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NEWSPOINTS

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The practice of faith community nursing in the Adventist Church was celebrated during the banquet ceremony of the 2019 North American Division Health Summit in Albuquerque, N.M. Leaders and members of the Adventist Association of Faith Community Nursing, along with nurses who received specialized training to become a faith community nurse, attended the banquet on Jan. 24. [MORE](#)



From the very first camp meeting of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, held in 1868 on the farm of E. H. Root in Wright, Mich., to the 111 camp meetings held in the North American Division in 2018, the benefits of these gatherings are still countless. [MORE](#)



Adventists in Maryland and Florida met the practical needs of those whose lives were upended during the government shutdown that took place Dec. 22, 2018–Jan. 25, 2019. [MORE](#)



This winter, La Sierra University's Zapara School of Business launched its first out-of-state Master of Business Administration program, offering graduate courses designed for busy health care professionals. The MBA cohort program at Adventist Health Castle medical center in Kailua, Hawaii, officially began instruction on Jan. 7, 2019. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

["Little Hats, Big Hearts" at Adventist Health Bakersfield \(Calif.\)](#)

[Parker Adventist Marks 15 Years with Donation to Schools \(Colo.\)](#)

[Kettering Adventist Church Expanding with \\$7.7M Ministry Center \(Ohio\)](#)

[Copperopolis Couple Shows Compassion Through Canines at Adventist Health Sonora \(Calif.\)](#)

[Whenever You Can't Remember, Don't Forget to Pop a Chocolate \(Ohio\)](#)

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

[Local Adventist Church Part of Group that Created Valentines for Veterans \(N.Y.\)](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



Watch the ehuddle (North American Division Evangelism Visioning and Leadership Team) meetings live stream on Feb. 18-20 as NAD church leaders, local pastors, and institutional leaders talk about ways to collaborate to reach, retain, and reclaim the people of North America with Jesus' mission and message of compassion, hope, and wholeness.

[Presentations](#) will deal specifically with church revitalization, Growing Young, ministering to large people groups, and the missing Adventist members.

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[#Compassion](#)



ALC's "Preparing for College and Career" course prepares teens for life after high school, guiding them through a comprehensive faith-based journey of personal management, career exploration and college-readiness skill development. This free 9-module [online course](#) is a self-paced, teacher-facilitated course, equipping students to make wiser choices about their future, as God leads. An optional 0.5 credits are available with a recording fee through Griggs International Academy.



Jamii Kingdom is a new VBS created by the Children's Ministries Department of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America. At this VBS kids will have fun exploring an African savanna while making friends and learning how we are all part of God's big family. Christ-centered activities will introduce kids to the plan of salvation and how we can share the Good News with others. Order by Feb. 28 and save \$25! Learn more: www.AdventistVBS.org and [WATCH](#) the video.

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.



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.



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.



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 or call 301-680-5221 for more info. [#HCTours](#)

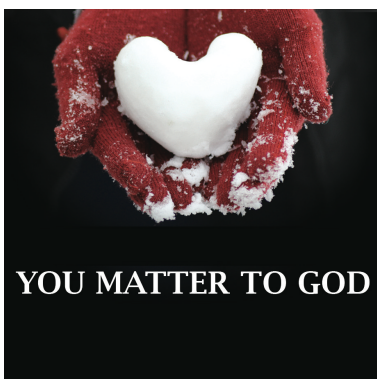
An All-New Season of *Discovery Mountain* Debuts This Week! The Voice of Prophecy's audio adventure series for kids is back with an all-new season called "Seeds of Change." Download free *Discovery Mountain* episodes from your favorite podcast platform or listen [online](#). And keep an eye out



for the debut *Discovery Mountain Vacation Bible School*, called [Rescued: Safe in Jesus](#), coming in February!



NAD Family Ministries is please to share info on one of their newest resources, *New Freedom to Love*. This online resource was created to deal with the problem with pornography. [Click here](#) to visit the New Freedom to Love website. All these resources are available free to download so pastors, and church members, can view and show them in their congregations.



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/. They are a great little gift for anyone, and they are FREE from LifeTalk. Sharing the Good News about God is easier than ever!

EVENTS CALENDAR

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Purpose

"Know that getting into your purpose begins with pain. Know that there will be people who the Lord allows to be around you that will provoke you. And sometimes God will hold you back — but get ready for the blessing because He will shoot you forward. But then you have to seek Him. ... It's time to step into your purpose. Tell God Yes to His will, Yes to His way, and Yes to [Him] everyday."

— Carlton Byrd, speaker/director of Breath of Live TV Ministries, during the 2019 NAD Week of Prayer worship on Feb. 11, 2019

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