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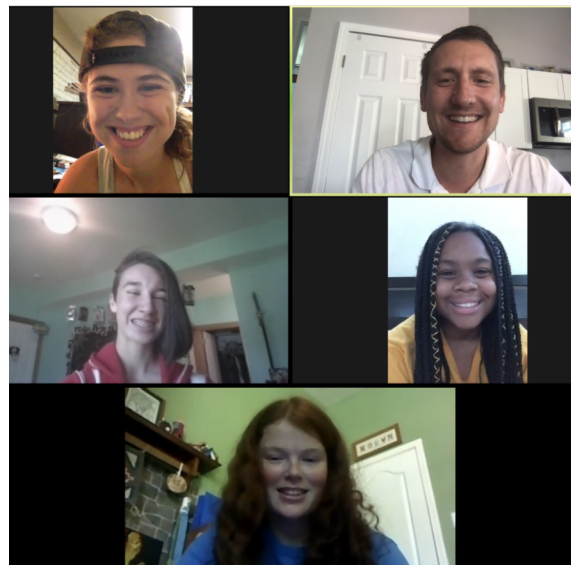
News and Information from the North American Division

# NEWSPOINTS

July 15, 2020



**Adventist Community Services has approximately 100 pantries operating in New York's five boroughs, and they currently distribute food two to three times each week. These pantries have been running out of food, and some centers were not able to open because of a lack of food. Talks with City Harvest food banks lead to the current offer of 12 pallets of food delivered to one location each Monday. [MORE](#)**



**One way that the Rocky Mountain Conference is adapting their summer outreach, now that the COVID-19 pandemic has caused a change of plans, is to refocus their student canvassers on fundraising to sponsor literature mail-outs to small towns in their territory. The initiative is called #TinyTowns4Jesus, and the goal is to raise enough funds to send packs of GLOW tracts and copies of *The Great Controversy* to people living in small towns in Colorado. [MORE](#)**



**In early June, on Chicago's Southside where Goshen Seventh-day Adventist Church is** located, markets, pharmacies, banks, and several retail stores were wiped clean of merchandise. The church is in one of the poorest areas in the city, which had already seen a surge in COVID-19 infections and an elevated rate of gun violence. As residents began pleading for help, church leaders knew they had to do something. But what? [MORE](#)



**Ronny Nalin (seen right) has been appointed the new Geoscience Research Institute director** effective Aug. 1. He replaces retiring director Jim Gibson (left). Nalin began serving GRI as a research scientist in 2007. Since then, he has been involved in research, education, and communication on topics at the interface between faith, science, and earth history. [MORE](#)

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## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[AdventHealth CEO Says COVID-19 Cases in Florida Likely to Peak Later in July](#)

[Mendocino Coast District Hospital is Now Adventist Health Mendocino Coast, Hospital Celebrates Name Change \(Calif.\)](#)

[A Strategic Plan; Southwestern Adventist University Rolls Out its Foundation of Excellence \(Tex.\)](#)

[Healthy Shopping Is as Easy as ABC \(Mass.\)](#)

[Some Valley Hospitals Reusing Decontaminated N95 Masks \(Calif.\)](#)

[With Protective Equipment Shortages Lingerin](#), [Health Facilities Turn to Mask-Cleaning System \(D.C.\)](#)

[Cornerstone Christian School Welcomes New Head Teacher \(Ida.\)](#)

[Guard Who Objected to Working on Sabbath Settles Suit \(Calif.\)](#)

[New Babies Given Layette](#)s at Hospital (Mont.)

[When People From All Walks of Life Need Help \(N.Y.\)](#)

[Franklin Racial Equality Group to Host Virtual Conversation on Christianity, Confederate Symbols \(Tenn.\)](#)

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## NAD ONLINE DURING COVID-19



**Jesus 101 has released new inspirational videos for individuals and churches**, available to download for free! These short videos cover doctrinal topics such as Sabbath rest, prayer, and baptism in a Christ-centered manner. Whether your church or small group is meeting in person or virtually, these valuable resource videos can be used to highlight important topics. To access and download, [CLICK HERE](#).



**In July, Adventist Risk Management, Inc. is offering four free webinars to assist schools in planning for a return to the classroom** this fall. ARM has partnered with a leading facility engineering firm and the NAD Office of Education to cover important Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) standards, as well as risk management and security concerns. For more information or to register, please [CLICK HERE](#).

**Last few days of ABC online sale! For many Seventh-day Adventist families**, snapping up deeply discounted Christian books during the camp meeting “auditorium sale” is a summer tradition. This



year, most camp meetings have been canceled due to the coronavirus stay-at-home orders so Pacific Press Publishing Association and [AdventistBookCenter.com](https://www.adventistbookcenter.com) will be holding a huge, eight-day online book sale, July 12-19. For more information, visit [AdventistBookCenter.com/SummerSale](https://www.adventistbookcenter.com/SummerSale).



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**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](https://www.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.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



**July 25, 2020 is the North American Division's Health Emphasis Sabbath.** Societies are on the verge of collapse and chaos. Peace is waning and hearts are despairing. Hope and healing are needed, NOW, MORE THAN EVER! [CLICK HERE](#) for resources to celebrate Health Sabbath 2020 at your church, including a sermon by Dr. David Williams!



**The North American Division offering for Women's Ministries is now on August 8, 2020.** In *Evangelism*, p. 464, Ellen G. White wrote, "The Lord has a work for women as well as for men. They may take their places in His work at this crisis, and He will work through them." For sample offertory readings to celebrate this special offering, [CLICK HERE](#).



**The It Is Written *In the Word* sermon series is now available as a podcast,** making it easy to listen to the Word of God wherever you are! Taking you deep inside the Bible, *In the Word* presents inspirational preaching on a wide range of biblical subjects. John Bradshaw, It Is Written president, presents each sermon, and a new episode is posted every Friday. Listen to *In the Word* on [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), [Google Podcasts](#), [Stitcher](#), [iHeart Radio](#), and [Castbox](#).



**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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## EVENTS CALENDAR

### July

- 18 *Offering:* [Local Church Budget](#)
- 25 [Health Ministries Sabbath](#)

**July Focus:**  
[Adventist Lifestyle](#)

### August

- 1 *Offering:* [Local Church Budget](#)
- 8 *Offering:* [North American Division](#)  
(Emphasis: Women's Ministries)
- 8 *Offering:* [World Budget \(Emphasis: Oakwood University/Andrews University/Loma Linda University\)](#)
- 15 *Offering:* [Local Church Budget](#)
- 22 [enditnow Emphasis Day](#)
- 22 *Offering:* [Local Conference Advance](#)
- 29 *Offering:* [Local Church Budget](#)

**August Focus:**  
[Spiritual Gifts](#)

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## ADVENTIST JOURNEY

**Feature:** "Ministry, God's Mission, and People," an interview with Dan Jackson by Dan Weber, pp. 04-08



**NAD News Briefs:** "Local Church, Union, and Division Team Up to Provide Lunches for Health-Care Workers at a Maryland Hospital," "Pacific Union Conference Evangelism Training Students Deliver Hope," "Adult Bible Study Guide Coauthors Conduct Virtual Sabbath School on It Is Written TV," pp. 10-11

**Perspective:** "Loving Disciples!," by Philip Baptiste, p. 13

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## VIEWPOINTS



**God Is Going to Get Us Through**

"During times of uncertainty, people look for places of certainty, and the hope and truth that we have is [built on] more than just what we've done in the past. We can take the truths we've embraced as a church and make them applicable to today's challenges in society. ... We can be a voice that people go to in these uncertain times and [hear] the certainty that we know God is going to get us through."

— G. Alexander Bryant, during [an interview](#) on his new role as NAD president, his background, and his hope for the church in the North American Division

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