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The treasurer's report on Monday, Nov. 3, day five of the 2025 NAD Year-End Meeting, was preceded by a powerful Pentecost 2025 testimony framing the financial work of the division as essential to spreading the gospel. "This isn't just a treasurer's report," Judy R. Glass, NAD treasurer and chief financial officer, stated. "It's a report of how we're using God's money, how He's blessed our church and ministry, and what we can do for ministry and mission." [MORE](#)



DeWitt S. Williams, former director of North American Division Health Ministries, passed to his rest on Nov. 17, 2025, about one month after being diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia. He was 86. Until recently, Williams continued to practice what he preached, including vegetarianism and walking two miles each day. [MORE](#)



On a bright sunny Nov. 4 morning, attendees of the NAD Year-End Meeting gathered for the sixth and final day of worship and business sessions. The business agenda of the day included receiving the remaining ministry and organization reports, the fulfillment of membership duties, as well as discussing and voting on the final policy items. [MORE](#)



It was a full day of business on Monday, Nov. 3, day five of the 2025 NAD Year-End Meeting. Gina Spivey-Brown, president of Oakwood University, presented the school's report.



As the year of Pentecost 2025 draws to a close, the NAD encourages pastors and local leaders to submit their final reports as soon as possible. Of course, this is a practical request: in order to receive the final funding the report needs to be turned in. But it is more than that. "There is a wonderful opportunity to share what happened with the NAD and we, in turn, can share those stories across the division and world," said Kent Sharpe, NAD Antioch Initiative project director. [MORE](#)



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The nominating committee brought several associate director names to be voted in; the entire list was voted together and passed. Ministry departments and unions also continued to share their reports, including those on Pentecost 2025. [MORE](#)



Encompassing Sabbath School, a midday worship service, and an afternoon concert, Nov. 1 at the NAD headquarters offered delegates a pause from reports, discussions, and votes to worship together as a division-wide family. The morning opened with the YEM theme song, “Come Holy Spirit,” followed by a discussion on Sabbath School past, present, and future. [MORE](#)

University has achieved full approval status for its pre-licensure Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program from the Maryland Board of Nursing, recognizing its continued excellence in nursing education and student outcomes. The approval was granted on September 24, 2025. [MORE](#)



Philanthropist and ardent support of Seventh-day Adventist education Violet Zapara, known as ‘Vi,’ died on Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2025. She was 99 years old. Her husband, Tom, preceded her in death on June 16, 2024 at the age of 100. [MORE](#)



The 26th annual Society of Adventist Communicators Convention, held Oct. 16-18, at La Sierra University, brought together more than 225 communication professionals, students, educators, and church leaders from across the NAD. [MORE](#)



Tucked inside the Warwick church is a small, spirited congregation doing big things for the kingdom of God. Ministerio Hermandad, the only Spanish-language Adventist group in Bermuda, may be small in number, but it is mighty in mission — and its most recent initiative was nothing short of miraculous. [MORE](#)

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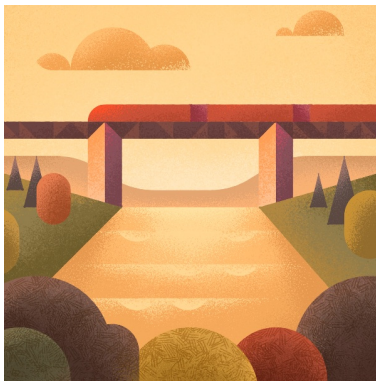
[Transforming Access to Rural Healthcare \(Ore.\)](#)

[Adventist Health Castle Opens New Hawaii Kai Urgent Care Clinic \(Hawaii\)](#)

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Ready for some holiday cheer? Beginning the first of December, LifeTalk Radio will feature Christmas music to help put you into the spirit of the season. Uplifting Christian music is sure to transform the atmosphere in your home or office. Remember, LifeTalk Radio is here to connect you with Christ. Enjoy stellar music all month long with special Christmas programming from LifeTalk Radio. Right now you have TWO choices of 24/7 streaming channels from LifeTalk: our regular daily programming at: [LifeTalk.net](#) or choose LifeTalk Music which features all music, all day and all night at: [LifeTalkMusic.net](#). You can also listen via Roku, Amazon Echo, Google home, or download our handy FREE LifeTalk App at: [lifetalk.net/connect](#)



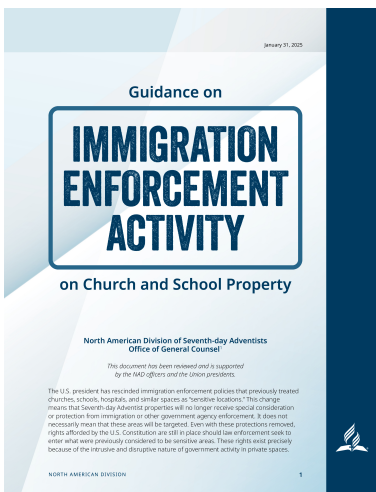
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The North American Division has provided for churches and schools the document entitled "Guidance on Immigration Enforcement Activity on Church and School Property." These guidelines, prepared by the NAD Office of General Counsel, have been reviewed — 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.

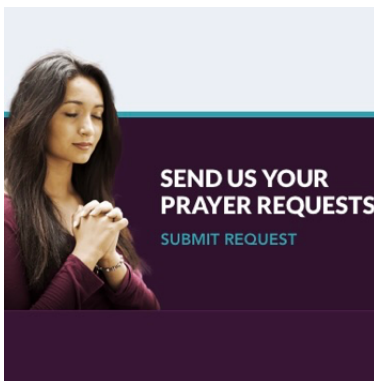
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Lifestyle with Roy Ice has just released a new season of episodes. This award-winning talk show focuses on living your best life; featuring discussions, interviews, and demonstrations centered around whole life health. Some of the guests from this season include: Alison Arngim, 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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"I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds."

— *Psalm 9:1, NIV*

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