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# NEWSPOINTS

May 30, 2019



**The 17th annual Religious Liberty Dinner was held at The Religious Freedom Center of the Newseum Institute in Washington, D.C., on May 20.** Distinguished guests included international ambassadors, commissioners, local government officials, policy-makers, and past honorees. [MORE](#)



**Harold W. Baptiste, former secretary of the NAD, passed away** May 25 in Baltimore, Maryland, at the age of 81. Baptiste, who later served as a general vice president at the GC, currently holds the record for the longest-serving executive secretary of the division. Baptiste's special burdens for urban ministry and training the next generation of Church leaders guided his ministry. [MORE](#)



**Ledell Kendall, a single mom, was not prepared for the news she received when a group from Acts of Kindness, the outreach ministry of the Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church, appeared at her door on a Sunday morning in mid-March. When she learned that she had won the Extreme Home Repair, she couldn't believe it. [MORE](#)**



**Don C. Schneider, former president of the NAD, passed away** on May 23, in Burleson, Texas. He had been living with Marti, his wife and partner in ministry for almost 50 years, in Cleburne. He was 76. [READ](#) the full story.

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## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[NPR: How the Fight For Religious Freedom Has Fallen Victim to the Culture Wars](#)

[Lake Union Issues Statement in Response to Slain Chicago Member; Baby Removed From Womb](#)

[Free Dental Clinic Opened in Spokane by Seventh-day Adventist Church \(Wash.\)](#)

[Local Seventh-day Adventist Members Weigh in on Religious Freedom Case \(Tenn.\)](#)

[Graduate Credits "God's Plan" for His Time at Southern Adventist University \(Tenn.\)](#)

[Des Moines Spanish Adventist Church Collects Aid for Family of Slain Chicago Woman Whose Baby Was Stolen \(Iowa\)](#)

[Oakwood Adventist Academy Student Makes Family History \(Ala.\)](#)

8 Graduate from Guam Adventist Academy

Southwestern Adventist University Updates Thomsen Observatory (Texas)

Aldergrove Single Mother Given "Brand-New Start" Through Acts of Kindness (Canada)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



The NAD [All-Night Prayer Call](#) is June 6-7, 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#).



**Jesus 101 Builds New Recording Studio!** Jesus 101 breaks ground on constructing a video/audio recording studio and two edit rooms at their headquarters in Riverside, CA. The construction project is expected to be completed in two months. The new studio will allow the ministry to record new video and audio programs in both English and Spanish, including Biblical Studies, Plug Into Life, Conectate a la Vida, and much more. Watch or listen [HERE](#).

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Non-Attorney Sabbath-only Meal Package: \$100

Registration online through Brown Paper Ticket:  
<http://Registration.adventist.org/na/na-attorneys>

**HOTEL RESERVATION**  
[www.missioninnresort.com](http://www.missioninnresort.com) or 800-874-9013  
Group Code: 0648622  
The Conference rate and block of rooms are reserved until September 6, 2019.

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**  
Hon. Justice David Kenny Maraga  
Chief Justice and President of the  
Supreme Court of Kenya

**SABBATH SPEAKER**  
Dr. Lowell Cooper  
Senior Vice President  
of the General Conference

Early  
Registration  
Price  
\$140-\$1

**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 Supreme Court of Kenya. Attending attorneys can receive 10 continuing legal education credits. Early bird pricing now: for registration/more info, [CLICK HERE](#); for hotel reservation, [CLICK HERE](#).



### Register now to get the SAC earlybird rate!

You are invited to the 30th annual convention of the Society of Adventist Communicators, Oct. 17-19, in Albuquerque, NM. Join us for three full days of engaging keynotes, workshops, local media tours, panel discussions, and networking sessions. Price goes up after June 14! Register [HERE](#).



### 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/).



**Have you decided to host an online small group or Bible discussion?** To help make it a positive and safe environment for all, please consider using the following community guidelines and recommendations: [CLICK HERE](#) to read/download guidelines for your use.

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### June

- 8 [Women's Ministries Emphasis Day](#)
- 8 [Offering: Local Church Budget](#)
- 15 [Refugee Sabbath](#)
- 15 [Offering: Local Church Budget](#)
- 29 [Offering: Union Designated](#)
- 29 [Thirteenth Sabbath Offering](#)

### June Focus:

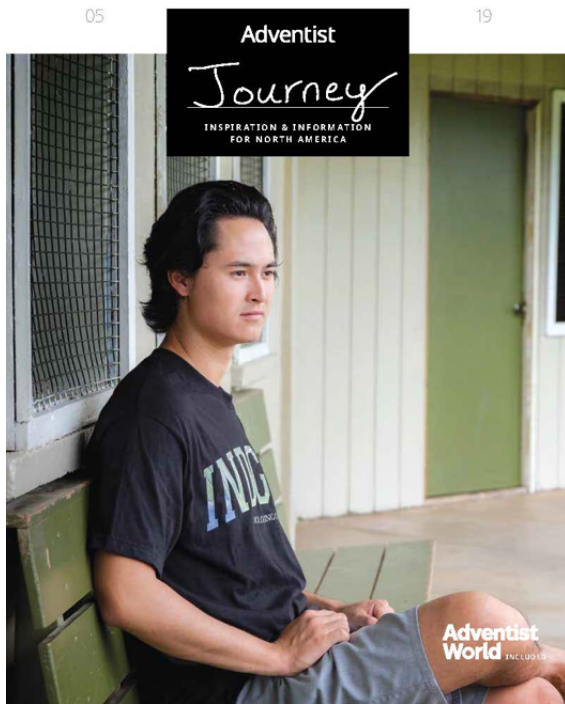
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## VIEWPOINTS



## Worth Dying For

"Everybody who believes that God is love, whether they've thought it through theologically, knows in the bedrock of their soul that all coercion must ultimately be wrong and that the only thing worth dying for is non-coercive love."

— Ty Gibson, May 18, 2019, during the second service sermon at Spencerville Seventh-day Adventist Church in Maryland, as part of the 2019 Religious Liberty Summit

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