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NAD leadership has issued a statement against violence in Christchurch, New Zealand, mosques; a strong supporter of religious liberty, the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America condemns the violent, deadly attack and asks members to pray. [MORE](#)



Randy Robinson was officially voted to serve as treasurer for the NAD on Nov. 2, during the division's 2018 Year-End Meeting. Robinson had previously worked as treasurer for the Southern Union for almost 11 years. [CLICK HERE](#) to read this interview.



Jerry D. Thomas, writer of nearly 60 books for children and adults, passed away on Friday, March 15. His works include the best sellers "Messiah," "Blessings," and "A Thoughtful Hour." Thomas also wrote/created popular series such as "Detective Zack" and "Great Stories for Kids." He was 59. [MORE](#)



The first-ever Rise Up Against Abuse Rally was held on the campus of Andrews University from March 7–10. This rally was the official launch of the new Rise Up Against Abuse initiative, designed to help people use awareness, education, intervention and prevention to take decisive actions against all forms of abuse. [MORE](#)

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[West Palm Beach Church Holds Active Shooter Response Training \(Fla.\)](#)

[Adventist Community Services Thrift Store Fills a Need \(Okla.\)](#)

[SonBridge Community Center Expands Vital Support Options \(Wash.\)](#)

[Missouri Flooding Update: Road Outage List, Governor Warns of Water Dangers](#)

[Door Prairie Adventist Christian School to Host Open House \(Ind.\)](#)

[Pat's Chat on the Second Seventh-day Adventist Fundamental Belief \(W.V.\)](#)

[It's \(Farmers\) Market Day for Adventist Health Bakersfield \(Calif.\)](#)

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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.



Attend the Voice of Prophecy's "believe" Conference at the NAD this May! Join the Voice of Prophecy for the *believe* conference May 5-8 at the North American Division Headquarters. This event is free for NAD administrators, pastors, and lay leaders, and will feature Pastor Shawn Boonstra and other guest speakers. During this event, you'll discover the latest tools and practices for growing your church. Learn more at vopbelieve.org.



ALC offers "An Introduction to REACH: The NAD Inclusion Initiative," discussing the philosophy of inclusion in education. This course explains the REACH process of gathering data on specific student characteristics, identifying and implementing instructional strategies, creating and implementing a Measurable Action Plan, and collaborating with the local REACH team to address the learning needs of all students. [Earn 1 CEU](#).

ICISF Emotional & Spiritual Care Classes will be offered April 14-19, by NAD Adventist Community Services. Join Michael Lombardo, D. Min, BCC at the



NAD headquarters in Columbia, Md., for the "Group Crisis Intervention" (April 14-15) course, and Martin W. Feldbush, D. Min., BCC for "Advanced Group Crisis Intervention" (April 16-17) and "Grief Following Trauma" (April 18-19) courses. Register online [HERE](#).



The 2019 EvangeLead Conference, to be held April 1-3, invites pastors, church leaders, evangelists, and lay leaders to join together in learning strategies for creating a culture of outreach and evangelism. Explore important topics, such as why evangelism still works, why Adventist churches grow differently, and strategies for reaching your community. [LEARN MORE](#).



HR professionals: Join us for the 2019 NAD Human Resources Conference on April 21-23. The conference is planned for all conference/union human resources directors, secretaries, treasurers, academy treasurers, college and university directors and university VPs of finance. [Registration](#) open through March 28; [Reserve a hotel](#) by March 28.



Registration is now open for the 180 Symposium! It will take place May 7-9 at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich. This symposium addresses current issues facing youth ministries, while seeking to generate principles for effective and healthy change through moderated discussion between administrators, academics, and practitioners in youth ministry. Register at <https://www.cye.org/ministries/180-symposium>.

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VIEWPOINTS



Through the Fire

"[A]ll of us ... have to go through some type of fire in our lives [like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in Daniel 3]. Many of us will be thrown into furnaces in our lives. ... Rest assured that you are not alone because Jesus, the Son of God, is there with you. ... We don't focus on the fire anymore; we focus on He who is our Savior, on He who assures us of His presence every single day of our lives. Focus on Him and nothing else, and no matter what fire you are going through, the only thing that gets burned up is that [which] binds you."

— Gerry Lopez, associate director of NAD Children's Ministries, speaking at NAD staff worship March 20, 2019

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