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NEWSPOINTS

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On Aug. 20, the Seventh-day Adventist Church's GC Executive Committee met virtually to receive the name of Kyoshin Ahn, the recommendation for division secretary, from both the NAD's standing nominating committee and executive committee. Ahn was confirmed in a vote of 118 to 2.

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Special Statement: The Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America hears the voices of Black Americans and others, and calls upon our churches and members to serve as conduits of peace and hope to our Black brothers and sisters. We recognize their pain and the injustice they face, and strive to serve as their voices when they are silenced by those seeking to quiet them.

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Family Ministries in the Southern-Asia Pacific Division recently adopted the NAD Family Ministries' "Making Jesus My Best Friend" baptismal resource. After translating it into various languages in the SSD, the book is now being used in this sister division of the Adventist Church, and people are being baptized. [MORE](#)



"Today, we take a stand against racism. Today, we commit to stand up against injustice. ... Today, we commit to do what God requires of us." [READ MORE](#) of this commentary and call to action.



If you grew up Adventist, you may have been a victim of "Time of Trouble" warnings. ... Perhaps my experience is different than yours, but topics such as the "Time of Trouble" seem



Guide, Primary Treasure, and Our Little Friend magazines are important for Adventist kids. Since early spring when most churches closed because of COVID-19, all three magazines' weekly issues have been available online for digital download — free. *Guide* is also mailing two special

less and less in vogue within mainstream Adventism in our territory. Why might this be the case? [READ MORE](#)

print issues to conference children's ministries leaders and local churches that don't already subscribe to *Guide*. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Montana Adventist Lay Leader Dies in Firefighting Helicopter Crash](#)

[Sylvan Lake's Seventh-day Adventist Church Welcomes New Pastor \(Alberta, Canada\)](#)

[Adventist Health St. Helena and Most Clinics Are Not Seeing Patients Due to Wildfire Evacuation Order \(Calif.\)](#)

[Adventist Health Urges Precaution Amid Bad Air Quality \(Calif.\)](#)

[Indiana Conference President Gave Message at Lewis Seventh-day Adventist Church \(Ind.\)](#)

[Special Celebration; SWAU Hosts Long-Awaited Graduation for Class of 2020 \(Tex.\)](#)

[Thanks to Donations, New Orofino Adventist School to Open \(Ida.\)](#)

[WAMC Quiz Notes Adventism as Denomination with "Uncommon Longevity" \(N.Y.\)](#)

[Councilmember Banks and Ephesus SDA Church to Host a Drive-Thru Food Distribution on August 22 \(La.\)](#)

[Why Diversity and Inclusion Matter in the Workplace, According to Adventist Healthcare LifeWork Strategies \(D.C.\)](#)

[Santa Cruz Adventist Camp Grounds Serve as Evacuation Center as CZU Lightning Containment Grows to 13 Percent \(Calif.\)](#)

NAD ONLINE DURING COVID-19

Burnout! Free webinar on September 1.

Burnout is not just about excessive workload. A variety of stressors may lead to exhaustion, negativism, and



inefficacy, the core symptoms of burnout. It should be taken seriously, as it is detrimental to short- and long-term functioning and wellbeing. Join us to discuss what burnout is, what causes it, and how to manage and prevent it. [CLICK HERE](#) to register for this FREE webinar from NAD Health Ministries.



The Adult Bible Study Guide is now available on Amazon Echo Devices! Download the Amazon Alexa app and enable the skill titled *Daily Bible Study Guide* as a Flash Briefing through Alexa's Skills & Games Catalog. If you do not have an Amazon Echo device you can access audio recordings of the daily lesson on the [NAD Adult Ministries Media page](#).



Share encouragement with free Bible promise sharing cards from LifeTalk Radio. It's a fast and easy way to share God's Word and show someone you care. It only takes a minute to choose from the [beautiful designs](#) or [order printed cards](#). Great for birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, thank you's, and get-well wishes, too. Another gift from LifeTalk Radio to brighten your day and help you to share God's love. Does LifeTalk Radio make a difference in your life? [Let us know!](#)

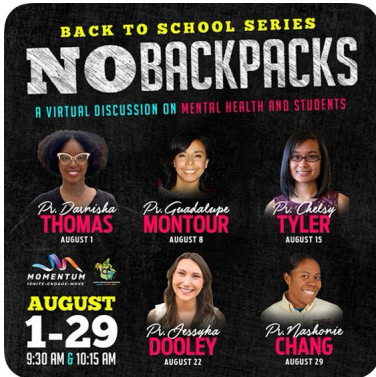


Take the Evangelism Pledge to do something! In the midst of a global pandemic, economic calamity and social unrest, people have questions. The Bible has answers. Will you commit to doing *something* this fall to share the everlasting Gospel in your community? Take the Evangelism Pledge, sponsored by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

Jesus 101 has just launched a new exciting resource for children! [Jesus101.tv/4kids](#) features



animated videos to help kids discover Jesus in the Bible, a valuable resource for churches, schools, and families. Each 90 second video tells Bible stories in a fun and instructive manner and has a coordinating coloring page that kids can download and color at home! Continue to check back as many more will be added in the upcoming months. [LEARN MORE](#)



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



Take the "Made to Move Challenge" on Sept. 19-27! The human body was created for activity. The NAD is challenging you, your church, and your school to come together in a healthy (and safe) way to participate in daily virtual activities and inspirational thoughts. Cheer each other on and commit to this mini battle against gravity and inertia. Join us for online orientation at 7 p.m. ET on Sunday, Aug. 30. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more and get *free* resources.

Every month more than 100,000 people go to Google and type into the search bar, "Is God Real?" In a world gone digital, how can the Church effectively share our message of hope and wholeness? In this free handbook from the NAD Office of Big Data + Social Media, learn how to use social media networks for ministry and evangelism to young adults ages 18–30. [MORE](#)

Deadline extended! FaithCounts, a leading and fast-growing multi-faith online platform, has launched its fourth Film Your Faith contest, awarding \$35,000 in prizes to films of two minutes or less showcasing the power of faith in a positive light. Filmmakers from amateurs to pros are encouraged to submit two-minute videos about faith, anytime between now and the new Sept. 23 deadline. Go to faithcounts.com/video-contest for details.

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 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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August Focus:
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Feature: "An Interrupted Gambler: From Poker Player to Pastor," edited by Mylon Medley and Kimberly Luste Maran from an interview with Joel Barajas, pp. 04-06

NAD Update: "Sonscreen Film Festival 2020 Goes Virtual," by Kimberly Luste Maran, pp. 08-09

NAD News Briefs: "NAD Youth Ministries: the Impact of the Pathfinder Bible Experience," "Retired Breath of Life Speaker Walter L. Pearson Jr., 74, Passes to His Rest," "Escrito Está Holds Virtual Meetings," pp. 10-12

Perspective: "Prophecy Has a Face," by Bonita Joyner Shields, p. 13

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

VIEWPOINTS



Brain Food

“Keep your mind on Jesus. We're all broken ... Remember, we can impact how we respond to this brokenness. We can actually change our brain by what we feed our brain on -- the thoughts and feelings that we continue to think about impact our brain.”

— *Angeline Brauer, NAD Health Ministries director, during NAD virtual staff worship on Aug. 24, 2020, as she talked about neuroplasticity and shared a quote from Ellen G. White's book Child Guidance*

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