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NEWSPOINTS

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The New Hope Seventh-day Adventist Church, Columbia Union Conference, and several ministries at the NAD contributed funds to provide two separate meals to the approximately 1,000 healthcare workers on staff at Howard County General Hospital. [MORE](#)



Death has been a devastating part of the COVID-19 global health crisis. Behind the numbers of cases and deaths related to COVID-19 are human beings with loved ones and families. [READ](#) interviews with two Adventists confronted with COVID-19 challenges and the realities of death and the dying each day.



The April 17 opening night of It Is Written’s virtual, online evangelist series, got off to a rocky start as the media ministry’s main platform was disrupted by a targeted and malicious cyberattack. This attack comes on the heels of a close call when tornadoes touched down just feet from the It Is Written headquarters in Collegedale, Tennessee, on April 13. [MORE](#)



Although the current COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted our campuses, temporarily transitioning us to remote education, the mission of Seventh-day Adventist higher education remains the same. Driven by passionate care for our students, our faculty and staff are innovating to sustain a quality, whole-person education for the duration of this crisis. [MORE](#)



"On the night of April 12, my wife Lou and I were getting ready for bed and listening to the weather forecasters announce the tornado



Uber drivers Alex and Janeth Partyka found that one of the more difficult — and intimidating — aspects of witnessing was knowing

watches and warnings. When they announced that the worst storms had passed, I turned the TV off. We changed into our pajamas, said our prayers together, which is our nightly custom. The screech of metal and loud banging woke me. It was our roof being yanked off the house by a tornado. [READ MORE](#)

when and how to witness in a non-invasive way. When Janeth started driving full time, she came up with an idea that has opened up many more opportunities to witness to their riders in a natural, personal way. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[At Littleton Adventist Hospital, a Good Prognosis \(Colo.\)](#)

[Adventist Health, The Ford Family Foundation and CARE, Inc. Join Forces to Help Local Families Impacted by the COVID-19 Crisis \(Ore.\)](#)

[Adventist Health Hosting a 48-Hour Virtual Race, to Help Those Impacted by COVID-19 \(Calif.\)](#)

[Crowd Lines Up in Calistoga for Adventist St. Helena Hospital's Free Hand Sanitizer \(Calif.\)](#)

[No Car Needed to Receive Free Food Items in Miami's Overtown Neighborhood \(Fla.\)](#)

[Food and Hygiene Giveaway in North Charleston on Saturday \(S.C.\)](#)

[Samaritan Center Helping East Hamilton County Tornado Victims "By Proxy" \(Tenn.\)](#)

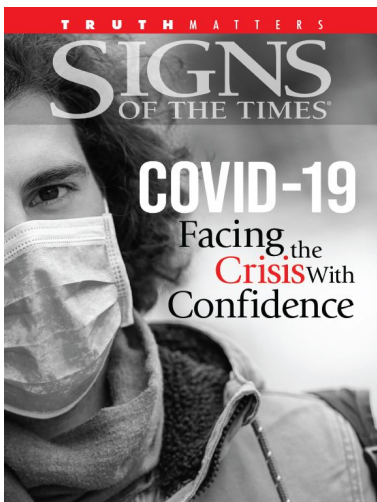
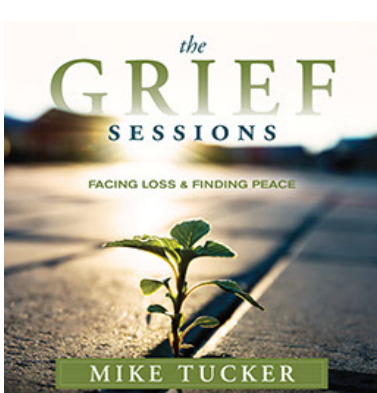
[\\$150,000 Grant Will Provide Funding for More Volunteer Efforts Through Paradise Adventist Church and Maranatha Volunteers International \(Calif.\)](#)

[Guam Clinics with COVID-19 Cases Named](#)

[Fleetwood Community Supports Fire Victims \(Pa.\)](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES

The North American Division has compiled a



list of [local churches offering livestreamed worship services](#). Find your timezone, then select a church service. We know that our Church is not a building, but a people seeking Christ's soon return! To add your church to the list, [CLICK HERE](#) and submit your stream information. Continue to check back for newly added listings!

Now, more than ever, we are facing unprecedented moments of grief compounded by social isolation. Mike Tucker, host of the Lifestyle Magazine life-coaching TV series, invites you to join "[The Grief Sessions](#)," a Facebook Live interactive experience! Each of the six sessions is filled with Bible-centered, research-based, and people-proven ways to turn loss into living again. [Tune in](#) Fridays, 6:30 p.m. CDT/4:30 p.m. PDT, starting April 24, 2020.

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.

Special "Signs of the Times" available to order now! COVID-19: Facing the Crisis With Confidence" is a special, 16-page sharing edition on the coronavirus pandemic. In view of the shocking developments we have witnessed, this issue is a practical and spiritual response to the most significant global health crisis of the 21st century. Knowing the facts will keep your fears at bay and help you face the future with hope! Buy it for you, order in bulk for your friends/neighbors, or mail it to an entire zip code. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.



As COVID-19 cases continue to grow, many churches have temporarily gone 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](#)



NAD 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)



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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.

EVENTS CALENDAR

April

April Focus:
Stewardship

- 25 [Education Sabbath](#)
- 25 *Offering:* [Local Conference Advance](#)

May

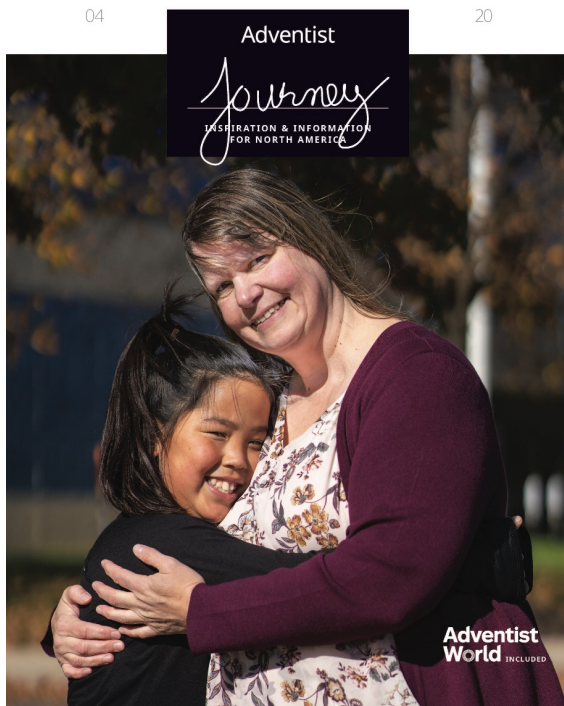
May Focus:
Community Services

- 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](#)
- 23 *Offering:* [Local Conference Advance](#)
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ADVENTIST JOURNEY



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He Will Carry Us Through

"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."

— Randy Robinson, NAD Treasurer

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