



NEWSPOINTS

April 25, 2019



The NAD piloted a Women in STEM conference initiative in partnership with Ophelia Barizo, Ph.D., the STEM coordinator at the Chesapeake Conference, on April 19, at Spencerville Adventist Academy. Middle and high school students were invited to participate in the conference that included a panel of women from government agencies and the private sector who are leaders in the field of STEM. [MORE](#)



More than a year after record-setting Hurricane Harvey made landfall, the damage done to Texas still seems harrowingly fresh. Many people are still struggling to recover from the category four hurricane, however, the Oaks Adventist Christian School in Cypress, Texas, is able to count many blessings that resulted from the tragedy. [MORE](#)



More than 150 CO4Kids campaign partners, those working to insure that “Colorado is for kids,” met April 2, 2019, at the state capitol in Denver to help launch Child Abuse Prevention Month. Two Rocky Mountain Conference employees represented the conference at the event. [MORE](#)



Is Adventism relevant anymore? The inability of our church and its members to demonstrate the relevancy of Seventh-day Adventism is one of the greatest challenges we face as a denomination in this territory. [READ MORE](#) of this special commentary.

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[FORBES: How the Oldest People in America's Blue Zone Make Their Money Last](#)

[Blythe Adventist Church Helps in Riverside County's Developing "Immigration-Related Humanitarian Crisis" \(Calif.\)](#)

[Retired Adventist Educator Dies in Tragic Car Accident](#)

[Pleasant View Adventist School Sold to Oregon State Military](#)

[Auburn Adventist Academy Students Serve Filipino Community on Medical Mission Trip \(Wash.\)](#)

[Spartanburg Adventist Church to Launch Children's Clothing Ministry \(S.C.\)](#)

["Never Had a Pastor That Was Here:" In Rural Churches Economics Force Clergy to](#)

[Travel \(Ind.\)](#)

[Keene Adventist Church Collaborator in Texas Health Community Impact Initiative](#)

[Hope Channel International Names Vyacheslav Demyan as Vice President of Programming](#)

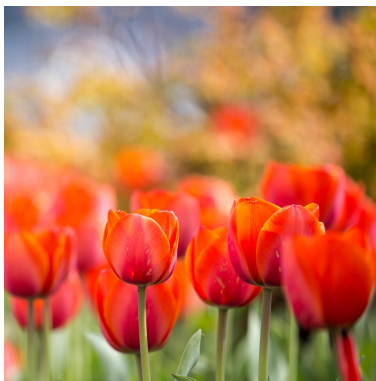
[GC President Reacts to Tragedy in Sri Lanka](#)

[Think "Possibilities Ministries," Not Special Needs Ministries" \[special needs awareness Sabbath\]](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



The NAD will stream a prayer session from its headquarters in Columbia, Md., on the 2019 annual National Day of Prayer (U.S.). This year, the prayer day is Thursday, May 2. The theme is based on John 16:34 — and 15 NAD leaders will pray during this special 20-minute session starting at 11 a.m. (EDT). The event will be live streamed on the [NAD Facebook page](#), we encourage you to watch live and participate in prayer!



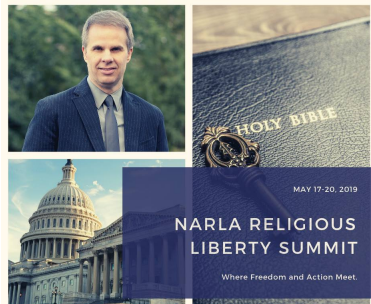
The NAD All-Night Prayer Call is May 2-3, from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Eastern Time. NAD prayer leaders will serve as "prayer hosts" throughout the night. Let's give thanks; let's share needs; let's pray together! Call 404- 891-6338; access code is Prayer# (772937#).



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.



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.](#)

Register now for the NAD SDA Attorneys Conference & Retreat! The General Conference Office of General Counsel invites all attorneys in the NAD to the conference to be held in Howey-In-The-Hills, Fla., on Sept. 26-29. Keynote speaker is Hon. Justice David Kenny Maraga, Chief Justice and President of the

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GENERAL REGISTRATION PRICES:
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Non-Attorney Meal Package: \$260 (8 meals included)
Non-Attorney Sabbath-only Meal Package: \$100

Registration online through Brown Paper Ticket:
<http://bpticket.com/missioninnresort.com> or 800-874-9633
Group Code: 0616022
The Conference rate and block of rooms are reserved until September 4, 2019.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Hon. Justice David Lawrence Jennings
Chief Justice and President of the
Supreme Court of Kenya

SABBATH SPEAKER
Dr. Lovell Cooper
Senior Vice President
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Birth Companions is an 11-module course available through ALC, teaching caring individuals how to mentor, advocate for, and support mothers-to-be during pregnancy and after giving birth. Learn how to set up a program offered as part of a community health seminar, as part of an evangelism project, during a health expo, or in small groups. [Earn 1 CEU](#) and a certificate of completion in your Adventist Learning Community e-portfolio.

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Fall Like Rain

"Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants."

— *Deuteronomy 32:2, NIV*

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