

NEWSPOINTS

August 8, 2019



Shortly after a gunman fired on crowds in a Walmart and its parking lot in El Paso, Texas, on Aug. 3, local Adventist Community Service Disaster Response leader Marshall Gonzales reached out to W. Derrick Lea, NAD ACS DR director, to ascertain how ACS could be of help. After requests from the American Red Cross, a team of ACS bilingual, credentialed emotional and spiritual care providers were approved and vetted to assist and support the individuals and families experiencing



The Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America empathizes with those impacted by the recent acts of violence in Texas and Ohio. The statement shares that, "Our hearts go out to the victims ... We long for the pain to stop and the heartache to fade away. We recognize we live in a sinful world that doesn't reflect the original vision of God when He created a perfect world where all were equal and free." [READ MORE](#)

trauma. [MORE](#)



Seventh-day Adventist Church leaders from around the world witnessed mission in the North American Division context when they visited several locations in the division during the 2019 NAD Experience held June 26 to July 7. NAD leaders shared a glimpse of the territory's mission activity and ethnic diversity through touring four of nine union conferences. [MORE](#)



On May 23, the La Sierra University Office of Advancement



What if I told you that spending a full five or six days in an open field, surrounded by 50,000 people or more, walking five to 10 miles per day, having to go to porta potties and bathe in shower houses, and sleeping in a tent and trying to keep up with a group of teens and preteens would be the best experience that you could ever have this summer? This is what happens every five years at the EAA airfields in OshKosh, Wis. [MORE](#)



The Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America

held its annual scholarships

awards ceremony during which a total of \$565,473 was formally presented to 258 students. These funds included a total \$15,000 from Edison International for seven Edison STEM scholars and \$40,000 in science scholarship awards from Victor and Alina Tolan awarded to 20 students in STEM majors. [MORE](#)

celebrates the diversity of God's

Creation that is reflected in all humankind. Our differences make us stronger and the combination of our cultures, ethnicities, and human experiences celebrate the vision of our Creator, Jesus Christ. We pray that all will rejoice in the variety of the many. That our differences will make us stronger, and our dissimilarities will make us whole. [WATCH VIDEO](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Adventist Health Holds Mobile Immunization Clinics \(Calif.\)](#)

[Texarkana Seventh-day Adventists Welcome the Return of Their Former Pastor \(Texas\)](#)

[Knife-Wielding D.C. Man Faces Charges After Incident at Washington Adventist Hospital \(Md.\)](#)

[Maplewood's New Principal Ready to Get Back to Student Interaction \(Minn.\)](#)

[Adventist Youth Group Lends a Hand in Detroit \(Mich.\)](#)

[Community Gardens Help People Come Together \(Ore.\)](#)

[Riverside Adventist Church Offers Free Backpacks, School Supplies, and Sport Physicals \(Tenn.\)](#)

[FLAG \(Fun Learning About God\) Camp Hosts Over 50 Children \(Md.\)](#)

[Maryland Offering Grants for Security at Religious Institutions](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES

The official 2019 Chosen International Camporee theme song has been released! You can now listen and download to your heart's content. We



can't wait to hear the thousands of voices singing it in less than a week! And thanks to Roger (19) and Ariel (18) Lantigua, both members of the Bowman Hills Pathfinder Club, for writing an awesome song!

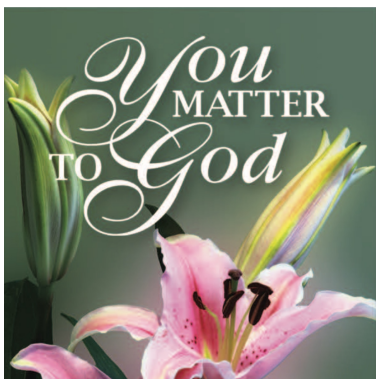
[LISTEN/DOWNLOAD.](#)



Missionaries Needed Now! *Guam-Micronesia Mission* focuses heavily on providing education to 2,000 students in 11 Adventist schools. They need you to serve in their schools as teachers and various other roles. Most positions do not require a college degree. If you are at least 18 years old and would be willing to serve this school year on an island in Micronesia, please visit www.gmmsda.org/openings and [APPLY HERE.](#)



Verified Volunteers is now "Adventist Screening Verification." Employees and volunteers (over age 18) in all conferences of the North American Division who are voted to serve in roles working with children and youth within our churches or organizations are asked to complete a criminal background check (FB 20) and child protection training every three years. [GET VERIFIED.](#)



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ACS presents the Nonprofit Leadership Certification Program, to be held Sept. 16-19. The program is designed to equip pastors, church



administration and nonprofit leaders with strategies and professional skills to successfully lead. NLCP focuses on three major learning outcomes: leadership skills, improvement of management knowledge, and changes in attitude of social dimensions of evangelism. [MORE](#)

**CHILDREN'S
SABBATH
CURRICULUM
IS
HERE!**

Children's Sabbath (Oct. 5) resources are available now! Check out the free downloads for the "God's Amazing Grace" program, a lesson on God's unconditional love for all of us. Find posters, order of service ideas, optional activity suggestions, and even a letter for your pastor! For more information, visit NAD Children's Ministries' [Children's Sabbath 2019 page](#).

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- 17 *Offering:* [Local Church Budget](#)
- 22-25 [Deaf Men's Retreat](#)
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- 24 *Offering:* [Local Conference Avance](#)
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- 7 *Offering:* [Local Church Budget](#)

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- 8-14 [Nurture Periodicals \(*Adventist Review, Guide, Primary Treasure, Little Friend*\)](#)
 - 8-14 [Family Togetherness Week](#)
 - 14 [Family Togetherness Sabbath](#)

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"If you find the Bible dry and difficult, get acquainted with the Author, and you will see His loving face shining out from Genesis to Revelation. From the first verse of the first book to the last verse of the last book, you will find that wonderful One, our Lord Jesus Christ."

— *H.M.S. Richards, Sr.*, in *Walking Through the Bible with H.M.S. Richards, Day 210, p. 224*

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