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NEWSPOINTS

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Twenty-nine children with special needs were the stars of the second annual Christmas nativity talent show. The program was held in Auburn, Washington, in December 2019 — and all because of one boy with a vision. [MORE](#)



Kari Paulsen, whose phone ministry of calling those who need encouragement was an integral part of her life, passed to her rest Jan. 10, 2020, in Oslo, Norway, at the age of 85. Jan, her husband and the past president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, was at her side. [MORE](#)



Pulse Café and is a place that **draws 600 to 800 patrons for Sunday brunch alone, each** hungry soul coming to dine on vegan “chicken” and waffles, or breakfast burritos, or sweet corn tamales, and more, all made from as organic and as locally-sourced produce as possible. This is evidence of a forward-thinking and sophisticated business plan, but the Massachusetts restaurant's mission is to use its service, menu, and other offerings to benefit the community. [MORE](#)



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ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Church in the Valley Announces \[video\] Extreme Home Repair Recipient 2020 \(Canada\)](#)

[Health Seminar at Sedalia Seventh-day Adventist Church \(Mo.\)](#)

[Salish Sea Early Music Festival to be Held at Orcas Adventist Fellowship Church \(Wash.\)](#)

[Union Springs Adventist Church Joins Local Churches to Celebrate Unity Week \(N.Y.\)](#)

[Grays Harbor Adventist Church to Host Free Gospel Concert \(Wash.\)](#)

[WAU Student Sings on the Streets of D.C. to Pay Her Way Through College \(D.C.\)](#)

["World Exercise Champion" Works with Local Kids \(Ala.\)](#)

[Adventist Community Services Supports Eastern Oklahoma Food Drive for Seniors](#)

[Judge Tosses Church Plan Lawsuit Against Adventist Health System \(Fla.\)](#)

[Adventist Church Still Assessing Damage After Earthquake Hits Puerto Rico](#)

Announcements & Resources



Be Part of Safety Sabbath 2020! Safety Sabbath 2020 is just around the corner! Join churches all around the North American Division in this fifth annual church safety event. Register at SafetySabbath.com to get free resources and guides on emergency drills and planning. Show you care by making your church a safer place to worship.



ALC's "Mentoring Young Women" course equips those working with youth to better understand the challenges and needs of young women in order to provide effective ministry through mentorship. Gain insights into the unique needs of teenage girls, be better equipped to mentor them during a transitional time in their life, and have tools to create a safe atmosphere in your church for youth. [Earn 0.1 CEUs.](#)



The 2020 EvangeLead Conference, to be held April 6-8, is a yearly training and vision casting event to help pastors and members better understand how to effectively reach their communities and to turn their churches into evangelistic powerhouses. Learn how to do evangelism that actually works to reach real people. Presenters include active leaders who are guiding their churches to be the fastest growing churches in their conferences. [LEARN MORE.](#)



The 2020 NAD Human Resources Conference will be held on April 26-28, 2020. The conference is planned for all conference/union human resources directors, secretaries, treasurers, academy treasurers, education directors, and university VPs of finance. Get [Early Bird registration](#) through February 27! [Reserve a hotel](#) by March 26.



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/>.



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!* Revisit the stories of Jesus and His followers in this life-changing daily devotional. View the circumstances around you through the lenses of faith, and see Jesus more clearly. [WATCH](#) this video to learn more. Available now at www.adventistbookcenter.com and www.Jesus101.tv.



If you are a pastor, chaplain, volunteer lay pastor, administrator, Bible instructor, seminarian, pastor's spouse, son or daughter of a pastor, the CALLED Pastors' Family Convention is for you! If you have experienced great highs and lows in ministry, this convention is for you! If you have ever pastored a church or district, this convention is for you! [CLICK HERE](#) for more info. Dates: June 21-24.

EVENTS CALENDAR

January

- 18 *Offering:* [Local Church Budget](#)
- 19-24 [Religious Liberty Week](#)
- 25 [Religious Liberty Sabbath](#)
- 25 *Offering:* [North American Division](#)
([Emphasis: Religious Liberty](#)).

January Focus:

[Friendship](#)
[Evangelism](#)

Adventist Mission

February

- 1-29 [Black History Month](#)
- 1 *Offering:* [Local Church Budget](#)
- 8 [Christian Marriage Sabbath](#)
- 8 *Offering:* [World Budget \(Emphasis: Adventist Television Ministries\)](#)
- 8-15 [Christian Home and Marriage Week](#)
- 15 [Christian Parenting Sabbath](#)
- 15 *Offering:* [Local Church Budget](#)
- 22 *Offering:* [Local Conference Advance](#)
- 29 *Offering:* [NAD Evangelism](#)

February Focus:

[Family Life](#)

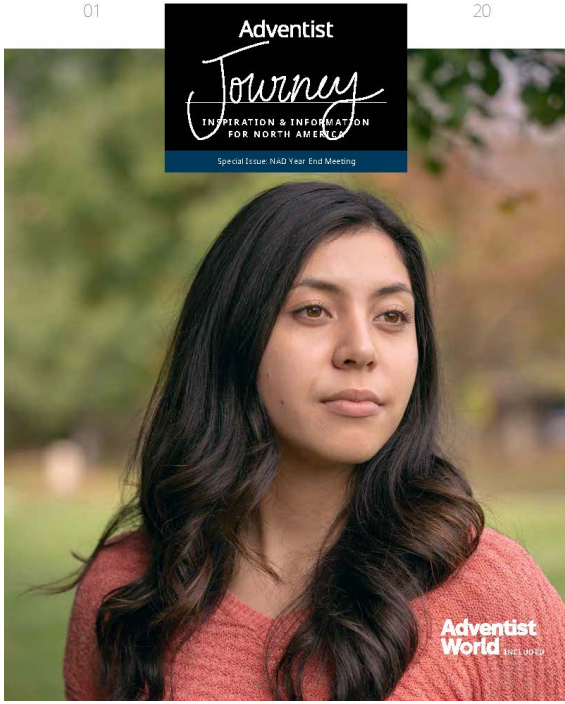
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VIEWPOINTS



Satisfaction in Toil

"This is what I have observed to be good: that it is appropriate for a person to eat, to

drink and to find satisfaction in their toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given them — for this is their lot. Moreover, when God gives someone wealth and possessions, and the ability to enjoy them, to accept their lot and be happy in their toil — this is a gift of God. They seldom reflect on the days of their life, because God keeps them occupied with gladness of heart."

— *Ecclesiastes 5:18-20, NIV*

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