

# NEWSPOINTS

February 26, 2026



**They almost didn't make it. Principals from the Guam-Micronesia Mission longed to attend the 2026 Association of Seventh-day Adventist School Administrators (ASDASA) Leadership Convention — but distance and cost made participation seem impossible. Then something remarkable happened. [READ MORE](#)**



**At the 2026 NAD Young Adult LIFE Experience, a simple exercise on fostering intergenerational relationships became much more. As Vivien Dim, a member of Generation Z, discussed her future hopes with the Boomer seated across from her, she opened the door to connection with one word: “Honestly ... .” This quiet exchange was one of many that weekend (Jan. 23-25). [MORE](#)**



**Held Jan. 25-27 at the Galt House in Louisville, Ky., ministry leaders from across North America gathered for worship and training sessions designed to refuel them for service.**

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**As the snow accumulated and temperatures dropped to single digits outside of The Galt House Hotel and Conference Center in Louisville, Kentucky, warm smiles and cozy connections filled the exhibit hall of the 2026 NAD Adventist Ministries Convention from Jan. 25-27.** [MORE](#)



**Most people don't think about hospital rankings until they're facing a real decision: where to go, who to trust, how close is close enough.** A new national ranking from *Forbes* offers added clarity for families across Flagler, Lake and Volusia counties, naming six AdventHealth hospitals among America's



**Southern Adventist University has been awarded a \$1.36 million federal TRIO Student Support Services grant to enhance support for students who are first-generation college students, meet federal low-income**

Top Hospitals. [MORE](#)



**The New Life Seventh-day Adventist Church in the historic city of Hampton, Va., was in a season of decline, averaging 25-35 attendees at its weekly services since returning from the pandemic. However, in 2025, as the church approached its 25th anniversary, the leadership made several decisions to help revitalize the congregation. [MORE](#)**

guidelines, or have a documented disability. [MORE](#)



**Adventist Risk Management, Inc. launched a new Risk Training Center course, called “Your First 90 Days as a Safety Officer.” This course, free and available to all, is a set of mini-courses that can be completed in just five to seven-minute sessions. [MORE](#)**

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## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[AdventHealth Event Puts Focus on Heart Health \(Fla.\)](#)

[Adventist Health to Bring Primary Care Residency Program to Tehachapi in 2028 \(Calif.\)](#)

[Doctors Call Lindsey Vonn’s Return After ACL Tear ‘Unparalleled’ as She Eyes 2026 Olympics \(Colo.\)](#)

[AdventHealth’s Clinical Ladder Program Leads to a Decrease in Nurse Burnout \(Colo.\)](#)

[David Osborne, Retired NCC Pastor, NAD Ministry Director, Passes to His Rest \(Calif.\)](#)

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



**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.

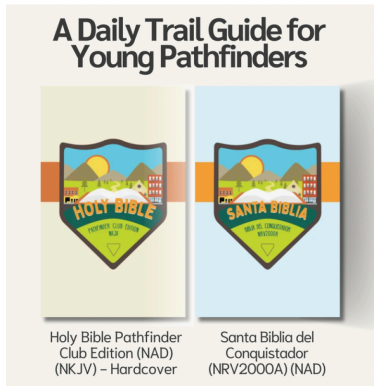


**HeSaidGoXP is a high-energy, three-day experience crafted to spark passion, purpose,** and a heart for service in the next generation of leaders —especially college students and young adults from across North America. Through hands-on XP Labs, compelling speakers, and interactive sessions, participants will discover how their unique gifts and passions connect with both global and local mission opportunities. 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. Event is March 12-14; click [here](#) to learn more.

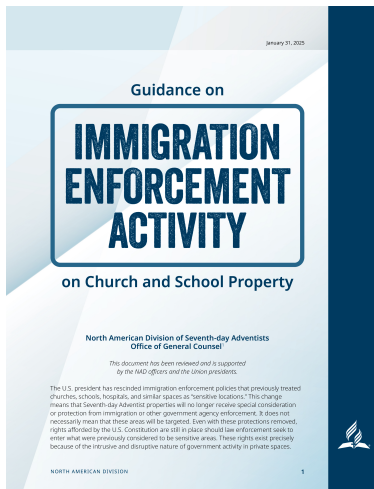


**Nature Corner is a delightful program where children learn about animals.** Created by Bob Devine, each daily episode is a 10-minute dialog between Bob and a part of God's creation. Let your pre-school and grade-school age children meet Barry the Barracuda, Isaac the Ice Fish, Lester the Lungfish, Lenny Lens and all the other 490 characters, each describing how they have been specially designed by God. Listen online at: [LifeTalkKids.net](#). Check the kids program schedule for your time zone at: [lifetalkkids.net/kids-program-schedule](#). And remember you can listen to LifeTalk Radio, LifeTalk Kids or LifeTalk

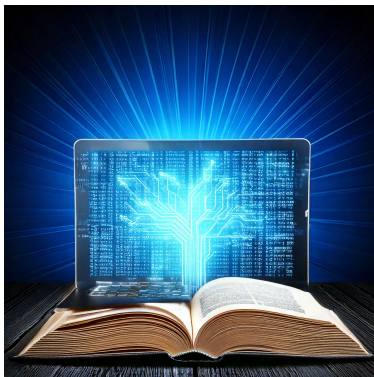
Music anywhere using our free LifeTalk APP available at: [lifetalk.net/connect](https://lifetalk.net/connect).



**Empower your Pathfinders and Adventurers with a Bible built for their journey!** The NAD Youth Ministries, Pacific Press, and AdventSource have teamed up to release these special Bible editions in English (NKJV) and, for the first time ever, Spanish (Nueva-Reina Valera)! Designed to withstand campouts and study sessions alike, these Bibles are the official resource for the Pathfinder Bible Experience. [Click here](#) for both Pathfinder and Adventure Bibles from Adventist Book Center. [AdventSource](#) link for the Pathfinder English version; [Spanish](#) version.



**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.

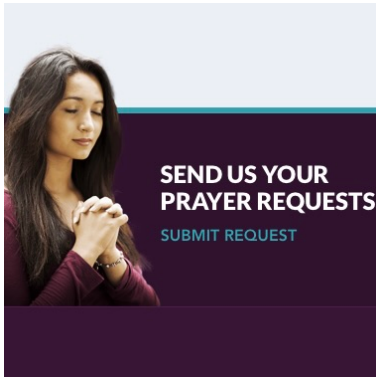


**Take your ministry beyond the pulpit and into the digital world.** This Adventist Learning Community course empowers pastors and church leaders to harness the power of AI tools to transform sermon content into engaging, shareable social media posts. You'll learn how to optimize sermon videos, design 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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**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>



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# ADVENTIST JOURNEY



**Cover:** *Barbara Jean McDavid, church volunteer in Las Vegas, Nevada*

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## VIEWPOINTS



## Rest in God

“Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him. Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.”

— *Psalm 62:1-2, NIV*

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**NAD MEDIA MINISTRIES**



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## **NAD UNION COMMUNICATION PARTNERS**

**Atlantic Union Conference**

**Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada**

**Columbia Union Conference**

**Lake Union Conference**

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**North Pacific Union Conference**

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**Southern Union Conference**