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NEWSPOINTS

July 29, 2020



Adventist institutions of higher education in the NAD have made extensive preparation for the campus life and learning environments of their students by prioritizing safety and wellness. The colleges and universities have maintained a commitment to their missions of providing wholistic education while adapting to their respective local government mandates related to preventing the spread of COVID-19.

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Shortly before graduation, Andrews Academy contacted Emma Hamel, asking to use one of her songs. Hamel informed them that she was in the process of writing a song about the abrupt end of their school year. Initially nervous to share the original piece, she quickly finished up the song and sent it in. What happened next was beyond her wildest expectation. [MORE](#)



The NAD Youth and Young Adult Ministries department started their Momentum series on March 10. This grew into weekly Sabbath programming, viewed by thousands, that continues to “go strong” through summer. And starting Aug. 1, the “No Backpacks: Back to School” series will feature discussion on mental health and students. [MORE](#)



From weekly episodes to daily devotionals to shows in Spanish, eight original It Is Written programs are now available as podcasts on Apple and Google podcasts. "It Is Written," "Sabbath School," "Every Word," "Line Upon Line," "Conversations," "Escrito Está," and "Una Mejor Manera de Vivir" join "In the Word" to provide uplifting content on the go. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Pastor Builds Huge TikTok Following by Sharing Passion for Chai and Spiritual Conversation \(Calif.\)](#)

[\[Video\] Wife Spends Every Night Praying Outside of Husband’s Hospital Window \(Texas\)](#)

[Adventist Health Hospitals get emergency field units, supplies from international organization \(Calif.\)](#)

[Wintley Phipps Sings "Amazing Grace" in Tribute to John Lewis at the Capitol \(D.C.\)](#)

[Solar Panels Installed at Adventist Health Sonora \(Calif.\)](#)

[Amita Health Names New CEO of 2 Hospitals \(Ill.\)](#)

[Civil Rights Icon John Lewis Remembered at D.C. Soup Kitchen](#)

[Faith-based group donates PPE to local hospital ahead of potential coronavirus spike \(Md.\)](#)

[For Families in Need, Southwest Fla. Mom Creates School Supply Drive at Port Charlotte's Seventh-day Adventist Church](#)

[Worldwide Church Enlists One Million Signatures on Petition for ADRA's Every Child. Everywhere. In School. Initiative](#)

NAD ONLINE DURING COVID-19



Join Carlton P. Byrd, Breath of Life speaker/director, and other inspirational leaders for "Where Is Jesus in COVID-19?" on Sabbath, Aug. 1, at 4 p.m. CT on Shiloh Seventh-day Adventist Church Chicago's streaming platforms. [CLICK HERE](#) to watch on the church's YouTube channel on Aug. 1.



Let your friends know they matter with an eCard from LifeTalk Radio. Did you know this Sunday, Aug. 2, is National Friendship Day? And Sunday is also World Sister Day. Share your love and appreciation with an eCard FREE from [LifeTalk.net/eCards](https://www.lifetalk.net/eCards). Choose from many beautiful designs. It's fast and easy! Another gift from LifeTalk Radio to help you share God's loving kindness and to strengthen your friendships.

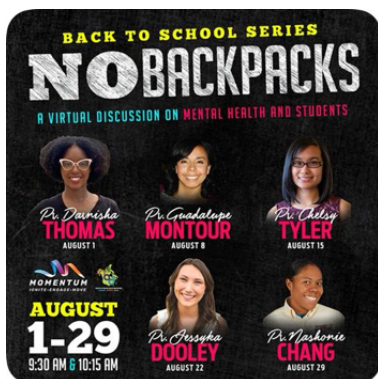


Take the Evangelism Pledge to do something! In the midst of a global pandemic, economic calamity and social unrest, people have questions. The Bible has answers. Will you commit to doing *something* this fall to share the everlasting Gospel in your community? Take the Evangelism Pledge today! [CLICK HERE](#).

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](#).



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](#) 10:15 a.m. (EDT)



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](#).



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



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](#).



New series on mental health for teens now available. Do you know a teen who is struggling with mental health issues? Do you want to be prepared to minister to teens in your church? This new series developed by NAD Youth & Young Adult Ministries includes booklets on depression, anxiety, suicidal thoughts, getting help, recovery tools, brain training, and staying healthy. To purchase the complete set or individual titles, [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 the that 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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July Focus:
[Adventist Lifestyle](#)

August

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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



Direct Impact

"All our skills, abilities, gifts — all those are absolutely important in God's kingdom work. But the one primary, most important skill/ability we are called to demonstrate is to *be still*. I don't know about you, but I have to pray, asking God to give me the ability to be still.

"So many things in this world are competing for our thoughts and our attention. But being still, being in the moment with God, being able to hear and see and feel and experience Him is a direct impact to my ability to minister [for] His kingdom."

— Ann Roda, Adventist Healthcare vice president for Mission Integration and Spiritual Care, during NAD virtual staff worship on July 27, 2020

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