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NEWSPOINTS

July 8, 2020



The Executive Committee of the North American Division voted on July 7, 2020, to recommend the name of G. Alexander Bryant for the position of NAD president. The General Conference (GC) Executive Committee will meet virtually on July 9 to receive the recommendation and elect the new NAD president. [MORE](#)

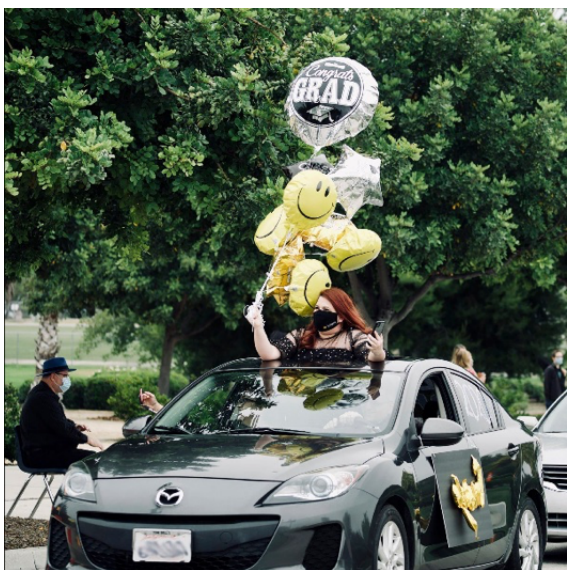


Every summer, Adventist Muslim Friendship Association, an NAD-based initiative located near Chattanooga, Tenn., provides summer school for children of refugee families in the area. That first summer in 2016 also included English and Geography classes, hiking, and some crocheting classes for the mothers. After observing another organization, AMFA expanded the summer program to include sewing classes for the women. [MORE](#), and [WATCH](#) the video report.



In the series, "Take Charge of Your Health," John Bradshaw, It Is Written speaker/director, and a team of qualified health

professionals tackled some of the biggest health issues affecting people today. The seven-part series invited more than 20 physicians to share insights and advice on heart health, diabetes, cancer, obesity, mental health, stress, and addictions. The informative, scientifically-based nightly presentations focused on how simple lifestyle changes can have profoundly positive effects. [MORE](#)



The Paradise, Calif., community understands the long-lasting recovery of a catastrophic disaster.

The Nov. 8, 2018, Camp Fire burned 95 percent of the town. Now, the impact of COVID-19 shelter in place is burning through check books and savings. In response to the crisis, the Paradise church started the Love, Delivers grocery program to help their community struggling with food insecurity. [MORE](#)



Unity. Justice. Community. Peace. That's what the demonstration on June 3, in Los Angeles, Calif., was

On June 21, the La Sierra University class of 2020 had a chance to safely gather and

celebrate their achievements with a “Drive-Through Celebration” organized by the university. For more than two hours beginning at 8:30 a.m., nearly 200 grads with their families and friends paraded in their vehicles on a guided route throughout the school’s campus. [MORE](#)

all about as about 300 people gathered to pray, march, and connect. It was the first time Southern California Conference churches organized such an event with a diverse group in every sense of the word. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[De Blasio Touts New Anti-Racism Commission, Says Fourth of July Should be Reminder of "What Can Change and Our Power to Do It" \(N.Y.\)](#)

[The Legacy Center Partners with Local Groups to Feed More Than 3,000 Families \(Ala.\)](#)

[Montgomery County Taxpayer Food Grants Provide 3,000 Boxes of Produce, Dairy to the Needy \(Md.\)](#)

[Man Arrested for Burglarizing Multiple Churches in Killeen \(Tex.\)](#)

["COVID Kindness": Ukiah Valley Frontline Workers Aided Through Community Contributions \(Calif.\)](#)

[Alaska Airlines, Airlink Deliver Medical Supplies to Alaskan Communities](#)

[Food Bank of Northern Nevada Drive-Thru Drive Happening July 9 at Carson City Church](#)

[Rock Garden Continues to Welcome Guests During Pandemic \(Ga.\)](#)

[Loma Linda University Health Receives \\$3.5-million Federal Grant for Addiction Recovery Services](#)

NAD ONLINE DURING COVID-19



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](#).



The Regional Conferences VIRTUAL Convocation continues this week! Join the online event from July 7 to 11 for the daily livestream starting at 6:30 p.m. ET during the week, and 4 p.m ET on Sabbath. Guests include Tricia Payne, Ainsworth Morris, Daniel Honore, Debleaire Snell, and Sabbath concert featuring Jonathan Nelson, Wintley Phipps, Samantha Howard, Brandi Sutton, Sean Tillery, Stephen Manders, and Decree. [Click here](#) for Oakwood's Facebook Live Video link page; [click here](#) for Oakwood's YouTube channel.



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](#) will be holding a huge, eight-day online book sale, July 12-19. For more information, visit [AdventistBookCenter.com/SummerSale](#).

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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



On July 11, 2020, a special offering will be collected worldwide for COVID-19 Response.

When a crisis strikes, it's an opportunity for us to reach out and help others. Write "COVID-19 Response" on your tithe envelope or [DONATE ONLINE](#). Funds raised by local churches will be used to help respond within their region of the world. Masks. Essential supplies. Counseling . . . Whatever it takes.



The North American Division offering for Women's Ministries is now on August 8, 2020.

The offering was formerly scheduled for July 11. 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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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



Do Not Fear

"Our relationship with our Heavenly Father through His Son, Jesus Christ, along with sharing Jesus should be our purpose. ... It should be front and center of everything we do. So be of good cheer; be of good courage. Do not fear, as nothing can separate us from the love of Christ."

— Edwin Romero, Adventist Retirement administrator/CEO and NAD associate treasurer, during NAD (virtual) staff worship on July 8, 2020, with paraphrasing of John 16:33, Deut. 31:6, and Rom. 8:39

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