



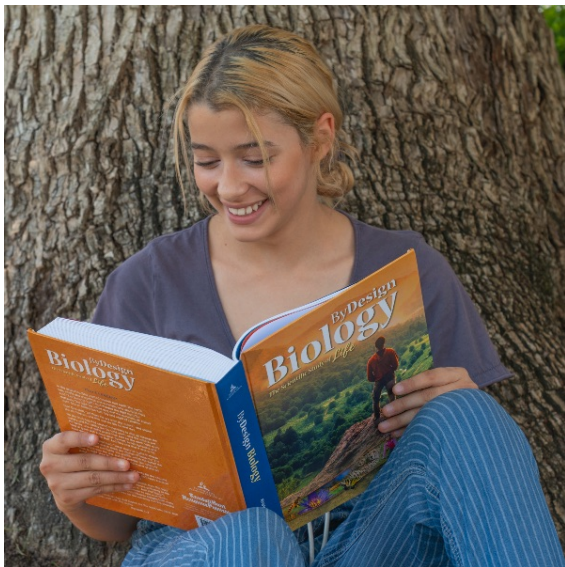
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News and Information from the North American Division

NEWSPOINTS

July 22, 2020



A long-anticipated secondary school Biology textbook, described as a “powerful tool,” has been published by the NAD Office of Education. This new textbook represents a continuation of the By Design Science textbooks used in Adventist elementary schools across the division. [MORE](#)



Many of us are living through challenging times of loss, stress, and heartbreak. But there are also unexpected blessings some of us encounter. Here are a few stories of "Faithful Givers," Adventists in North America who share their experiences giving in a time of need. [MORE](#)



April Summitt, who has served as La Sierra's College of Arts and Sciences dean since 2016 assumed the role of provost effective July 1, 2020. She was among 11 candidates for the position that Fehr held prior to her selection as president last May. Fehr was tapped to lead the university after Randal Wisbey stepped down following a 12-year tenure. [MORE](#)



Are we safe at church? "Predators love church because there's an automatic feeling of trust," says Erica Jones, NAD Women's Ministries assistant director. Local church leaders and members can work to promote a culture that respects boundaries and places safety as a top priority. "Screening programs help us to reduce risk and are a first line of defense in the prevention of potential issues," says Fred Warfield, Potomac Conference Human Resources director. [READ MORE](#)



The Adventist Development and Relief Agency, in partnership with Adventist Community Services, delivered more than 20 pallets of essential



You may ask: Why spend any

medical supplies and protective gear to healthcare workers at Adventist HealthCare White Oak Medical Center in Silver Spring, Md. The 180-bed acute care hospital has been serving critically ill patients affected by COVID-19 since the pandemic began. [MORE](#)

money when you can use social media platforms for free? Social media platforms are businesses that need to make money and they limit unpaid reach. You can counteract this by promoting key posts to reach more of your fan base and placing ads to expand your reach — even on a limited budget. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Crews Battle Structure Fire at Monterey Bay Academy](#)

[Coalfield Seventh-day Adventist Church Volunteers Serving Blessings One Meal at a Time \(Tenn.\)](#)

[Divide Food Ministries Serve Those in Need \(Calif.\)](#)

[A South Bend Church Starts Community Outreach Program \(Ind.\)](#)

[Crown Heights Residents Rally Against Proposed 182-Unit Complex at Site of Adventist School \(N.Y.\)](#)

[U.S. Military Teams Sent in to Help Hospitals in Riverside, San Joaquin Counties \(Calif.\)](#)

[Centura Health Now Offers Rapid Stroke Technology Across Colorado and Western Kansas](#)

[History: How Education in Riverside Was Transformed a Century Ago \(Calif.\)](#)

[As Restrictions Ease, Faith Leaders Remain Cautious to Hold Gathering \(N.H.\)](#)

[Baltimore White Marsh Adventist School Open House on July 30 \(Md.\)](#)

[Fire Safety Exists to House 10 State-Provided Residential Trailers at Seventh-day Adventist Campground \(Calif.\)](#)

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](#).



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Faith For Today's new mobile app is here! Connect on any device to a multitude of Faith For Today's resources. Watch episodes of award-winning TV series *Lifestyle Magazine*, watch sessions of "The Bible Lab," and connect with resources from "The Grief Sessions" and "Mad About Marriage." Find additional Life Tips, Marriage Tips, and Faith Tips! Download the Faith App from app stores, or [CLICK HERE](#).



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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



July 25, 2020 is the North American Division's Health Emphasis Sabbath. 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.

EVENTS CALENDAR

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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

This magazine is mailed to Adventists in North America; click [HERE](#) to download the PDF.

VIEWPOINTS



Stolen Joy

"Lately, ... I have been trying to figure out, 'What in the world is going on? How do I deal

with all of this? What does it mean to cancel events, and not travel, and look at the budget, and listen to people ... [who] we love and we work with, and see their posts on social media, or hear their conversations?'

"[Philippians 4:4] says, 'Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice' [(AKJV)]. ... And so throughout this day, whatever meetings you have, whatever challenges you face, [and] whatever's trying to steal your joy, ignore the media. Focus on Jesus, [and] break forth into songs of joy."

— *DeeAnne Bragau, director of women's and prayer ministries in the Rocky Mountain Conference, speaking at NAD staff worship on July 21, 2020*

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