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# NEWSPOINTS

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**A new study comparing Adventist alumni from Adventist colleges and universities in North America with Adventist alumni who attended non-Adventist institutions reveals a clear and powerful truth: Adventist higher education significantly strengthens the faith and spiritual commitment of Adventist young adults. Adventist education helps form faithful disciples. [MORE](#)**



**One day earlier this year, Southern Adventist University students were working at a health fair booth at the Samaritan Center in Ooltewah, Tennessee, when they were able to help a local senior citizen gain a second chance at life. [READ MORE](#)**



**On Sunday, Nov. 2, day four of the NAD Year-End Meeting, G. Alexander Bryant, president,** revived a discussion that began more than a year ago about the NAD’s “legacy” defined benefit pension plan. [MORE](#)



**Washington Adventist University is proud to announce that its accelerated online Master of Business Administration program has been named one of Forbes Advisor’s Top 10 Best Online Accelerated MBA Programs of 2025.** The recognition places WAU among the nation’s leading institutions offering flexible, high-impact, and career-focused graduate business education. [MORE](#)



**During the NAD president’s year-end meeting report on Oct. 30, division leaders announced a new two-year digital evangelism initiative designed to help local congregations reach their communities online through social media.** The initiative was presented through a video report, and a series of



**Nick and Phosfe Walters have served the Adventist church as missionaries across the globe for**

remarks. This initiative includes tools to help churches build online connections that lead back to local congregations.

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more than 32 years. In this conversation, Orna Garnett, the NAD's associate secretary for Missionary Services, speaks with the Walters about their joint calling to overseas mission, God's guiding in mission work and family life, and lessons learned. [READ](#)

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## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Delivering on the Mission: Adventhealth Supply Chain and Business Services' Impact Is Part of Every Patient Story \(Fla.\)](#)

[Adventhealth Lake Placid Launches Low Dose Lung Screening CT Program to Help Detect Cancer Early \(Fla.\)](#)

[Adventist Health's New Launch Program to Guide Students Into Health Careers \(Calif.\)](#)

[Volunteers Pack Holiday Baskets of Food for Escanaba Area Veterans \(Mich.\)](#)

[TED: London's Adventist Hispanic Community Marks Historic Baptism](#)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES

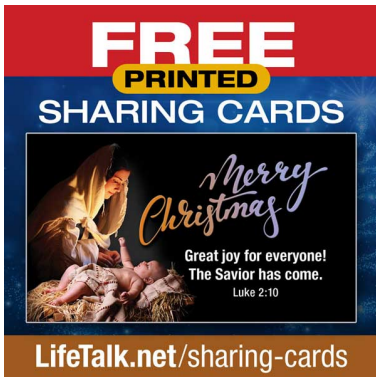


**Our regularly scheduled NAD NewsPoints will be not be published next week.** Please check out the NAD's social media ([Facebook](#), Twitter (X), [Instagram](#)) for new content, or visit the NAD Homepage for [news](#) and much more. [Click here](#) to read/watch *Adventist Journey* magazine stories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

**Across our communities, people face challenges no one should face alone.** Whether they are short on food or transitioning between jobs, ACS is there, meeting urgent needs today and preparing



individuals for a stronger tomorrow. You can be there, too. Your gift shares fresh food for the hungry, tools for learning, and warmth for those facing the cold. Together, we build a network of compassion and hope. Plan now to give at your church on December 13 or give here online. <https://www.communityservices.org/donate/>



**Share some Christmas cheer. LifeTalk Radio offers free printed sharing cards at:** [lifetalk.net/sharing-cards](http://lifetalk.net/sharing-cards). These beautiful cards are small enough to include in your holiday mail, or just hand someone a card and brighten their day. Show them the QR code on the back side and invite them to listen to beautiful Christmas music. Call 1-800-775-4673 and order a supply of FREE sharing cards today. Share the reason for the season.

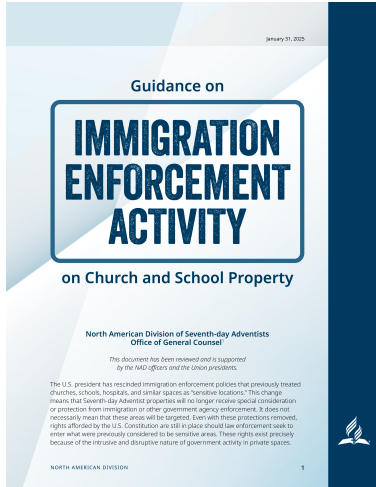


**Faith for Today presents "The Funny Thing About Sadness,"** a powerful one-hour television special that explores how God can transform pain into purpose. Hosted by Roy Ice and featuring Nikki DeLoach, Drew Lynch, and Danny Trejo, this program weaves together real stories of loss, laughter, and faith. Tune in and be inspired—then share the program with friends. For local listings, visit [ABC.com](http://ABC.com) or [lifestyle.org/shows/funny-thing](http://lifestyle.org/shows/funny-thing). Discover how faith can turn sadness into strength, and how God brings joy and new purpose through every season of life.

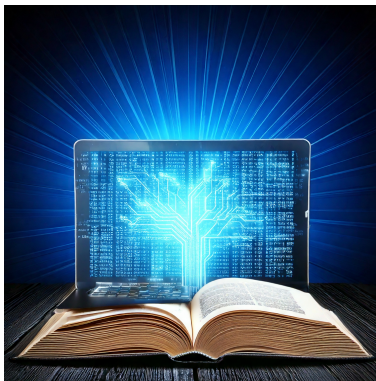


**HeSaidGoXP is a high-energy, three-day experience crafted to spark passion, purpose,** and a heart for service in the next generation of leaders—especially college students and young adults from across North America. Through hands-on XP Labs, compelling speakers, and interactive sessions, participants will discover how their unique gifts and passions connect with both global and local mission

opportunities. But this isn't just about volunteer recruitment—HeSaidGoXP is about cultivating a missional identity. It's a space where stories, skills, and spiritual callings collide to shape bold, faith-driven leaders ready to impact the world with compassion and conviction. Click [here](#) to learn more.



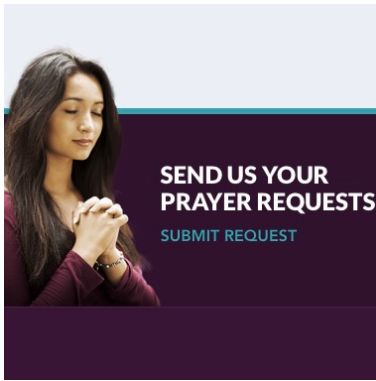
**The North American Division has provided for churches and schools the document entitled "Guidance on Immigration Enforcement Activity on Church and School Property."** These guidelines, prepared by the NAD Office of General Counsel, have been reviewed — and is supported by — the NAD officers and union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



**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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today!

**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.



**There is a Quiet Crisis Happening in Plain Sight. We Aren't Supposed to Talk About It.** It's not a crisis of faith. It's a crisis of profound isolation, affecting millions who suffer in silence while surrounded by their community. They are in our pews, in our neighborhoods, and in our families. Now, the story is finally being told. To find out more, watch the interview with Christian Record Services and 3ABN found here: <https://bit.ly/quietcrisisinterview>



**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.



**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 Arnglim, Dean Butler, Nikki DeLoach, Billy Gardell, J. Scott Reed, Lara Love Hardin, Josh and Lauren Swickard, and many more. To watch the latest

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**Feature:** "First Master Guide Camporee Brings Leaders Together for Training, Service, and Community" by Kimberly Luste Maran and Allison Grundy, pp. 04-05

**NAD Update:** "Facing Your Giants: Bronx Pentecost 2025 Series Brings Hope" by Ronnie Mills, pp.06-07

**NAD News Briefs:** "Sonscreen 2025 Brings Together 200+ Creatives to Celebrate Faith, Film, and Community;" "Women Leaders Gather to Reignite Mission at Passionate Leader Summit;" "Human Resources Conference Celebrates Quiet Champions Behind the Scenes;" "AdventSource Names André

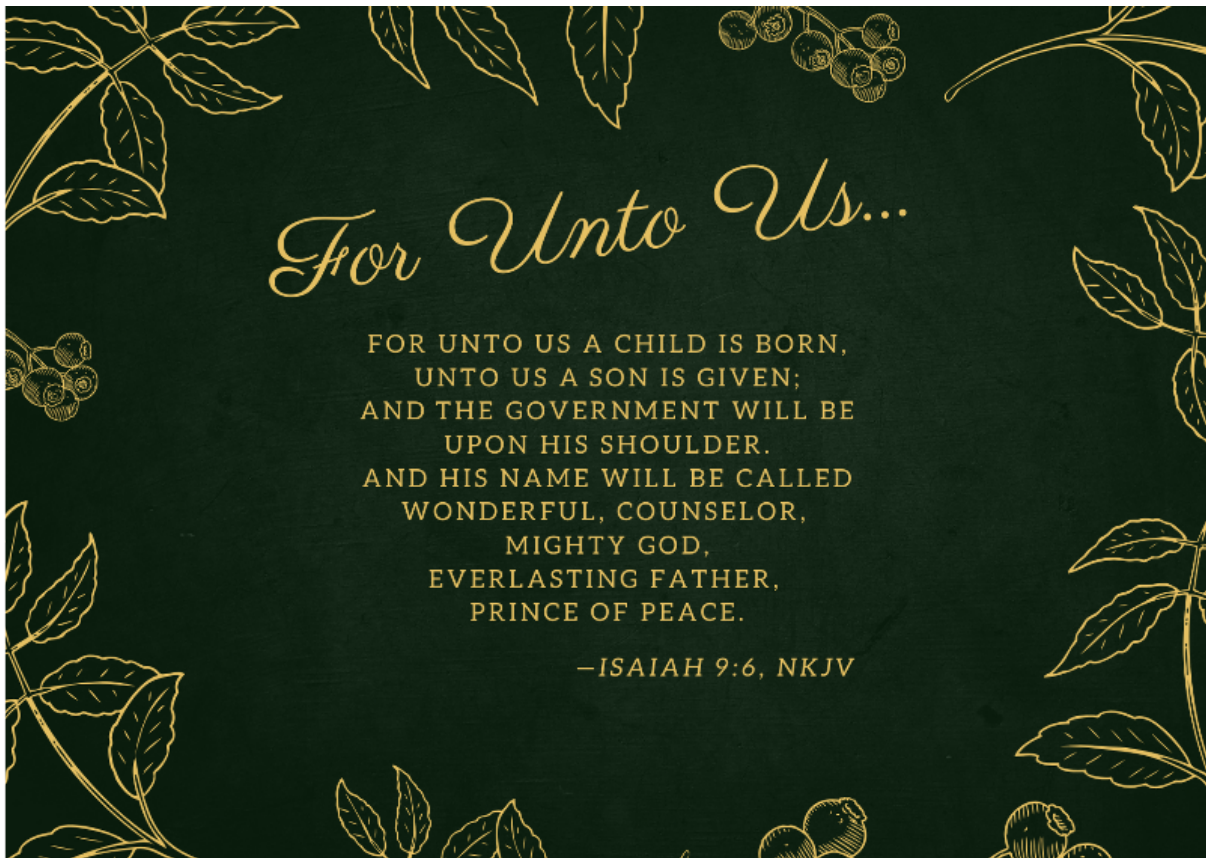
McCloud as President-Elect," pp. 8–10.

**Perspective:** "Adventist Community Services: The Church in the Street " by W. Derrick Lea, p. 11

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## VIEWPOINTS



### The Reason for the Season

"For unto us a Child is born,  
Unto us a Son is given;  
And the government will be upon His shoulder.  
And His name will be called  
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

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