, who now serves as a data center administrator at Adventist Risk Management. [MORE](#)



**AdventHealth for Children has gifted \$1 million to Orlando Science Center, supporting the organization’s Unlock Science Campaign**

of-a-kind event through the voices of the standout young creatives who brought their visions to life on the big screen.

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and creating new exhibits, experiences, and educational programs to provide high-quality STEM experiences for individuals in the Central Florida community. [MORE](#)

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## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Seventh-Day Adventist Church to Hold Health Expo \(Calif.\)](#)

[Faith, Growth and Purpose: Reflections From Adventhealth Rocky Mountain Region's Summer Interns \(Fla.\)](#)

[Blessing Bags Pantry Receives \\$4,000 Food Lion Feeds Grant \(Md.\)](#)

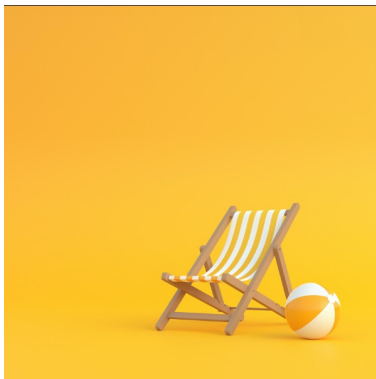
[Local Credit Union Shows Its Heart With \\$1M Gift to Adventist Health Hanford \(Calif\)](#)

[Adventist Health Hanford Nationally Recognized for Providing High-Quality Stroke Care \(Fla.\)](#)

[2 Cases of Measles in Children Under 5 Confirmed by Tulare County Health Officials \(Calif.\)](#)

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## 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 every year National Radio Day is celebrated on August 20?** Watch a short one-minute video created by LifeTalk Radio ([lifetalk.net/ministry-videos](http://lifetalk.net/ministry-videos)). Share the link with your friends and invite them to watch. Plus post it on your



friends and invite them to watch. Plus post it on your social media. And if you're not a daily listener to LifeTalk Radio, discover what you're missing ([lifetalk.net](http://lifetalk.net)). LifeTalk Radio connects you with Christ. Download the FREE LifeTalk App ([lifetalk.net/connect](http://lifetalk.net/connect)) which offers three different streaming channels: LifeTalk Radio, LifeTalk Kids, and LifeTalk Music.



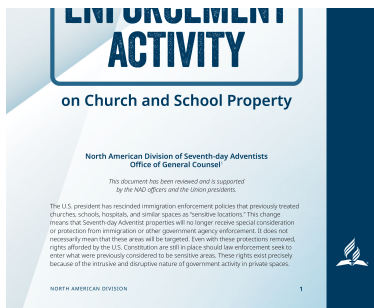
**Passionate Leader is a dynamic leadership event (held Sept. 4-6) for any woman** who wants to grow in faith and influence — whether you're leading women's ministries or a woman who simply feels called to invest in the lives of other women. At the Passionate Leader Summit, you'll be equipped with the tools you need to lead with confidence—from discipling women and ministering with a trauma-informed perspective, to creating a budget, mentoring future leaders, and connecting across generations. You'll also gain valuable tools in using social media and marketing to extend your reach. [Register](#) today!



**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.



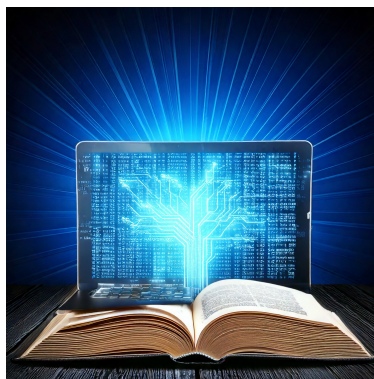
**The North American Division has provided for churches and schools the** document entitled "Guidance on Immigration Enforcement Activity on Church and School Property." These guidelines



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.



**Creation Moments on LifeTalk Radio!** In public educational institutions around the U.S., children and youth are taught that evolution is fact with no mention of any alternative views including the biblical perspective of creation held by many Christians. In a world bombarded by false messages about origins, Creation Moments provides accurate, up-to-date information about new discoveries in God's creation and how they relate to the Bible. Creation Moments airs twice a day every Monday through Friday on [LifeTalk.net](#). Discover a complete program schedule for your time zone at: [lifetalk.net/program-schedule](#).



**Take your ministry beyond the pulpit and into the digital world.** This Adventist Learning Community 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. [LEARN MORE](#).

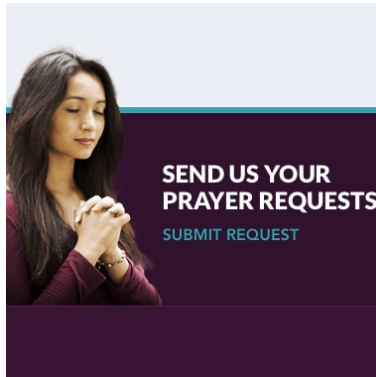
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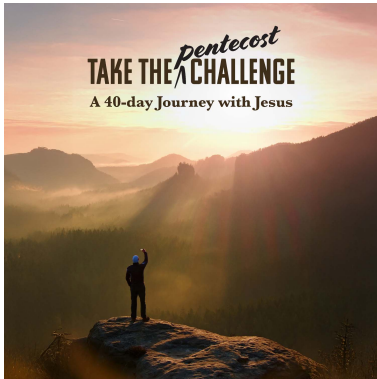
**New quarter of It Is Written Sabbath School!** This quarter (starting June 28) on It Is Written Sabbath School, join host Eric Flickinger and study author Dr. Jiří Moskala as they dig into this quarter's study, "Exodus," and shed light on Moses' life and the God of the Old Testament. A new half-hour program is released every Saturday at 3:00 p.m. EDT. Watch on YouTube or It Is Written TV. [YouTube](#) or [It Is Written TV](#).



**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.



**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.



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**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](http://www.lifestyle.org).

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## VIEWPOINTS





## **Anchored in God's Past Leading**

"We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history."

— *Attributed to Ellen G. White, Life Sketches, p. 196*

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