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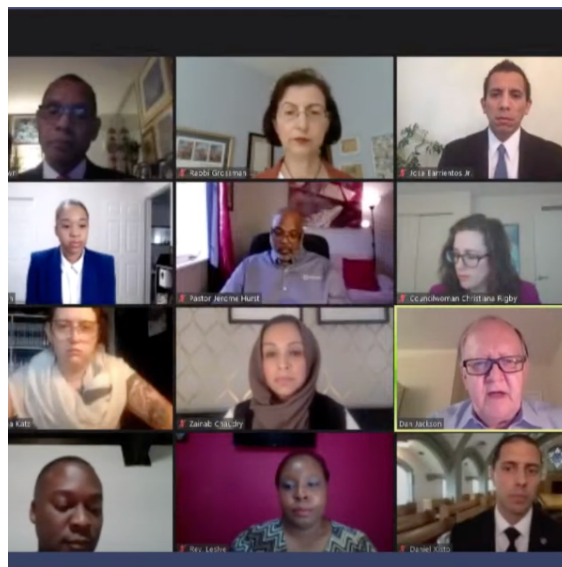
News and Information from the North American Division

NEWSPOINTS

June 25, 2020



On June 23, 2020, the North American Division Committee voted a stimulus package of \$10 million to provide financial assistance to the division's conferences through its unions. This comes at a time when COVID-19 has impacted many Adventist members and entities. [MORE](#)



Faith leaders, government officials, and activists advocated for prayer, social justice, and community empowerment in response to the national outcry over the death of George Floyd by law enforcement through a “virtual freedom ride.” From June 14 to 21, “Miles to Minneapolis” took viewers on Facebook and YouTube on the virtual journey from the east coast to the mid-west. [MORE](#)



La Sierra pre-med student, Marielis George, aids COVID-19 patients as she serves as an EMT in New York. George is a certified emergency medical technician who is studying health science with a bio-health concentration and taking pre-med courses toward becoming a surgeon or physician. She felt called to serve on the front lines of the pandemic, and, in spite of the dangers and her fears, she signed up to work as an EMT with an ambulance company in her home town. [READ MORE](#)



In "A Conversation on Racism and



In partnership with NAD Adventist Community Services, the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) has provided funding to expand the services of more than 200 Adventist food pantries across the U.S. [MORE](#)



"We all know all lives matter to God. This is reaffirmed by scriptures such as, "For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of *all*, abounding in riches for *all* who call on Him (Rom. 10:12). And while all lives matter to God,

Adventism with NAD Leadership," division officers discuss with

moderator Mylon Medley recent events related to racial injustice, the history and relevancy of regional conferences, and the presence of racism in the denomination's past and present. Watch and/or read the transcript of the conversation [HERE](#).



Mendocino Coast District Hospital and Adventist Health have signed a management agreement, announced Jason Wells, president of Adventist Health services in Mendocino County, in May 2020. The hospital will draw on Adventist Health's extensive experience, as well as its vast network and resources in Mendocino County, where Adventist Health operates two other hospitals. [MORE](#)

He knows all lives don't matter to all people." [READ MORE](#) of this commentary.



On Sabbath, June 27, the leadership of the NAD is asking its members, churches, ministries, and services to join in a special day of prayer for the deep hurt and frustration that racial injustice and inequity have caused in North America. Let's come together and prayerfully seek God's guidance and leading in our lives, especially in how we relate to one another, and how we can help stop injustice against people of color. [READ MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Adventist Health Lodi Memorial Stops Taking Non-COVID-19 Patients, as Cases Surge Among Staff \(Calif.\)](#)

[City Adventist Church Community Service Center Reopens \(Wash.\)](#)

[Manager Fired, Training Planned, Money Donated to Muslim Council After Ad Runs in Tennessean Newspaper](#)

[Southern Adventist University Installs "COVID-19 Killing" Air Filtration System \(Tenn.\)](#)

[Blue Mountain Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School Doesn't Let Pandemic Stop Students From Learning \(Pa.\)](#)

[Local Pastor, Organization to Hold Community Prayer Rally \(S.C.\)](#)

[Chattanooga Pastors Grapple with History of Church Racism \(Tenn.\)](#)

[Mayor Mueller Presents Newest Draft of South Bend Police Discipline Matrix \(Ind.\)](#)

[Proof of Life-Size Statues of "Canaanite God" Unveiled in Biblical Lachish](#)

[OPINION: The Epidemic of Police-Involved Killing of Unarmed Black People in the USA \(Ga.\)](#)

[Powerful Lessons Utah Faith Leaders Have Learned From Their Fathers](#)

[Fire Damages Colorado's Brighton Church](#)

[AdventHealth Featured in CNN Piece About Benefits of Prayer](#)

NAD ONLINE DURING COVID-19



Take Charge of Your Health is off to a strong start; series concludes June 28! This online series from It Is Written drew thousands of viewers Monday night, from various online platforms. Watch for free, and access the CREATION Life study guides, at <https://takecharge.life/>. Closed captioning of each program is provided on the [It Is Written Facebook page](#), and viewers may also watch through It Is Written TV on Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire, or Google Play at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. EDT each night.



On June 30, learn about "A Child's Plight During Covid-19," a free webinar for ministry leaders, team members, and pastors. Child abuse is expected to intensify during the present coronavirus pandemic, but children have less access to help. Dr. Kiti Freier Randall, and other presenters, will share the mental, emotional, and physical dangers that children are facing, and discuss practical steps to minister to this very real and pressing need. [LEARN MORE](#)



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Every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. EDT, the NAD Children's Ministry and Family Ministry departments are teaming up to bring quick, relevant information via livestream to both you and your children in these uncertain times. We invite every family to join us to learn lesser-known side-effects that constantly being at home can have on both parents and children. The 15-minute streams will be viewable on the ["Our Family Room" Facebook](#) page and will later be shared on both [Family](#) and [Children's Ministry](#) Youtube channels.

For additional resources for every segment, check out [Family](#) or [Children's](#) Ministries websites.



New JESUS 101 Daily Devotional Podcasts are available 365 days of the year, from the 2020 devotional book, *Jesus Wins!*, a book that is changing lives. A minister shared this story: His lifelong friend had fallen away from God; still this minister sent his friend *Jesus Wins!* as a gift. He read the entire book, surrendered his life to Jesus, and even asked his family for forgiveness! Praise God! For more information on this devotional podcast, visit [Jesus101.tv](#).



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 at NEW TIMES:

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



Voice of Prophecy has developed [ShareYourFaithOnline.com](#) to encourage church members to share their faith, especially in this time of quarantine. Even as social distancing restrictions ease up, for evangelistic efforts to be successful going forward, they will need to include a strong online component. This website offers six tangible ways churches and their members can engage their communities online.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES

Advanced Directives require making some tough choices. Learn how to educate and support families from a faith-based perspective,



whether serving as a nurse, social worker, or chaplain. Local churches are ideal environments to broach the important topic of advanced planning. Earn 1 CEU with a 90-minute webinar on June 25, presented by the Adventist Association of Faith Community Nursing.

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Seminars Unlimited, in connection with Voice of Prophecy and AWR 360°, now offers a customizable postcard to showcase the services of your local church to the public. At this crucial time, share what your church is doing to serve the needs of your community. The 11"x6" card can be direct mailed to a zip code of your choice. Call (800) 982-3344 for more information.



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.

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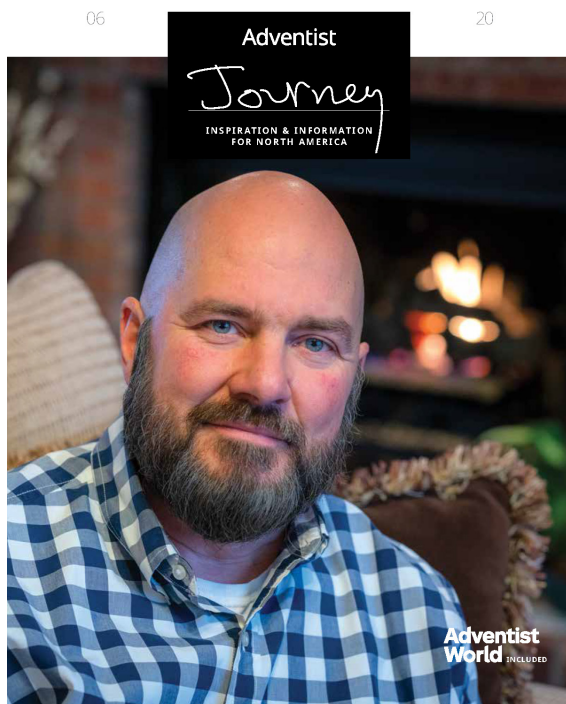
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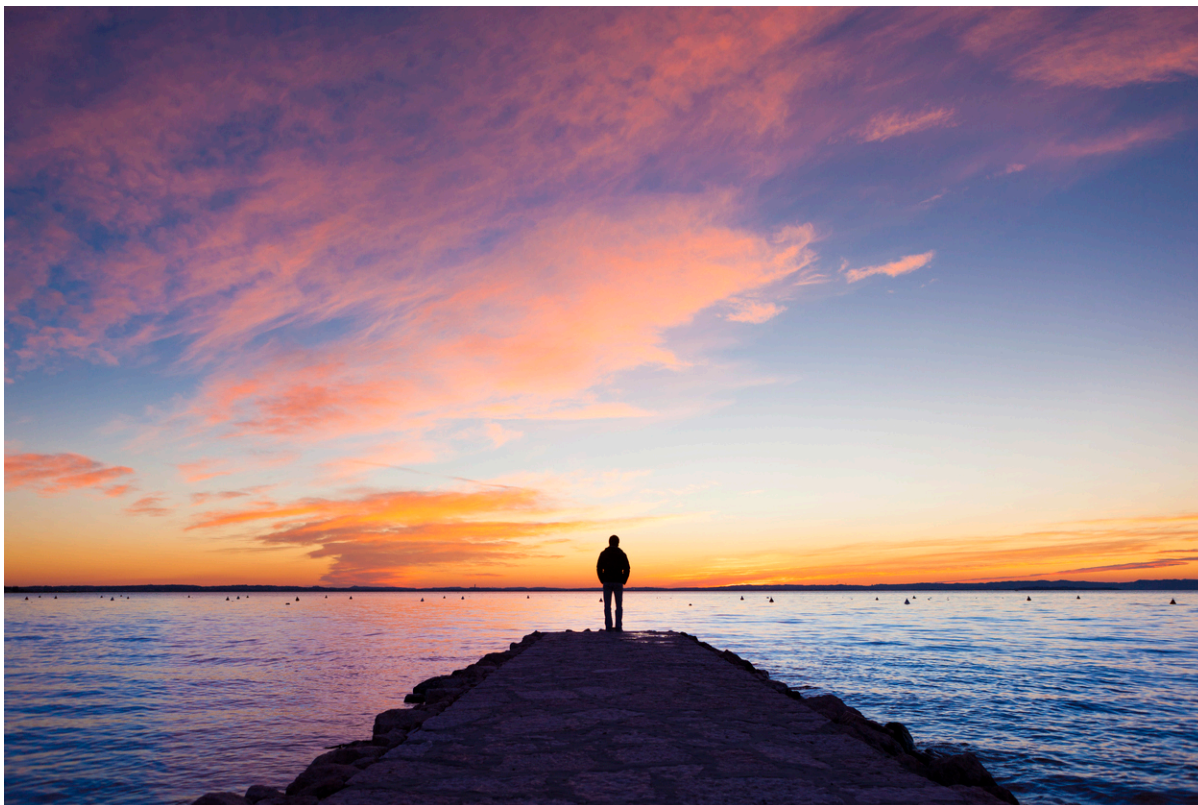
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VIEWPOINTS



That One Thing

"Jesus love me. ... The older I get the more I need to know that one thing in my life. ... The older I get the more I need to know that Jesus is the reality of that one thing. The older I get the more I need to synthesize down all the volumes of information into that one reality of how much Jesus loves me. And as you get older with me, I pray that you will discover that same one thing — and that one thing is Jesus and Jesus alone.

— *Jim Pedersen, former president of the Northern California Conference, during the NAD virtual staff worship on June 24, 2020*

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