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Before you reopen your house of worship, consider this: Is there a spiritual imperative for houses of worship that can be met only by conducting in-person services? And does that imperative outweigh the very real physical risks? [READ MORE](#)



LifeTalk, the only radio network owned and operated by the NAD, has launched an online channel for kids. The channel, LifeTalkKids, offers a variety of Bible-based, character-building, and educational programs for children of all ages. [MORE](#)



NAD Communication's Dan Weber talks to Oregon Conference's Jonathan Russell and Andy Villanueva on how the Adventist Church has responded to the needs of local communities after more than 100,000 people evacuated due to the recent fires in their region. [WATCH](#) this video.



Like an uncontrollable wildfire, COVID-19 rapidly spread around the globe this year, causing all our lives to change. However, Pastor Harold Chin quickly learned that there is power in God's promises to overcome any global catastrophe. [READ MORE](#)



For the third time in five years, La Sierra University is ranked No. 1 in the nation for its diverse environment by the Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education annual college ranking. [MORE](#)



Guide magazine has produced "Death's Doom," a 16-page outreach magazine for readers ages 10-14 that uses *Guide's* famous storytelling technique along with related sidebars to help kids understand the biblical view of death and the hope we have in a future resurrection. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Group, Inspired by Ruth Bader Ginsburg's Legacy, Gives Away Food in South Boston \(Va.\)](#)

[Presidential Scholar's Childhood Medical Mystery Inspires Academic Interests \(Ga.\)](#)

[Many Redlands Adventist Academy Students Return to School \(Calif.\)](#)

[Adventist HealthCare Opens New Outpatient Rehabilitation Clinic in White Oak Medical Pavilion \(Md.\)](#)

[Hartford Church Community Holds a Day of Civic Engagement to Connect Families to Important Resources \(Conn.\)](#)

[Adventist Health Participates in "Faces Behind Masks" Project \(Calif.\)](#)

[Haitian Community Launches Campaign to Save Brooklyn School, Historic Landmark \(N.Y.\)](#)

[Kohler Relief Showering Trailer Travels to Los Angeles, Stationed at Adventist Church \(Calif.\)](#)

[Behind the Camera: Joshua Martin, Videographer \(Ind.\)](#)

[Free Virtual Cooking Classes Offered \(Ill.\)](#)

[Local Mexican Artist Brings Hope to Chicago Through Aerosol Wall Murals](#)

[Adventist Church Leaders Vote 'One Humanity' Statement](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES

NAD NEWSPOINTS



The NAD Office of Communication has launched the NewsPoints ON THE AIR podcast!

Check out our first episode as host Mylon Medley interviews Dr. Vincent Hsu, a board-certified internal medicine, infectious diseases and preventive medicine physician at AdventHealth, to discuss ways of staying safe when re-entering public spaces during the COVID-19 pandemic. NAD NewsPoints ON THE AIR is available on popular podcast platforms, including [Apple](#)

[Podcasts](#) and [Spotify](#). We're also on [Facebook](#); and soon to be available on Google.



"Everyone Counts, Everyone Matters" is the theme for this year's Conscience & Justice Council Virtual Convention, to be held THIS WEEK, 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](#)



The Society of Adventist Communicators Convention is going virtual in 2020! Join us on Oct. 14-15 at 5 p.m EDT for engaging keynotes, breakout sessions, and networking opportunities. Workshops will cover technology and apps for remote working, live streaming for local churches, and more. Everyone can attend thanks to a "pay-as-you-are-able" model for 2020. If you can't pay a registration fee this year, we offer attendance to the virtual convention as a free gift. [REGISTER](#)

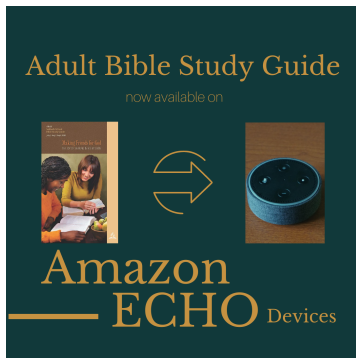


Christian Record Services announces PhoneFaith, an outreach ministry for people who are blind. PhoneFaith offers daily dial-in presentations that inform, encourage, and inspire the mind, body, and spirit through mental health and wellness sessions, social meet-and-greet interactions, Bible trivia and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

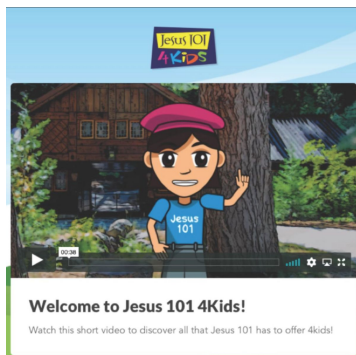
NEW LifeTalk KIDS 24/7 programming + KIDS Website is LIVE! Now kids of all ages can hear uplifting Christian programs and music especially for KIDS streaming online any time. [CLICK HERE](#) to listen! The new LifeTalkKIDS.net website also includes free



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](#)



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](#).

EVENTS CALENDAR

September

September Focus:

Health

20-26 Made to Move Week

26 Deaf Ministries Awareness Sabbath

October

October Focus:

Adventist Heritage

3 Offering: Local Church Budget

3 Children's Sabbath

10 Spirit of Prophecy Sabbath

10 Clergy Appreciation Sabbath

10 Offering: World Budget (Emphasis: NAD Voice of Prophecy/La Voz de la Esperanza)

17 Pathfinder Sabbath

17 Offering: Local Church Budget

24 Offering: Local Conference Advance

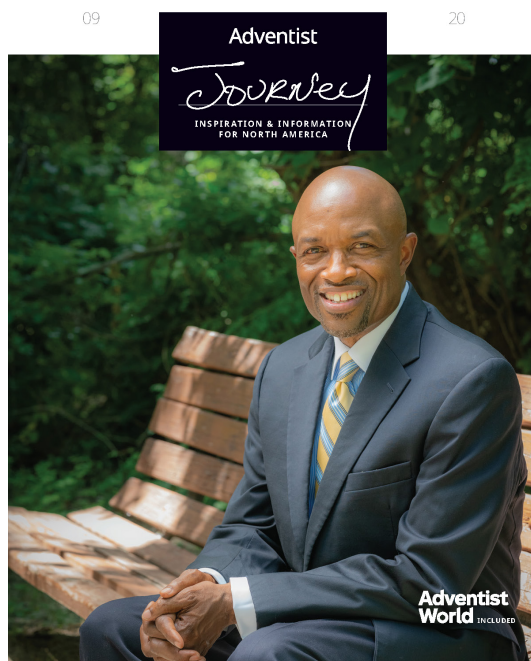
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VIEWPOINTS



The Long Route

“Many times God leads us on the long route, the longer way. Even though there might be shorter ways, He leads us on the long route because He has His purposes. One day we will understand why. [He] might lead us through the desert, [He] might lead us through the sea — No matter when or where [He] leads us, we must never forget that it is always a safe path.”

— Ernest Castillo, former NAD vice president and Multi-Lingual Ministries director, during NAD virtual staff worship on Sept. 23, 2020

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