

NEWSPOINTS

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What began in 2015 as a gathering of conference presidents and evangelism directors to share best practices has grown into the annual event known as eHuddle. This year, for the first time, the gathering also included 25 theology students, reflecting the NAD's growing focus on equipping NextGen leaders. From Feb. 23-25, nearly 500 participants gathered in Houston, Texas, for the largest-ever eHuddle. [MORE](#)



I have always been fascinated by the ocean. How could I not be when I was blessed to grow up on an island in the eastern Caribbean? Swimming, fishing, boating, beachcombing, and all that is unique to coastal life were second nature to me. While fierce storms would sometimes come, I never truly feared the sea; rather, I developed a deep appreciation — and even reverence — for its many moods.

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The North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists has appointed Cody Francis to serve as secretary/treasurer of Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries (ASI), effective April 1. Francis brings more than two decades of pastoral, evangelistic, and administrative leadership to the role.

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On Sunday, Feb. 1, the Community Praise Seventh-day Adventist Church in Alexandria, Va., was blessed by a powerful and transformative Black History Month celebration featuring honored guest, Ndaba Mandela, the grandson of Nelson Mandela. [MORE](#)



This past fall, 11 teaching faculty from the School of Religion at Southern Adventist University participated locally in the Pentecost 2025 initiative. The revival was a call for



La Sierra University was recently awarded a \$1 million Individual School Grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. through Lilly Endowment's Pathways for Tomorrow Initiative. The grant will help the H.M.S. Richards Divinity School launch The Center for Vocational

Adventists in North America to engage in hometown mission opportunities, with Southern joining more than 5,200 other Adventist schools and churches across the U.S., Canada, and Mexico. [MORE](#)

Discernment and Formation (CVDF) this school year. [MORE](#)

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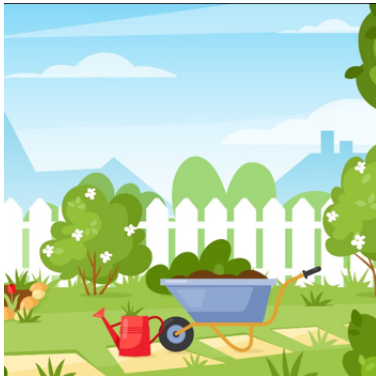
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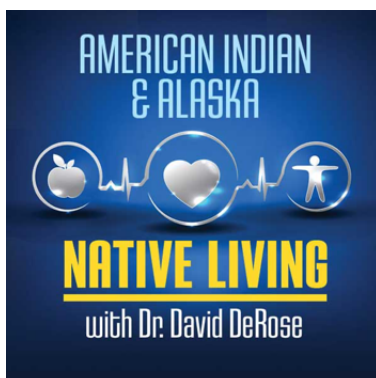
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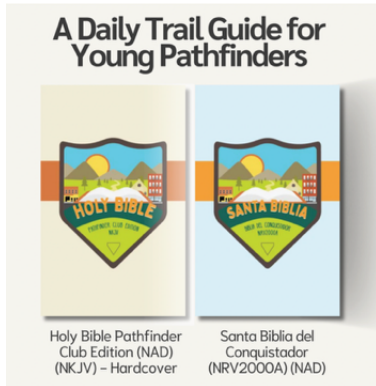


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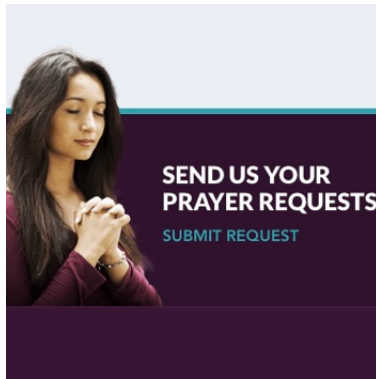


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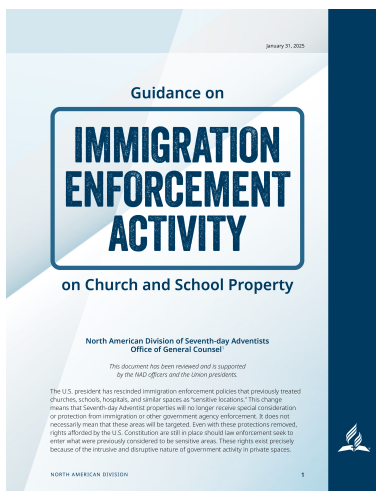
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— *Proverbs 14:29, NIV*

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