

# NEWSPOINTS

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**Nearly 30 years ago Kristina “Kris” Simons arrived in Poplar, Montana, as an altruistic travel nurse looking to address the alarming health needs of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation. “It’s not the easiest place in the world to live, for sure, but it can be one of the most satisfying and gratifying places,” she said. [MORE](#)**



**In 18 months, Indianapolis, Ind., will be the site for the GC Session, bringing more than 100,000 people from some 200 countries to the city. Starting on June 25, 2020, the Adventist Church will conduct its quinquennial world business session at the Indiana Convention Center & Lucas Oil Stadium. To prepare for this event, the Indiana Conference has begun a series of evangelism trainings. [MORE](#)**



**Burman University in Lacombe, Alberta, Canada, recently entered an agreement** with Kettering College in Daytona, Ohio, to provide an opportunity for Burman University students to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree at Kettering College. [MORE](#)



**Safety Sabbath is an opportunity to care for your congregation** by taking time for emergency preparation exercises and investing in practical skills that can improve their personal safety and, possibly, save a life. This year, Safety Sabbath is March 23. [MORE](#)

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## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Two Adventist Health Providers Receive Patriot Award \(Calif.\)](#)

[SWAU's Mission Trip Teams Create 180 Homemade Dresses \(Texas\)](#)

[Boynton Beach Adventist Church Member Killed, Daughter Injured After Dispute with Man Doing Work on Their Florida Home](#)

[Springfield Adventist Church is New Site for Egan Warming Center \(Ore.\)](#)

[Try Veganism During Lent \(Ill.\)](#)

[Christian Forum Confronts Immigration Issues \(Pa.\)](#)

[Coquille Indian Tribe Gives More Than \\$260,000 to Local Non-Profits \(Ore.\)](#)

[Glacier View Adventist Church Collects 7,951 Cans of Soup in 10th Annual "Souper Bowl"](#)

(Mont.)

[Sen. Parker Celebrated Dr. King Jr.'s Legacy with Free Community Concert at Goshen Temple Adventist Church \(N.Y.\)](#)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



**Strategic Planning for Mission-driven Excellence.** This course is a step-by-step guide to help local church leaders create mission-focused churches of excellence. It is designed to help local leaders make presentations to the church board and church-at-large. After watching the videos, completing the learning activities, and taking short multiple choice quizzes, you'll earn 0.2 continuing education units (CEU) and a training certificate. [LEARN MORE](#)



**The Voice of Prophecy's "Revelation Speaks Peace" series begins Friday in Raleigh, N.C.!** Starting March 8, Raleigh will host Shawn Boonstra's Revelation Speaks Peace series. The meetings will be held in a massive tent — a nod to VOP's rich history of tent meetings. Carolina Conference administrators, pastors, and church members have come together to reach their neighbors for Christ through this series. Register for free at [revelationspeakspeace.com](http://revelationspeakspeace.com).



**The NAD All-Night Prayer Call** is March 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#).

**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.](#)



**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>.



**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](http://www.AdventistVBS.org) and [WATCH](#) the video.

## EVENTS CALENDAR

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**NAD News Briefs:** "Three Loma Linda University Health Pioneers Remembered," "Physicians Conduct Wholeness Screenings for Better Mental and Spiritual Health," "Texas Church Plant Connects with Community," pp. 10-12

**Perspective:** "Our Plans Versus God's Plans," by Melissa Reid, p. 13

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## VIEWPOINTS



## Connect with the Community

"If we walked away from this spot tomorrow, would they miss us? Would they say, 'The NAD has left and we feel the impact'? The public affairs side of what we do helps us connect with the community, connect with our local leaders, to let them know who we are. We want to keep doing things that we think make a a lot of difference in people's lives; we also want to expand it so they know who we are. . . . And we want to make friends before we need friends."

— *Orlan Johnson, director of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America, during NAD staff meeting on March 6, 2019, about the division and its impact on the community*

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