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# NEWSPOINTS

March 18, 2020



**Breaking the Ice — Faith for Today's Mike Tucker shares his conversation** with Roy Ice, incoming speaker/director for the broadcast media ministry. [CLICK HERE](#) to read the interview, plus a few words from Tucker about the ministry. [WATCH](#) Mike Tucker and Roy Ice take some “down-time” to chat about leading the ministry.



**Christian Record Services, Inc., a ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America** for people who are blind, invites Kristine Lemons to join its ministry team as communication director. She begins this responsibility on March 30. Lemons comes to Christian Record with a background in communication, marketing, and development. [MORE](#)



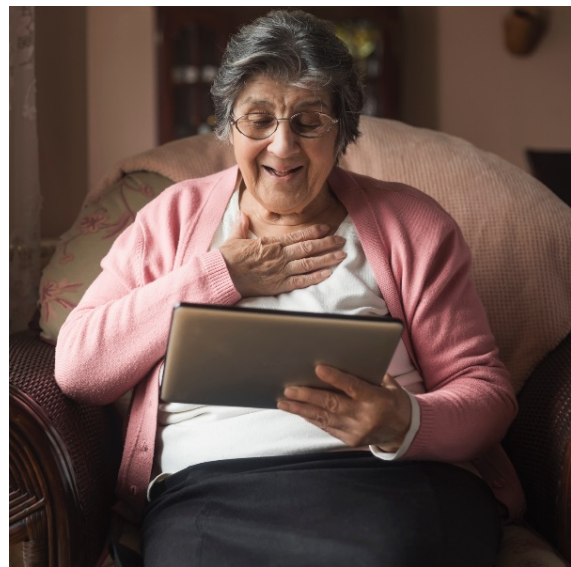
**Due to the rapidly-changing situation with the coronavirus disease pandemic,** the NAD administration has elected to transition its corporate office in Columbia, Md., to a virtual operation. Starting at the end of business on March 17, 2020, and moving forward until March 30, all employees will be required to work from home. [READ](#) this statement in its entirety, as well as other messages stemming from the division's COVID-19 response.



**"We don't think online church should be our best attempt at**



**Self-preservation is a human instinct. We are wired to take whatever steps seem** necessary to ensure our own survival. This is why store shelves have very little toilet paper, non-perishable food, and medicine in stock. Disaster preparation is a good thing, however, we must not confuse responsible preparation with fear-based selfishness. [MORE](#)



**One of the populations that Adventist Community Services actively helps is seniors.** This week they shared with us an article that comes

**recreating live church**, because it's not. So we did something different." In this NAD Ministerial Association interview, learn how an Illinois church decided to livestream their services as COVID-19 social distancing became reality. [MORE](#)

from AARP. [CLICK HERE](#) to read this article about fighting the issues that can come with social isolation.

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## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Bonners Ferry Seventh-day Adventist Adapting to COVID-19 \(Ida.\)](#)

[Chattanooga State, Southern Adventist, Other Universities Move Classes Online in Wake of Coronavirus Concerns \(Tenn.\)](#)

[Coronavirus in Colorado: Doctors See Spike in Emergency Room Visits](#)

[Adventist Health Howard Memorial Hospital Ready to Manage COVID-19 \(Calif.\)](#)

[Adventist Health Launching COVID-19 Advice Line \(Calif.\)](#)

[SWAU Extends Spring Break \(Tex.\)](#)

[Sacramento Students Adjust to Life Outside the Classroom \(Calif.\)](#)

[Meat Companies Say: Eat Your Veggies \(Tenn.\)](#)

[Union College Will Finish Semester Online; State Colleges Extend Spring Break \(Neb.\)](#)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



**Is your church live-streaming? We want to hear from you!** The NAD is looking to compile a list of churches that are currently live-streaming their services. [Click here](#) to send a detailed email, including streaming platform, link, name of church and website, and pastor/AV contact information.



**In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Adventist Risk Management, Inc. (ARM) has resources** for churches and schools available [HERE](#). Resources include planning tips for the possibility of disruption to everyday life, resources from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and answers to frequently asked questions regarding insurance coverages for travel, property, and liability insurance.

ARM has also created a video that promotes common-sense ways we all can use to prevent the spread of germs. This video may be shared by any Adventist organization or church member on social media, websites, and e-newsletters. [WATCH](#)



**As COVID-19 cases continue to grow, many churches are reducing and/or canceling** religious gatherings and services — or temporarily going to online services. [AdventistGiving](#) allows you to return your tithe and give your offerings online, in a secure way, while you do your online banking, are on a long business trip, on vacation, or even if you are unable to attend church due to an illness. [LEARN MORE](#)



**Due to COVID-19, many churches are now doing online services for both Sabbath School** and divine service. Here are a few resources and ideas NAD's Children's Ministries has gathered to help with different activities parents and care providers can do at home with children. There are some great ideas that can be utilized by parents *and* churches going virtual! [Check out](#) the list!

**SHARE GOD'S LOVE with FREE CARDS!** Just in time to include with Spring and Easter 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 for all ages and order your favorites for free at: [LifeTalk.net/sharing-cards](http://LifeTalk.net/sharing-cards).



**Hope Channel invites you to get *Hope at Home* this weekend!** Worship, pray and study the Word of God with Derek Morris, president of Hope Channel, and others from the safety and comfort of your home. [Tune in](#) through the [Hope Channel](#) app, [Facebook page](#), [HopeTV.org](#) or your television.

## EVENTS CALENDAR

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- 21 **POSTPONED:** [Global Youth Day](#)
- 21 [Weekend of Compassion](#)
- 21 [Offering: Local Church Budget](#)
- 28 [ARM Safety Sabbath](#)
- 28 [Thirteenth Sabbath Offering: Inter-European Division \(EUD\)](#)

**March Focus:**  
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[Camp Meeting](#)  
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**Adventist Mission**

### April

- 4 [Missionary Magazines \(Signs, Message, El Centinela\)](#)
- 4 [Offering: Local Church Budget](#)
- 11 [Stewardship Sabbath](#)
- 11 [Offering: World Budget \(Emphasis: Christian Record\)](#)

**April Focus:**  
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17-18 **CANCELED:** [Pathfinder Bible Experience](#)

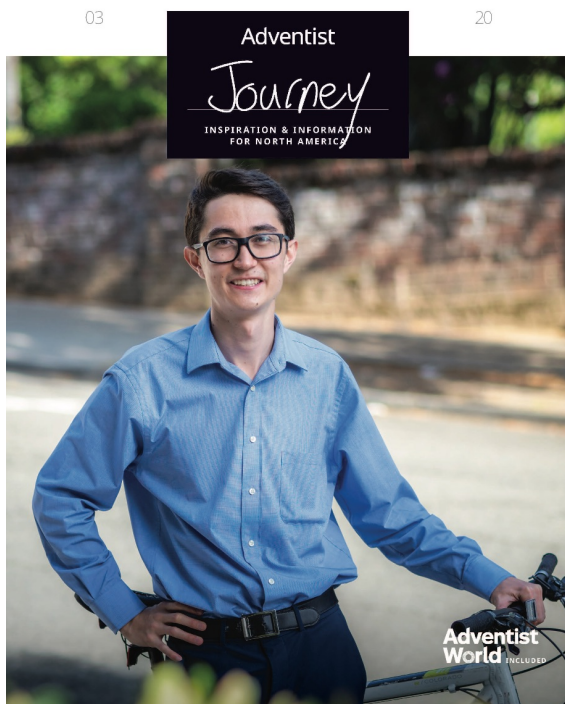
18 [Literature Evangelism Sabbath](#)

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**NAD Update:** "Free Clinic in Arizona Addresses Oral Health in Native Communities" by Anne Crosby and Joni Bokovoy, M.D., and NAD Office of Communication, pp. 08-09

**NAD News Briefs:** "NAD Church Ministries VP Retires," "First Adventist Elected to Canada's Parliament," "Local Adventist Community Services Provides Holiday Help," pp. 10-11

**Perspective:** "A New Commandment" by Kyoshin Ahn, p. 13

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## VIEWPOINTS



## Jesus Walking in the Midst of His Church

"In the first chapter of Revelation, John is given instructions of how he is to go ahead and communicate with Ephesus and Smyrna and Pergamus and so on. Then he wants to identify the voice, and he turns around and he sees a being clothed in white raiment, the King James version says, and there was a sword coming out of his mouth and fire coming out of his eyes and so on. And John sees the being walking in the midst of seven burning candlesticks.

"And later in the chapter, he identifies the fact that the candlesticks represent the church. And what a beautiful picture of the Lord Jesus walking in the midst of His church! In the midst of His people! In the same book, in Matthew 28:20, we have the words of Jesus: 'LO, I am with you always, even to the end of the age' (NKJV).

"In this crisis, in this time, in this time of transition ... I feel very confident in the Lord Jesus and we all may have that confidence that He's walking in the midst of the candlesticks today, and He's not going to stop."

— *Daniel R. Jackson*, during the March 16, 2020, NAD staff meeting outlining virtual office plans during COVID-19 pandemic

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