

# NEWSPOINTS

November 20, 2019



**During a special presentation at the 2019 NAD Year-End Meeting, the division’s administrative team,** which includes the executive secretary, treasurer, vice presidents, and assistants to the president, expressed words of appreciation for Daniel R. Jackson, NAD president, before unveiling a wall plaque bearing the new name of the building’s executive boardroom — “Daniel R. Jackson Executive Boardroom.” [MORE](#)



**This fall, Adventist Community Services and the Alaska Conference announced that** during the 2019 holiday season, ACS is providing a year-end match opportunity to help offset the costs of reaching native villages and enabling more children to experience camp, food programs, and Vacation Bible School. “This partnership will focus on providing safe spaces and programs through outreach to Alaska native communities,” said Tandis Perkins, program director. [MORE](#)



**Debra C. Brill retired on Oct. 1, after serving the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America** as a vice president for 21 years. Brill served as administrative liaison and chair of NAD committees and on the boards many NAD ministries. Brill, with 33 years of denominational employment, currently holds the record for longest-serving vice president of the NAD, and she is the second women to occupy a vice president position at the division. [MORE](#)



**In 2009 Kirsten Wolcott was murdered while serving as a**



**NAD education leaders were recently part of an assessment team that traveled to Malawi** to evaluate the educational needs at ADRA-sponsored schools. The schools are located in the poorest areas of one of the least-developed nations in Africa. [MORE](#)



**In the autumn of 1969, Virginia-Gene Rittenhouse — already an accomplished and internationally-known violin and piano soloist and composer — invited four little kids to play music in her living room.** Little did they know, this was the beginning of the New

**student missionary** on the island of Yap. This month marks the 10th anniversary of her death. In 2013 Wolcott's mother traveled to Yap, searching for closure as she dealt with her daughter's death. [WATCH](#) this sad yet inspiring video story.

England Youth Ensemble, a group of young musicians that gave its first performance at the local Kiwanis club in Worcester, Massachusetts, that Christmas. [MORE](#)

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## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Former ADRA Rwanda Director, U.S. Citizen Among Recipients of Rwanda's Civilian Honor](#)

[In Sickness & In Health: Adventist Health Castle Highlights E-Cigarette Vaping Dangers \(Hawaii\)](#)

[Cody Road Adventist Church Holding Domestic Violence Rally in Mobile \(Ala.\)](#)

[Odessa Spanish Adventist Church Give Early Thanksgiving Dinner for Landmark Senior Residents \(Tex.\)](#)

[Eufaula Adventist Church Holds Free Cooking Classes \(Ala.\)](#)

[More Than 2,000 Diapers Donated to Battle Ground Adventist Community Services \(Wash.\)](#)

[Camp Fire Survivor Helps Others by Providing Free Storage Sheds \(Calif.\)](#)

[Springfield Organization in 65th Year of Serving Thanksgiving Meal \(Ohio\)](#)

[Pathfinders Help Scouts Collect 15K lbs of Donated Food \(Ida.\)](#)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES

**Join young adults and those young at heart Dec. 15-22 for a journey through** the Caribbean while serving the local communities. Cruise With A Mission provides young adults from all walks of life





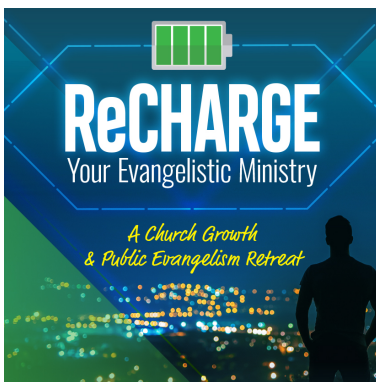
opportunities to authentically connect with God and with others in Christian community. Register for the 2019 Cruise With a Mission [here](#).



**The Adventist Community Services Offering is Dec. 14.** GIVE YOUR OFFERING at your local church, marking “ACS Offering” on your tithe envelope, or give [online](#). Your generous offerings and gifts have assisted with supporting refugees in California & Texas with clothing and shelter needs, distributing kitchen supplies to Camp Fire survivors, and providing emotional and spiritual care for survivors of disaster and other traumatic events like the mass shooting in El Paso, Texas. [LEARN MORE](#).



**NEW FAITH-SHARING CARDS** from LifeTalk Radio are now available. See the newest “You Matter to God” sharing card designs at <https://lifetalk.net/sharing-cards/> Order now for your Thanksgiving and Christmas sharing.



**It Is Written ReCharge Retreat:** Are you eager for church growth? ReCharge is the It Is Written church growth and public evangelism retreat. Receive practical and hands-on training at the Cohutta Springs Conference center from some of the best evangelists and church growth specialists: Bill McClendon, John Bradshaw, and Alan Parker. Only \$125 for three days of training: Dec. 15-17. Space is limited! [RESERVE NOW](#).

**Pacific Press and Jesus 101 Release the 2020 Daily Devotional Book, *Jesus Wins!*** Elizabeth



Talbot, speaker/director for the Jesus 101 Biblical Institute, has authored the newly released 2020 daily devotional book for adults entitled *Jesus Wins!* published by Pacific Press. Revisit the stories of Jesus and His followers in this life-changing daily devotional. This book helps readers to view the circumstances around them through the lenses of faith, and draws them to the foot of the cross, to see Jesus more clearly. Available now at [www.adventistbookcenter.com](http://www.adventistbookcenter.com) and [www.Jesus101.tv](http://www.Jesus101.tv).

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

### November

**November Focus:**  
Prayer

- 23 *Offering:* Local Conference Advance  
30 *Offering:* Union Designated

### December

**December Focus:**  
Christian Hospitality

- 7 Bible Sabbath  
7 *Offering:* Local Church Budget  
14 Prison Ministry Sabbath  
14 *Offering:* World Budget (Emphasis: NAD Adventist Community Services)  
21 *Offering:* Local Church Budget  
28 Thirteenth Sabbath Offering (Inter-European Division)  
28 *Offering:* Local Conference Advance

**Adventist Mission**

Camp Meeting  
Calendar

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## ADVENTIST JOURNEY

**Feature:** "When the Miracle Is Not God's"



Will" edited by Mylon Medley from an interview with SaMonna Watts, pp. 04-06

**NAD Update:** "Church Leaders Experience Mission and Diversity During Division Tour" by Kimberly Luste Maran, pp. 08-10

**NAD News Briefs:** "NAD Releases Guide to Search Engine Optimization for Ministries," "Adventist Screening Verification Now Available for Those Who Work With Children," p. 11

**Perspective:** "Debunking Five Myths About Your Pastor" by Dave Gemmell, p. 13

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## VIEWPOINTS



## **Chords of Praise and Thanksgiving**

"If we will consecrate heart and mind to the service of God, doing the work He has for us to do and walking in the footsteps of Jesus, our hearts will become sacred harps, every chord of which will send forth praise and thanksgiving to the Lamb sent by God to take away the sins of the world."

— *Ellen G. White, Our Father Cares, p. 55*

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