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NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

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# NEWSPOINTS

February 20, 2020



**On Feb. 7, after nearly six months of preparation, the Oakwood University Ambassadors** emerged as winners at the Honda Campus All Star Challenge (HCASC) National Qualifying Tournament (NQT) held at Claflin University. The team will now prepare for the national championship tournament in California, on March 28 to April 1. [MORE](#)



**Seventh-day Adventists are indeed a people of destiny. And like the church of Christ's day,** we have a stake in the outcome of the world's situation. We've been teaching and preaching this stuff for years. What is Christ waiting for? He is waiting and longing for the manifestation of Himself in His church. [MORE](#)



**"I sometimes wonder how my dad would have turned out if he had not been recruited** by the Civilian Conservation Corps. If not for those life experiences and lessons, would he have raised a family that now includes ministers, teachers, medical professionals, decorated war veterans and yes, the director of the Office of Volunteer Ministries?" [READ MORE](#) from NAD's Office of Volunteer Ministries director Ernest Hernandez.



**"Engagers" are at the front lines of mission and can serve as a powerful mechanism** for community care. These empathetic individuals can operate within an organization or independently to engage in online conversations for the purpose of building meaningful relationships, understanding needs, and determining meaningful ways to serve others in both local and online communities. [MORE](#)

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## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Ancient Biblical Era Temple Discovered in Israel](#)

[Crossing the Border to Go to School in the U.S. \(Calif.\)](#)

[Keene Adventist Elementary School Recognized by TCSA \(Texas\)](#)

["It's a Mission, It's a Ministry" – Southern Adventist University Students Work in ASSIST Program \(Tenn.\)](#)

[Pine Hills Adventist Academy Performs Mary Poppins Sneak Peek \(Calif.\)](#)

[NBA Champion Jason Terry Visits Lincoln \(Neb.\)](#)

[Okie from Muskogee: Hagan's Good Deeds Repaid After Flood \(Okla.\)](#)

[Sixth-Grader's Shoe Drive Outfits Dominican Children \(Mass.\)](#)

[AdventHealth CEO Terry Shaw on 30 Years in the Healing Ministry](#)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



### **Join the livestream of the ehuddle meetings (NAD Evangelism Visioning and Leadership**

Team) as church leaders, local pastors, and institutional leaders talk about ways to collaborate to reach, retain, and reclaim the people of North America with Jesus' mission and message of compassion, hope, and wholeness. The ehuddle runs Mon., Feb. 24 to Wed., Feb. 26. The ehuddle presentations will deal specifically with the following challenges: church revitalization, Growing Young Adventists, ministering to large people groups, and the missing Adventist members.

Visit <http://www.nadministerial.com/ehuddle-2020> for more info.



**Be Part of Safety Sabbath 2020!** Safety Sabbath 2020, on March 28, is just around the corner! Join churches all around the North American Division in this fifth annual church safety event. Register at [SafetySabbath.com](http://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.

**The 2020 Sonscreen Film Festival will take place April 2-4 in Loma Linda, Calif.,** followed by CoLab on Sunday, April 5. Sonscreen is an annual gathering for Christian filmmakers, artists, and all those who have a passion for film for the purpose of creating timely and relevant productions. Registration is open



now! [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.



**A Word for Your Family from NAD Family Ministries:** King Solomon wrote, “A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver,” Proverbs 25:11 (ESV). [CLICK HERE](#) for 52 words and accompanying videos that will encourage you, inspire you, and make you think. They are words we often use without a second thought, and words about which we must think carefully. Share with friends or show them in your church!



**FREE SHARING CARDS FOR YOU!** Just in time to include with Valentine cards and gifts, new LifeTalk “God Loves You” cards help you to share God’s love easily. Remind someone that God loves them with a LifeTalk sharing card. You can choose from 30 different card designs and order your favorites for free at: [LifeTalk.net/sharing-cards](http://LifeTalk.net/sharing-cards).



**Build a Thriving Church for ALL Generations:** The *Adventist Northwest Growing Young Cohort* offers an exclusive year-long training opportunity for churches ready to build healthy culture for all generations, while reaching, loving, and empowering younger generations more effectively. A limited number of registration spots are now available for church teams from anywhere in the North American Division. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

**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.** 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 Feb. 27! [Reserve a hotel](#) by March 26.

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

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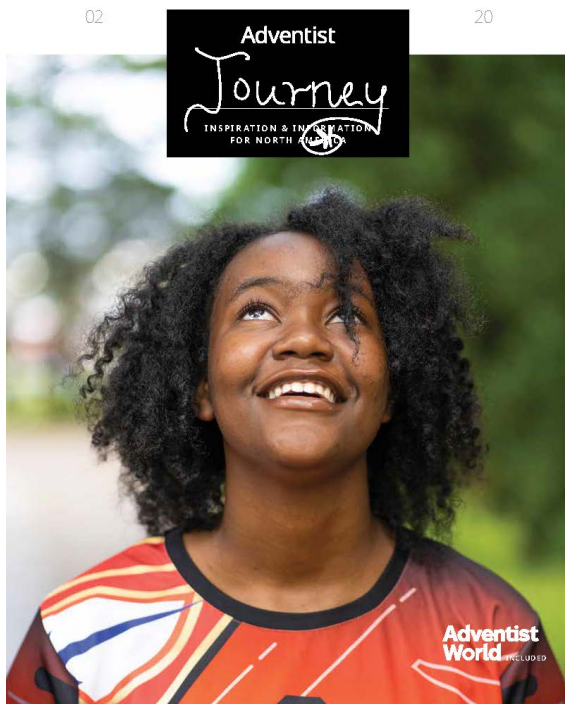
- 7 [Offering: Local Church Budget](#)
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## VIEWPOINTS



## Real and Meaningful Community

“When Jesus prayed, He prayed that all may be one, together in community — not separately, not individually. Community is the key word. I love that. I love that when we come together each morning here, we are a community. Different shades, different backgrounds, different cultures, different people, but a community. I love that when I go and share with my chaplains from around the North American Division, that I can share about my North American Division community.

“Jesus wanted the Christian community to know the fullness of God's love as He, Himself, had known it. He wanted the Father to love that community. He prayed to the Father. The same way that the Father loved Him, He wanted the Father to love us. He prayed this abundance of love that created real and meaningful community, notwithstanding the differences.”

— *Gilda Roddy, assistant director for Adventist Chaplaincy for the North American Division, referencing John 17:20-26, during NAD staff worship on Feb. 10, 2020*

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