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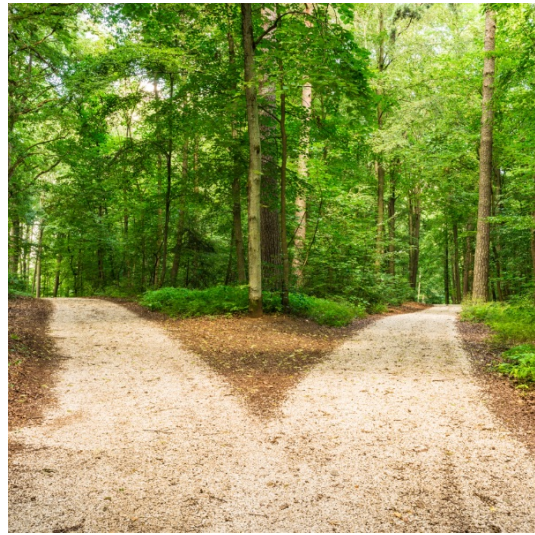
This year, the enditnow Virtual Summit on Abuse, to be held Nov. 13 (English) and 14 (Spanish) will provide a greater emphasis on providing church leaders, pastors, seminary students, and schools administrators and teachers with practical tools to help victims of domestic violence, or intimate partner violence, receive the help they need in a safe, effective, and non-judgmental manner. [MORE](#)



As Adventist Health continues to advance its 2030 vision to bring health and well-being into reach for everyone, the faith-inspired health system has appointed three experienced executives to its system cabinet to focus on culture, mission, and consumer health. [MORE](#)



Looking to win souls for Christ through art and community service, Epic Seventh-day Adventist Church opened an Urban Center of Influence on Monday, July 27 in the Wicker Park suburb of Chicago. At the core of the new center, is the Epic Art House, which is an art and cultural center that offers art classes, as well as exhibition space for local artists. [MORE](#)



Suhad came to the U.S. three years ago. She was accustomed to a certain lifestyle because she nannied the grandchildren of Saddam Hussein. But within days of her arrival, her husband began beating her. Fearful for her safety, she left her husband and children and fled to a women's shelter. Suhad fought for two years to get visitation rights for her children. She's still fighting, and learning to trust in prayer. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Hospital Chaplains Find New Ways to Comfort Staff and COVID-19 Patients](#)

[Delano Hospital Now Part of Adventist Health Network \(Calif.\)](#)

[Hands-On Experience; SWAU Students Learn Through Internships Despite COVID-19 \(Tex.\)](#)

[New Principal for Cariboo Adventist Academy \(B.C.\)](#)

[How Portland Food Pantries Have Adapted to Extraordinary Demand \(Ore.\)](#)

[With Hearts of Dedication, Volunteers Make the Difference Through Pandemic \(Va.\)](#)

[On the Run From Fire, New Residents of Oregon Conference Headquarters Evacuation Site Fear They'll Have to Flee Again \(Ore.\)](#)

[Williston Trinity Christian Adds Second Girl to Cross Country Team; First Girl on Team is Adventist \(N.D.\)](#)

[Riparians Update 9/11 Memorial \(Va.\)](#)

[Former GC Health Ministries and AHM Leader Tom Neslund Passes to His Rest](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



Join us Sept. 19 and Oct. 6 at 7:30 p.m. EDT for "Our Family Room," a 15-minute stream produced by the NAD Children's Ministry and Family Ministry departments. This series, focusing on stewardship, will be viewable on the ["Our Family Room" Facebook](#) page and will later be shared on both [Family](#) and [Children's](#) Ministry Youtube channels. For additional resources for every segment, check out [Family](#) or [Children's](#) Ministries websites.



Take the "Made to Move Challenge" on Sept. 19-27! The human body was created for activity. [NAD Health Ministries](#) 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. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more and get free resources.

"Everyone Counts, Everyone Matters" is the theme for this year's Conscience & Justice Council Virtual Convention, to be held on Sept. 25-26. Through interactive and engaging plenary sessions, you will leave empowered to strengthen or start the conscience and justice ministries (also known as public affairs and religious liberty) at the local church level. Considering the Census 2020 and the national election, the church needs to reestablish itself as a



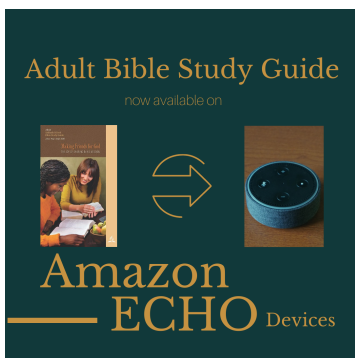
trusted and relevant community resource. Event is free, but advance registration is required so please register now! [MORE](#)



Christian Record Services announces PhoneFaith, an outreach ministry for people who are blind. PhoneFaith offers daily dial-in presentations that inform, encourage, and inspire the mind, body, and spirit through mental health and wellness sessions, social meet-and-greet interactions, Bible trivia and games, and prayer time. Call (209) 399-9465, or visit ChristianRecord.org/PhoneFaith.

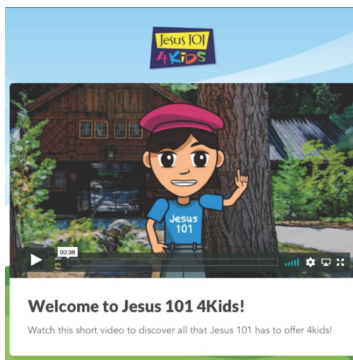


NEW LifeTalk KIDS 24/7 programming + KIDS Website is LIVE! Now kids of all ages can hear uplifting Christian programs and music especially for KIDS streaming online any time. [CLICK HERE](#) to listen! The new LifeTalkKIDS.net website also includes free Bible guides, coloring pages, games, videos, and more resources for children under the heading "Fun." Kids can share new e-cards with their friends, too, at LifeTalk.net/eCards. [WATCH](#) the video about this new resource.



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](#).

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](#)



Deadline in one week! 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 Sept. 23 deadline. Go to faithcounts.com/video-contest for details.

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Health

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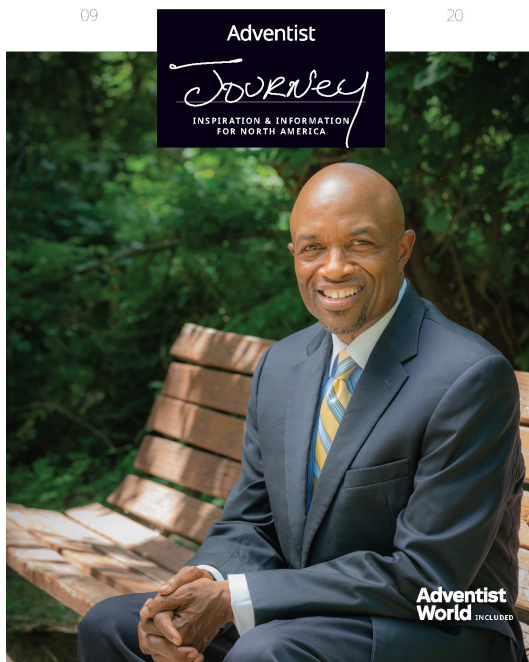
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In a Time of Strife ...

"Be peacemakers in a time of strife. ... Lord, make us instruments of Your Peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is despair, hope. Where there is sadness, joy."

— *Bill Cork, assistant director of Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries of the NAD, during NAD virtual staff worship on Sept. 16, 2020*

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