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# NEWSPOINTS

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**Just blocks from the U.S. Capitol, the Adventist Health Policy Association**, an affiliation of five Adventist health care systems, has opened a new office. AHPA serves as the policy and advocacy voice for more than 90 hospitals in 17 states and Washington, D.C. Affiliated health entities include more than 350 other provider organizations such as associated medical groups, nursing homes, outpatient centers, and home care entities. [MORE](#)



**It's 9:30 on Sabbath morning, and Alethea Truman is already on her way to the newly-planted Breath of Life Church in Tampa, Florida, to give the sermon.** She is a local elder at the Mt. Calvary Church in Tampa, and after church, Truman hits the street with Peach Brooks, another church member. Together, they are visiting contacts from the Breath of Life summer evangelistic revival who were never baptized. [MORE](#)



**Andreas Beccai has accepted an invitation to lead the Walla Walla University Church** as senior pastor.

“We are excited to welcome Pastor Beccai to our university community,” says Pam Cress, chair of the search committee and associate vice president for graduate studies at WWU. [MORE](#)



**Mervi Kalmus is a pastor in Estonia, and an active digital disciple.** In this blog, Kalmus shares what happened when she opened her heart and stepped out on social media, out of her comfort zone, to make a difference in the lives of her friends.

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## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[CARE Looks to Built Temp Housing on Adventist Property \(Ore.\)](#)

[Loma Linda University Health Expects to Have Greater Impact on Federal Policy in 2019 \(D.C.\)](#)

[100-Year-Old Celebrates Birthday with Cake, Flowers, Fellowship \(Md.\)](#)

[Students and Volunteers Join the Chattanooga Salvation Army to Serve on MLK Day \(Tenn.\)](#)

[\\$680 in Items Stolen from Warner Robins Adventist Church \(Ga.\)](#)

[The Science of Sabbath: How People are Rediscovering Rest—and Claiming Its Benefits \(Mo.\)](#)

[Adventist HealthCare's White Oak Hospital Is Coming\\_\(Md.\)](#)

[All God's People \(Pacific Union\) Honors 3 LLU Doctors, Shares Special Tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr. \[video\]](#)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



**The NAD All-Night [Prayer Call](#)** is February 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#).



**On Feb. 9, celebrate Adventist television ministries** by giving a special offering. Adventist television has been around for decades, almost since the inception of TV. Thousands have been introduced to the truth through the TV ministry of [Breath of Life](#), [Faith for Today](#), [It Is Written](#), and [Jesus 101](#). Your support allows the Gospel to continue to be shared today. [CLICK HERE](#) for a video about Adventist TV ministries.



**NAD Adventist Community Services** is offering scholarships to doctoral students in the 2019 Urban Ministry D.Min. Program at Andrews University. Scholarships are in the amount of \$1,000 per year for four years and will be presented to ten participants of this cohort. The application deadline to secure a place in the new [Urban Ministry](#) cohort is **Jan. 31, 2019**. [CLICK HERE](#) to ask for more information.

**Enroll in ALC's Gen-Z Pastor Class, studying those** born in 1995 and later. Gen Z's oldest members are now in high school and college, and have ambitious plans for their education, careers and lives. Gen Z



craves an environment where they can share their spiritual life with their peers, using digital screens for visual, interactive, and portable content dissemination. This class will explore strategies necessary to reach this generation for the kingdom. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more.



**The 2019 Sonscreen Film Festival** will take place April 4-6 at the Troesh Conference Center at La Sierra University in Riverside, Calif. Sonscreen is an annual gathering for Christian filmmakers, artists, and all those who have a passion for film for the purpose of creating timely and relevant productions. Registration is open now! [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.



**Don't miss your chance** to join us in the Holy Lands and watch the Gospels come to life! Oleg Kostyuk, host of Cross Connection, will be guiding us through the ancient wonders of Jerusalem, Caesarea, Galilee, and more. Visit [hopetv.org/studytour](http://hopetv.org/studytour) or call 301-680-5221 for more info. [#HCTours](#)



**Don't miss the 2019 Chosen International Camporee in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, on Aug. 12-17!** Worship, work on honors, meet new friends, trade pins . . . these are just a few of the fun activities children and teens will be able to participate in during the 2019 camporee! International tickets are sold out, but there is still time to get tickets for your North American Pathfinders! Price goes up March 1. Register today at [camporee.org](http://camporee.org).

**RISE UP RALLY is the official launch** of the new "Rise Up Against Abuse" initiative, dedicated to fighting all forms of abuse through awareness, education, intervention and prevention. RISE UP RALLY will



present workshops, trainings, presentations, expert panels and a special concert with Sarah Kelly and Jonas Ekman. [REGISTER TODAY](#) for a chance to connect, share, learn, and RISE UP together! Event is March 7-10.



**An All-New Season of *Discovery Mountain* Debuts This Week!** The Voice of Prophecy's audio adventure series for kids is back with an all-new season called "Seeds of Change." Download free *Discovery Mountain* episodes from your favorite podcast platform or listen [online](#). And keep an eye out for the debut *Discovery Mountain* Vacation Bible School, called [Rescued: Safe in Jesus](#), coming in February!



**YOU MATTER TO GOD!** Share this important message with your family, friends, neighbors, and others. Order the free LifeTalk Sharing Cards online at [LifeTalk.net/sharing-cards/](http://LifeTalk.net/sharing-cards/). They are a great little gift for anyone, and they are FREE from LifeTalk. Sharing the Good News about God is easier than ever!



**2019 NAD Human Resources Conference to be held on April 21-23, 2019.** The conference is planned for all conference/union human resources directors, secretaries, treasurers, academy treasurers, college and university directors and university VPs of finance. Get [Early Bird registration](#) through February 28! [Reserve a hotel](#) by March 28.

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## VIEWPOINTS



## **The Christian's Summer**

"This earth is the place of preparation for heaven. The time spent here is the Christian's winter. Here the chilly winds of affliction blow upon us, and the waves of trouble roll against us. But in the near future, when Christ comes, sorrow and sighing will be forever ended. Then will be the Christian's summer."

— *Ellen G. White, SDA Bible Commentary, vol. 7, p. 988*

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