

# NEWSPOINTS

April 18, 2019



## **Adventist church member Darrell Patterson's religious discrimination case against**

Walgreens continues to gain interest and support. Patterson asked the U.S. Supreme Court to hear his religious discrimination case. The pharmacy worker was fired by Walgreens in 2011 because he refused to work at a call center on the Sabbath. [MORE](#)



## **Doctors at LLU Children's Hospital recently conducted the institution's first stem cell**

transplant in a sickle cell disease patient, effectively curing her of the inherited blood disease. The successful procedure offers hope and accessible treatment to those suffering from the disease in the Inland Empire and surrounding regions. [MORE](#)



**On March 13, Robert Costa, speaker/director of Escrito Está, It Is Written's Spanish-speaking ministry, visited President Jimmy Morales, president of Guatemala, to both express Escrito Está's commitment to sharing Jesus and to pray for him in his role as the country's leader. During this special visit, Costa was able to give the president a brief report of what the local Adventist Church has been doing to relieve the needs of the citizens. [MORE](#)**



**In a few days Christianity, and the world at large, will celebrate and acknowledge** a holiday that commemorates the death and the resurrection of Jesus. As we near Easter, each Adventist pastor, volunteer lay pastor, church leader, and church in North America should intentionally plan to minister to people whom otherwise may not be reached during other times of the year. [MORE](#)

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## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[St. Paul Eastside Adventist Church Presents Raised to Life Concert \(Minn.\)](#)

[Bella Coola Adventist School Faces Closure Due to Lack of Students \(British Col.\)](#)

[UC Davis, Adventist Health to Open a Replacement Cancer Center in Chico \(Calif.\)](#)

[Free Health Clinic to be Offered at Mount Shasta Adventist Church May 5 \(Calif.\)](#)

[Hermiston Junior Academy Announces Open House \(Ore.\)](#)

[Church Break-Ins Rattle San Francisco Bayview Congregations \(Calif.\)](#)

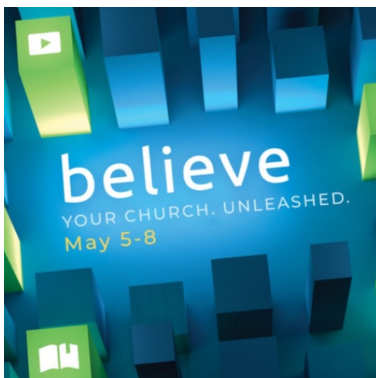
[Evangelistic Program Offers Biblical Hope \(Ore.\)](#)

[Two Millennials Scrap the 'Burbs for Deep Country Living \(Adventist Review\)](#)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



**Nurses' Appreciation Day is coming up!** On Sabbath, May 4, at 4:30 p.m. (EDT), NAD Health Ministries will help celebrate Nurses' Appreciation Day at the Southern Asian Seventh-day Adventist Church in Silver Spring, Md. [Click here](#) for more information and registration.



**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](http://vopbelieve.org).



**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>.

**The May 17-20 NARLA Religious Liberty Summit in metro D.C. brings traditional religious liberty advocacy training, domestic and**





international issues briefings, and legislative and judicial updates, but also the U.S. Department of Justice's timely workshop "Protecting Places of Worship Through Education and Dialogue." Attend to equip your local congregation on how to protect our own churches, and how to serve as our neighbor's keeper. [Click here for more info/to register.](#)



**The NAD Adventist Community Services Convention** will be held May 14-18, 2019 at the NAD Headquarters in Columbia, MD. The theme, "Finding Your Passion for Community Outreach," encourages attendees to explore the latest educational materials, to network and collaborate with other participants, and receive a spiritual blessing. Learn strategies to make our homes, workplaces, communities, and the world reflect the Kingdom of God in a recognizable, tangible, and visible way. [LEARN MORE.](#)



### **Oshkosh Pathfinder Club resources available!**

This year, Pathfinder clubs from across the NAD and around the world will be traveling to Oshkosh, Wis. for the Chosen International Camporee. This event represents a significant ministry opportunity that should not be diminished by loss, injury or harm. Clubs face many risk management issues such as child protection, supervision, transportation, activity planning, and more. Educating our leadership teams with up-to-date guidelines and practices in a way that will equip them to meet these risks should be a priority. Learn more in [English](#), or [Spanish](#).

**Technology for 21st Century Learning**, an online course available through ALC, examines changes to the learning landscape, changes to the employment scene, and the resulting calls for schools to respond to these changes. Explore proposals for the development of 21st century skills and how web-based technologies



can help schools engage today's learners and prepare them for a future that is characterized by change. [Earn 1 graduate credit](#) through Andrews University.



## Share the hope of our risen Savior with new "You Matter to God" Sharing Cards this Spring!

Share this important hope-filled message with your family, friends, neighbors, and community contacts.

Cards are perfect for sharing your faith one-on-one, and during church outreach events in your community. A great little gift for everyone, they are FREE from LifeTalk Radio. Just order the new LifeTalk Sharing Cards online at [www.lifetalk.sharing-cards/](http://www.lifetalk.sharing-cards/).

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## Forgotten and Forgiven

"Praise the Lord! You can let go — when you confess your sins to Jesus. When you confess your sins, He not only forgives them, He casts them into the part of the sea that is so deep there is no bottom. He forgets and He forgives — and He casts them into the depths of the sea."

— *Phillip Baptiste, secretary/treasurer, Adventist Laymen's Services & Industries (ASI), during NAD staff worship on April 17, 2019*

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