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# NEWSPOINTS

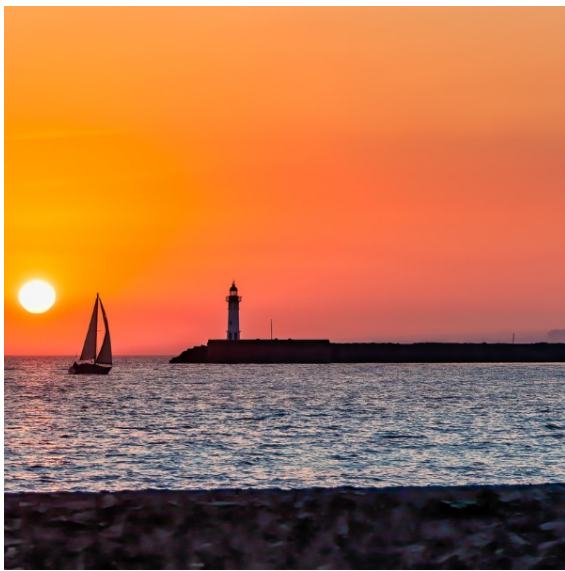
April 8, 2020



**Breath of Life Television Ministries is bringing the message of Christ's resurrection** to living rooms across the country this Sunday, April 12, 2020, as ABC affiliates will broadcast, "The Awakening." [MORE](#)



**"First and foremost, I know this is God's church. He will absolutely care for His people.** It may be uncomfortable and uncertain from our perspective. But I trust in Him to carry us through." In an interview, NAD treasurer Randy Robinson shares information on the church's finances, the future, and his appreciation for a faithful church family. [READ MORE](#)



**"Our hearts struggle to accept the reality of death. Existence is such a persuasive experience** that we simply cannot conceive of a world in which we no longer exist. As a small child I used to spend more time than a youngster probably should trying to imagine a universe without me: how is it possible that prior to 1969 I did not exist at all?" [READ MORE](#) of Shawn Boonstra's message on life, death, and the Resurrection.



**Walla Walla University will offer a Doctor of Social Work program,**



**While society at large has taken a metaphorical detour in terms of its normal operation** with the closing of businesses and schools, the needs of the marginalized remain. Here are glimpses into three services operating within the NAD that have remained committed to serving their disenfranchised populations as they face daily evolving challenges and the potential dangers presented by the coronavirus disease. [MORE](#)



**On March 6, Versacare Foundation awarded \$1,420,000 in grant funding to 189 Adventist primary**

**starting June 2020.** The 2.5-year online program will provide a focus on teaching in higher education and preparation for leadership positions in the social work profession. “One of our goals for this program is to train scholars who will change the landscape of professional social work practice through research, education, and leadership,” said Susan Smith, WWU professor of social work and sociology and director of the D.S.W. program. [MORE](#)

and secondary schools across the U.S. and Canada in support of STEM education (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math). This was Versacare Foundation’s fifth successive year funding STEM grants. [MORE](#)

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## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Oakwood Graduate Is "Go-To" Motivational Speaker for NBA Players](#)

[A Story of Hope: A Happy Story From the Great Flu Epidemic of 1918 \(Wash.\)](#)

[Closed Doors and a Crash Course Helps Church Outreach \(Ky.\)](#)

[Adventist Health Central Valley Offers Virtual Visits \(Calif.\)](#)

[Bonners Ferry Adventist Church Has Live Stream Glitch, Program Available Later \(Ida.\)](#)

[Adventist Health Bakersfield Using Rapid Tests During Coronavirus Crisis \(Calif.\)](#)

[COVID-19 Update: Adventist Health Tillamook \(Ore.\)](#)

[Hospitals Seek Protective Equipment Donations to Combat the Coronavirus \(Calif.\)](#)

[Fundraising Effort Underway for Arts Facility \(W.V.\)](#)

[Hours Expand for Medical, Cleaning Supply Donations \(Md.\)](#)

[L.A. Community Rallies to Feed Healthcare Workers on the Frontline Amid the Coronavirus Pandemic \[video\] \(Calif.\)](#)

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



**April 11 is Christian Record Services offering Sabbath!** Christian Record Services for the Blind gave Marye McKenney hope and connection with a church community. Like you, many people who are blind are missing relationships, especially now in this time of nationwide isolation, lockdowns, and social distancing. Watch Marye's story, "[Give Hope!](#)" and consider donating to Christian Record on Sabbath, April 11. Together we can help people who are blind connect with Christ and enjoy fellowship with a community that celebrates their potential for ministry. Materials for churches are available [HERE](#) or [GIVE ONLINE](#).



**Faith For Today launches a new virtual Bible study series, "The Bible Lab,"** as a resource for those sheltering in place. The ICE-O-LATION Sessions are interactive Bible studies with Speaker/Director Roy Ice, where participants have the ability to study together from their own homes. The Bible Lab meets on Sabbath mornings at 10:30 a.m. PDT. For more information visit: [www.TheBibleLab.com](http://www.TheBibleLab.com).



**Act now — Is your church live-streaming? We want to hear from you!** The NAD has compiled a list of churches that are currently live-streaming their services. [Click here](#) to send a detailed email, including church name, link to the stream, language the service is presented in, city and state, timezone, and pastor/AV contact information. We want to include your church!

**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, or even if you are



unable to attend church due to an illness or COVID-19 closing. [LEARN MORE](#)



**Protect Your Zoom Meetings from Being Hijacked!** Do you find yourself spending a lot more time these days on video conference calls? So do Internet hackers. With much of the world under some form of stay-at home order or lockdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic, employees are increasingly using Zoom and other video conferencing platforms for work, school, and even church. Hackers, called “Zoombombers,” have seized this opportunity and are causing havoc in virtual meetings, online classrooms, and video calls worldwide. [READ MORE](#)



**North American Division Youth & Young Adult Ministries streams Youth Sabbath School & Youth church** every week on [Facebook LIVE!](#) Each Sabbath features different guest presenters and speakers. Join us on Sabbath morning:

- [NAD Youth Sabbath School](#) 9:30-10 a.m. (EDT)
- [NAD Youth church](#) 10:15-11 a.m. (EDT)



**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](#).

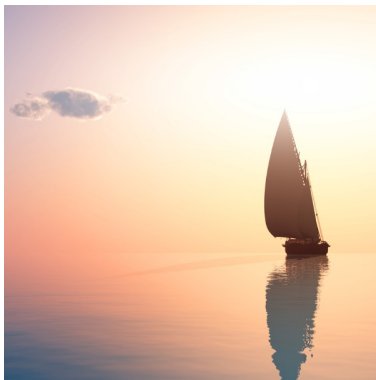
**Hope Channel invites you to get [Hope at](#)**



[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.



**Sharing Hope is an online platform for reading and sharing some of the best** Adventist books and tracts available. Sharing Hope trusts that the materials in their app will be one source of comfort, help, and encouragement to you and others. [CLICK HERE](#) to see the library of materials.



**ADRA's Daily Hope messages are brief thoughts to calm fears in the midst** of the outbreak. The news is bleak but God is good. Let Daily Hope be a small reminder that there is still beauty and love in the world. Enjoy a few moments of peace as you read how God continues to change lives all around the world. [CLICK HERE](#) to read.

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

### April

**[April Focus:](#)**  
[Stewardship](#)

- 11 [Stewardship Sabbath](#)
- 11 [Offering: World Budget \(Emphasis: Christian Record\)](#)
- 17-18 **CANCELED:** [Pathfinder Bible Experience](#)
- 18 [Literature Evangelism Sabbath](#)
- 25 [Education Sabbath](#)
- 25 [Offering: Local Conference Advance](#)

# May

- 1-31 [Asian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month](#)
- 2 [Community Services Sabbath](#)
- 2 [Offering: Local Church Budget](#)
- 4-10 [Screen-Free Week](#)
- 9 [Youth Sabbath](#)
- 9 [Offering: World Budget \(Emphasis: Disaster & Famine Relief\)](#)
- 16 [Adventist Single Adult Ministries Sabbath](#)
- 16 [Offering: Local Church Budget](#)
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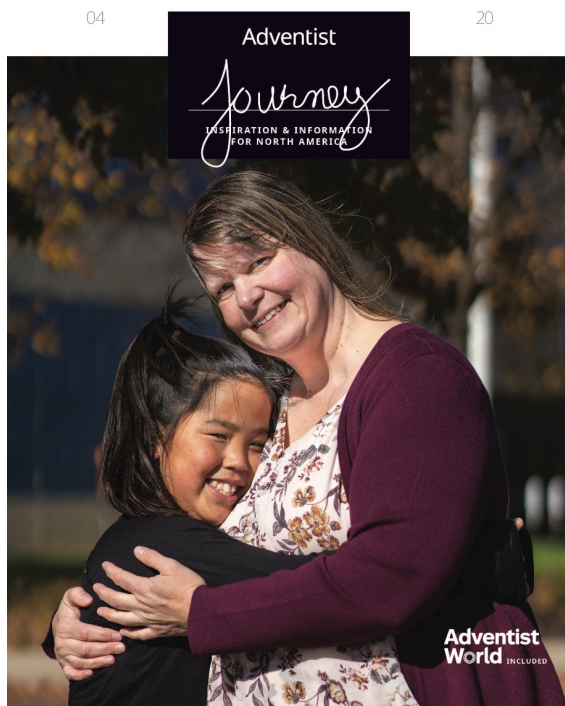
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## ADVENTIST JOURNEY



**Feature:** "Fostering Hope in Alaska's Native American Communities" by Mylon Medley, pp. 04-08

**NAD News Briefs:** "North American Division Hosts Second Annual Religious Freedom Prayer Breakfast," "Southern Adventist University Showcases Rare Bible Collection," "Special Needs Kids Share Their Talents at Nativity Program," pp. 10-11

**Perspective:** "Life Worth Living" by Shawn Boonstra, p. 13

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## VIEWPOINTS



### Plant the Seeds

"Are we too busy peddling platitudes, prophetic prose, and prohibitive policies to plant the products that we preach? God forbid! May it never be so! Saving grace, born of salvation, and fearless pursuit of the mission of Christ. ... These are the seeds that God has given us. ... These seeds are gifts of God, crafted by the Holy Spirit, uniquely for you and for me. When 'dream seeds' are planted, fertilized, and grow, the fruit of the spirit, mentioned in Galatians 5:22-23, becomes evident. Don't just peddle the seeds of your ministry. Plant them, cultivate them, climb upon the branches, and prepare to reap your harvest."

— Paul Anderson, director/endorser of Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries for the North American Division, referencing the "Jack and the Beanstalk" story he recently told his grandchild, as he offered a devotional thought during NAD staff worship on April 8, 2020

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