

NAD NEWSPPOINTS

May 31, 2018



On May 22 the 16th annual Religious Liberty Dinner was held in Washington, D.C. More than 80 diplomats, religious liberty advocates, government officials, and guests gathered at the Organization of American States building. The event was themed “Championing Freedom of Conscience for All.” [MORE](#)



The ACS Disaster Response advisory drew 50 coordinators and directors to Rhode Island on May 6-7 to deliver reports on projects taking place around the division and beyond. The event took place at the Providence Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church just before the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) conference. [MORE](#)



Dan Jackson, NAD president, addressed Southern Adventist University's 424 undergraduate, master's, and doctoral graduates during the commencement ceremony on May 6. Jackson challenged the graduates to invite God to assist and guide them as they use their voices, interests, skills, and passions to tackle the issues they will encounter and to become tipping points in their communities. [READ MORE](#) on this and other university news.



***God and the Astronomer* is a short film dealing with the implications** of what we know about our universe. Dr. Robert Jastrow, the founding director of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies, gives his unique perspective on God and astronomy in this film, recommended by the Geoscience Research Institute. [CLICK HERE](#) to watch.

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Saipan Seventh-day Adventist Dental Clinic Provides Free Oral Checkups \(Micronesia\)](#)

[Contaminated Walk-In Patient at Adventist Health Tehachapi Valley Prompts Quarantine \(Calif.\)](#)

[Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary Participating in AAAS Science in Theological Education Program](#)

[Highland Adventist School Choir Sings National Anthem at Elkins Memorial Day Celebration \(W.V.\)](#)

[Adventist Health Feather River Partners to Fund Production of Local Evacuation Plans](#)

[\(Calif.\)](#)

[Adventist Health Simi Valley Partners to Host Prescription Drug Addiction Awareness Event \(Calif.\)](#)

[Adventist to Open \\$102 Million Hospital in Rural Southern California Community](#)

[Gordon Hospital Foundation to Host Annual Golf Tournament \(Ga.\)](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



Caring is Not a Spectator Sport! In the [ALC course *Caring is Sharing*](#), Dr. Lilya Wagner points out how caring is a Biblical principle particularly exemplified in Jesus' life. Dr. Wagner gives examples of caring acts, and provides suggestions for moving toward a caring, action-oriented life. Christ's work may take us beside hospital beds, into poverty-blighted ghettos, or wherever human hearts are in need of hope and sympathy. We can choose to engage with a hurting world because Jesus has shown us that caring is not a spectator sport! This [course](#) is 0.2 CEU.

The Office of Adventist Mission announces its second annual film contest, this year titled "My Story, My Mission." Students around the world are invited to creatively express, in one minute or less, what mission means in their lives. The first place winner will accompany Adventist Mission/Mission Spotlight filmmakers on an all-expense-paid mission film trip! For more information [CLICK HERE](#).

The NAD [All-Night Prayer Call](#) is June 7-8, from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Eastern Time. NAD prayer leaders will serve as "prayer hosts" throughout the night. Let's give thanks; let's share needs; let's pray together! Call 404-891-6338; access code is Prayer# (772937#).



August Deadline for Upgrading Church

Websites! If your church is using Adventist Church Connect (ACC) website software, upgrade now to the new 3.0 system. ACC 3.0 offers new templates that work on desktop and mobile devices, an online calendar that you can sync with iCal or Google calendar, and [more](#). Churches that are not upgraded by August will be converted to a single page data-driven site. A [webinar on upgrading](#) will be offered on June 14 @ 8 p.m. EST. [Upgrade Now](#)



Fast food genocide? The world's growing obsession with fast, processed foods is killing more people than any war. On the May 31 "HeartWise" radio program, Dr. Joel Fuhrman talks about how we can learn from the past and help shape the future for everyone in our community. Listen to "HeartWise" on LifeTalk Radio, Thursday at 5 p.m. EDT. Check for a radio station near you at www.lifetalk.net. Or listen online via www.lifetalk.net, ROKU, Amazon Echo, or the free LifeTalk Radio mobile app.



Let's Pray is a global community of prayer. It airs every Wednesday at 8 p.m. EDT/7 p.m. CDT as the Hope Channel's one-hour, live call-in prayer program. Call 1-877-753-8777 during this time to pray or praise over the air with [Let's Pray](#) hosts Season and Mario.

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Perspective: "Work, for the Night Is Coming" by Ken Norton, p. 14

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VIEWPOINTS



Great Is Thy Faithfulness

"When bad stuff happens, it's OK to be ticked off at God. If the poet of Lamentations [3] can give these word pictures, it gives us permission, and it's normal and it's natural to be angry with God. ... God is compassionate and faithful. It doesn't seem that way; it doesn't feel like it, but *the fact is* He is compassionate and faithful. Verse 22: 'Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.' ...Take that injustice. Take that pain and turn it back to God. It doesn't mean that we are taking justice in our own hands, it doesn't mean we're taking revenge, it doesn't mean that we're paying back, it means we're asking God to take care of it."

— *Dave Gemmell, associate director of NAD Ministerial Association, speaking at NAD staff worship on May 30, 2018*

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