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NEWSPOINTS

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The first business session of the 2025 North American Division Year-End Meeting on Oct. 30

opened with a special prayer, asking not only for general success of the meeting, but also for those impacted by hurricanes in the Caribbean, floods in Alaska, and people with loved ones in those places. With quorum met, the general agenda and daily schedule for the meetings were moved and accepted. [MORE](#)



On Oct. 31, the NAD has elected one new vice president and elected five incumbent vice presidents on the second day of the year-end meeting. Ruth Horton, Ed.D., currently serving as union education director in Lake Union, is the new vice president for education. [MORE](#)



G. Alexander Bryant opened his 2025 NAD president’s report at the 2025 year-end meeting by acknowledging his election at the recent GC Session. “It’s always a pleasure to serve, and I was honored this past GC Session that the church, and you, my colleagues, gave a show of confidence and elected me for another five years,” he said. [MORE](#)



On Oct. 31, during the 2025 NAD Year-End Meeting, Ruth Horton, director of education for the Lake Union Conference, was elected to serve as vice president for education for the North American Division. Horton has served as an advocate for Christ-centered education, inspiring students, educators, and leaders with her passion and commitment to excellence. [MORE](#)



Kyoshin Ahn, executive secretary for the NAD, presented the secretary’s report on Friday, Oct. 31, during day two of the year-end



As the North American Division holds its annual year-end meeting, the Association of Adventist Colleges and Universities has announced

meeting. He began by thanking those present for electing him to another five-year term as secretary, saying, "I do not take my responsibilities lightly." [MORE](#)



Vespers during the 2025 year-end meeting was offsite; attendees were bussed to Goucher College in nearby Towson, Md., for "Hope for Humanity," a Bible prophecy seminar hosted by It Is Written. To open the service, John Bradshaw, president of It Is Written and speaker for the series, answered a few questions that had been sent in by viewers. [MORE](#)



that total fall enrollment across all 13 campuses has risen to 21,125 students, continuing a three-year trend of growth and representing a 2.8 percent increase during that period. [MORE](#)



On Nov. 1, in a message both profound and practical, G. Alexander Bryant, president of the NAD, delivered a stirring call for unity during the Sabbath worship service at the 2025 NAD Year-End Meeting. His sermon, "Oneness in Christ," challenged church leaders to embrace the biblical model of oneness: a unity rooted in the Holy Spirit, enriched by diversity, and centered on mission. [MORE](#)

After celebrating Sabbath together, attendees returned to work on Sunday, Nov. 2, for the fourth day of the NAD YEM. After an opening prayer by Pastor Amalia Goulbourne of the Florida Conference, attendees watched the first episode of a ten-part documentary web series about the Pentecost 2025 initiative entitled "Faith at Work – Stories of Hope and Service." [MORE](#)



Premiering Nov. 16 on ABC, “The Funny Thing About Sadness” is a one-hour television documentary that shares real stories of deep pain and how faith can transform that pain into purpose. Faith For Today speaker/director Roy Ice hosts the special feature, joined by an unexpected mix of voices: actor Nikki DeLoach, comedian Drew Lynch, and actor and author Danny Trejo. [MORE](#)

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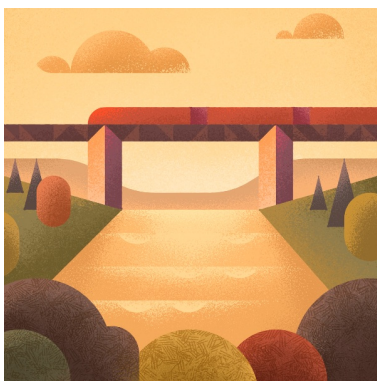
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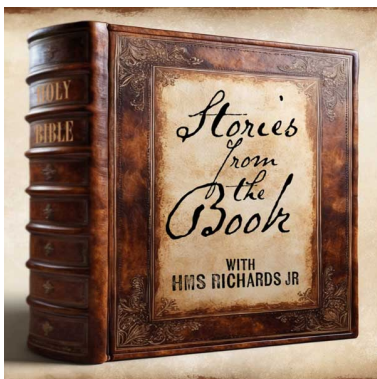
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Division Year-End Meeting! Watch/read directly through our NAD website — and check out links below the videos to written news coverage and YEM reports as they become available. [LINK](#).



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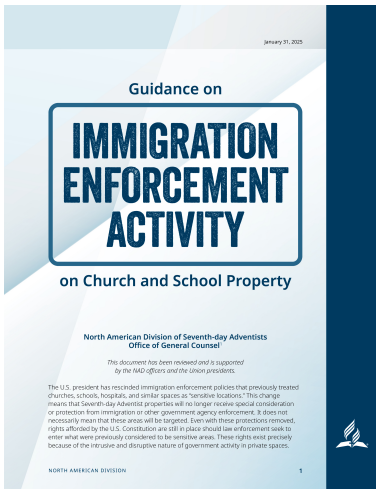
It's a treasure trove of biblical wisdom and storytelling that continues the legacy of H.M.S. Richards Jr., whose dedication to sharing the message of hope and faith through radio has impacted countless lives. The program airs every Saturday on LifeTalk Kids. For a complete kids program schedule for your time zone visit: lifetalkkids.net/kids-program-schedule. You can also listen on our handy FRLifeTalk Radio App, a free download at: lifetalk.net/connect. Encourage kids of all ages to learn and have fun at: LifeTalkKids.net

Faith for Today presents "The Funny Thing About Sadness,"

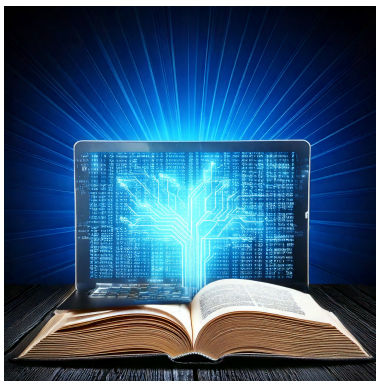
a powerful one-hour television special that explores how God can transform pain into purpose. Hosted by Roy Ice and featuring Nikki DeLoach, Drew Lynch, and Danny Trejo, this program weaves together real stories of loss, laughter, and faith.



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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.



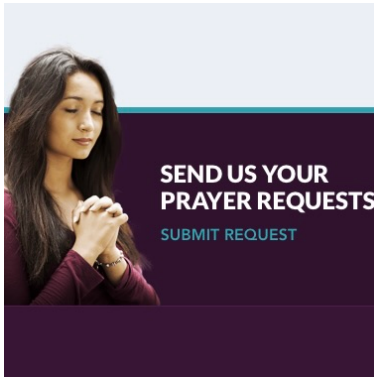
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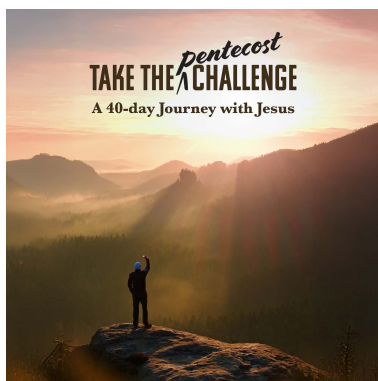
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"If you're willing to say, 'Lord, I want to lay everything aside. ... I'm going to find an intersecting point at mission; I want to come together in oneness of purpose and oneness of mission,' I invite you to be bold enough to stand and we're going to have a special prayer."

— G. Alexander Bryant, NAD president, at the conclusion of his Nov. 1, 2025, Sabbath sermon at the NAD Year-End Meeting

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