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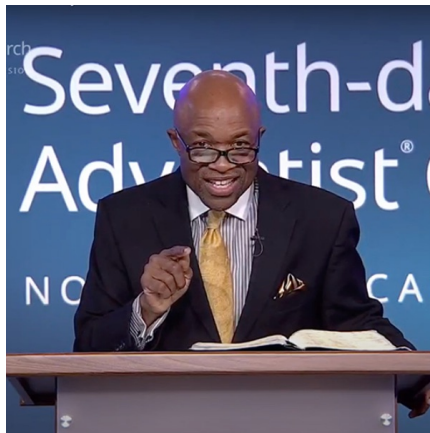
“Our theme for this year-end meeting is ‘Come Holy Spirit.’ Come, Holy Spirit — it actually was inspired from a song that we all heard, and we used to sing some time ago at our summer camps and academies, and even at some of our colleges and universities back in the mid- to late-70s,” said G. Alexander Bryant, North American Division president, as he opened his report on the first day of the 2020 NAD Year-End Meeting. “And so it is a prayer of ours for the Holy Spirit to come in the power that God has promised.” [MORE](#)



On Oct. 29, the North American Division Executive Committee met virtually during the 2020 NAD Year-End Meeting to receive the name of Elden Ramirez, the recommendation for division undersecretary, from the North American Division’s standing nominating committee. Ramirez was confirmed in a vote of 209 to 19. [MORE](#)



Before diving into his report, Robinson provided a framework for the financial state of the division against the backdrop of the COVID-19



During the divine worship service on October 31, 2020, G. Alexander Bryant, president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America, said we need the Holy Spirit now more than ever. "God's Spirit, God's grace, God's willingness to give — He's more willing to give it to you than a father to give bread to a hungry child, but this gift to you is in accordance to your capacity and ability to receive it." [MORE](#)



Kyoshin Ahn, executive secretary of the North American Division, delivered his first report in his newly-elected role on Sunday, Nov. 1. Ahn's report centered on membership within the NAD territory. As of Dec. 31, 2019, there are more than 1.2 million Seventh-day Adventists in the North American Division worshipping in 5,621 churches and 880 companies. [MORE](#)

pandemic, social unrest, and political issues. "We started out 2020 very strong financially, with double digit title increases through January and February," he started. "But then in March the COVID-19 crisis arrived." [MORE](#)



Ted N.C. Wilson, GC president, delivered greetings to the division's executive committee in-person. Thomas Lemon, GC general vice president, provided [an update on GC Session](#), which was originally scheduled for July 2020 and was rescheduled to take place May 2021 as a result of COVID-19 restrictions. In addition, the NAD executive committee participated in official business dealings of Christian Record Services for the Blind and the Pacific Press Publishing Association. [MORE](#)



The Friday evening vespers program of the YEM highlighted stories of mission within the division's territory that creatively adapted to the realities presented by the coronavirus disease pandemic. Kenneth Denslow, assistant to the NAD president,



and Jose Cortes, Jr., associate director of the NAD Ministerial Association, led virtual attendees through a series of video reports and live video-conferenced interviews that were streamed online.

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2020 NAD Year-End Meeting Video and News Coverage — The Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America streams its first business session; links to articles from each session also included. And click here to check out the weekend worship services with [ASL translation](#). For links to videos, photos, and more, [CLICK HERE](#).

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Yeager Road Community Resource Center Offers Food and More \(Ga.\)](#)

[Jewish Federation of Reading, Hampden Heights Seventh-day Adventist Church Open Food Pantry in Alsace Township \(Pa.\)](#)

[Ministry Will Host Community Plant-Based Thanksgiving Event \(Okla.\)](#)

[Police Department Partners With Adventist Community Services for Annual Winter Coat Drive \(Md.\)](#)

[4-Year-Old Breaks Hiking Record with Medical Missionary Family on Appalachian Trail](#)

[Dr. Ken Shaw: Silence Is Golden — But Not Too Much \(Tex.\)](#)

[With COVID Hospitalizations up in Maryland, Health Workers Prep for "Another Surge"](#)

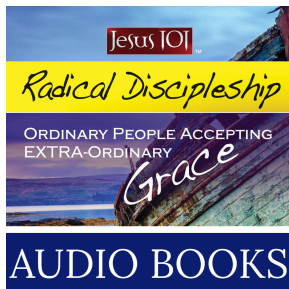
[Southwestern Adventist University Hosts Student Week of Prayer \(Tex.\)](#)

[Adventist Health to Celebrate Mission Week November 2-6 \(Calif.\)](#)

[Pastors Pray for End to Addictions at Annual Community Prayer \(Ga.\)](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES

It's time for the 2020 Church Planters Bootcamp! This three-day virtual experience, held on Nov. 12-14, has been designed and created



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exclusively for church planters, pastors, volunteer lay pastors, church planting "core teams," and conference/union leaders currently involved in church planting or planning to plant a church between now and 2022. [Click here](#) to register.

The Annual George T. Harding IV Conference on Mental Health and the Faith Community will be held VIRTUALLY on Nov. 9-10, from 1-3 p.m. ET. Sessions will cover topics related to leading in times of disruption, including caring for one's self and one's faith community. Pastors, chaplains, religious leaders, and their spouses are specially invited to this event co-sponsored by the NAD Ministerial Department! [LEARN MORE](#)

Jesus 101 offers a variety of free audio books in English and Spanish that anyone can enjoy from virtually anywhere! These audio books make it easy to enjoy Christ-centered topics while you're working, cooking, exercising, or on the go! These are also a great resource for those who may be visually impaired. Easily access these audio books on the free Jesus 101 app or visit jesus101.tv/listen/ and click on "Audio Books."

Take our survey: Adventist Journey magazine is offering an opportunity to share your feedback. Fill out the 8-question [survey](#) to share your thoughts and experience as a reader of *Adventist Journey*. [CLICK HERE](#) watch the full interview with Heather Thompson-Day, featured on our November cover! Thank you for being a vital part of this magazine!

The third episode of the new podcast NAD NewsPoints ON THE AIR is now available! In this episode host Mylon Medley interviews Kevin Wilson, an associate pastor of the Oceanside Adventist church in San Diego, Calif. Wilson became a TikTok viral sensation this summer for making authentic chai and delightfully encouraging others to attempt his recipe. His popularity continues on the social media platform. 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.



The NAD Children's Ministry and Family Ministry departments are back with more episodes of "Our Family Room," relevant information to both you and your children in these uncertain times. Mark your calendars! This November, we will begin a new series on Emotional Intelligence in children! [WATCH](#)



LifeTalk sharing cards and stickers are great for children! They can enjoy adventure and Bible stories for kids on [LifeTalkKIDS.net](#). [ORDER](#) your FREE sharing cards and be ready to share your faith with young and old visitors alike, and order extras for your family, friends, church, and community. Also available as [eCards](#) to send by email. [LEARN MORE](#)



Join NAD Youth Ministries every week on Sabbath mornings for live youth church and Sabbath School programs. Watch via [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#) on Sabbath mornings at 9:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. EDT.

EVENTS CALENDAR

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- 1-30 [Native Heritage Month](#)
- 7 [Stewardship Sabbath](#)
- 7 [Offering: Local Church Budget](#)
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- 14 [Offering: World Budget \(Emphasis: Annual Sacrifice for Global Mission\)](#)
- 15 [National Philanthropy Day](#)
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- 21 [Offering: Local Church Budget](#)
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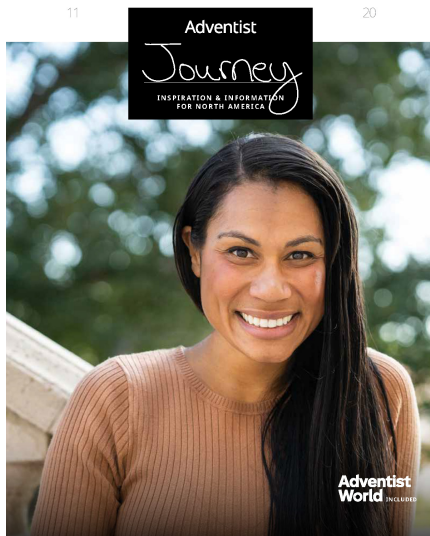
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ADVENTIST JOURNEY

Feature: "Treating Those Sick and Frightened," interview with Wayne Moore, pp. 04-06

NAD Update: "Adventist Youth and Young Adult Leaders Join Division-Wide Virtual



Training at Playbook 2020," by Kimberly Luste Maran, pp. 08-09

NAD Feature Interview: "Chosen and Loved," interview with Chauncey Smith, pp. 10-11

Perspective: "A Wake-up Call," by Washington Johnson II, p. 13

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The Message and the Mission

"Lord has given us the message and the mission for this time. ... May the Lord help us stay focused on what the real thing is — the real hope, the real encouragement, and the real peace and joy that Christ offers in this time of mayhem and chaos."

— G. Alexander Bryant, during the 2020 NAD Year-End Meeting

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