

NEWSPOINTS

January 13, 2021



In Matthew 28:19, 20 are the words of Jesus in the passage called “The Great Commission.” Jesus gave three commands in this Great Commission, after exhorting us to go make disciples, baptize, and teach them to observe all things as Jesus taught/commanded. When He spoke, Jesus gave thought to what He was saying, how He was saying it, and in what order He was saying it. [MORE](#)



For the second time in 10 months, members of the General Conference Executive Committee have voted to postpone the quinquennial session of the denomination, originally scheduled for late June of 2020, due to challenges arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. [MORE](#)



It wasn't long after Kenosha, Wisconsin, was thrust into the



This past fall, as Mamawi Atosketan Native School grade 5 teacher Suzann Self thought about Orange Shirt Day, she got an idea that's now become part of every school day.

international spotlight after a police officer shot Jacob Blake in the back, triggering protests which sometimes turned violent and destructive, that local church leaders began looking for ways to help fill gaps in the safety net. [MORE](#)



When 20-year-old China Williams attended an evangelistic meeting in May 2020, she had no idea she would end up leaving her home in Auckland, New Zealand, to live in the United States three months later. During the session, Williams heard about Southern Adventist University's Soul-winning And Leadership Training (SALT) program from Douglas Na'a, SALT director, who is also from New Zealand. [MORE](#)

After reading the short book I Am Not a Number with her class, Self proposed an experiment: the class would simulate a word-banning experience on a small scale for an extended time. [MORE](#)



Imagine coming home from church one evening and to find hateful words sprayed-painted on your house. This is exactly what Pastor Oshaine Wynter discovered this past Sabbath, Jan. 9, 2021. Wynter, a resident of Aurora, Colorado, is the pastor of New Community Church in Denver and Boston Street church in Aurora. Both are within the Central States Conference, a sister region to Rocky Mountain Conference. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Oakwood University Alumna Joins March of Dimes as Deputy Chief Medical and Health Officer](#)

[Adventist Health Ukiah Valley Medical Center Gives Out 600 Vaccine Shots in Two Hours \(Calif.\)](#)

[First Seventh-day Adventist Church to Host Free Grocery Giveaway \(Ala.\)](#)

[Adventist Health Castle Begins Vaccinations for Seniors Over 75 Who Live or Work in Windward Oahu \(Hawaii\)](#)

[Community Meeting on the Future of the Washington Adventist Site \(Md.\)](#)

[Free Tuesday COVID-19 Testing Site at Seventh-day Adventist Church Continues to Serve Auburn \(Wash.\)](#)

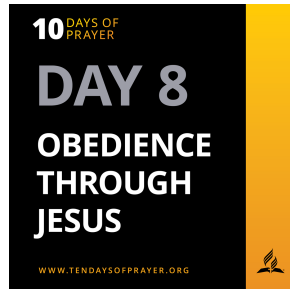
[Local Hospitals Prepare for Overwhelming COVID-19 Surge \(Calif.\)](#)

[Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation Awards Grants to Charitable Organizations, Including Canaan Seventh-day Adventist Church](#)

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[Protecting the Community, One Mask at a Time, Thanks to Donation From Adventist Health Simi Valley \(Calif.\)](#)

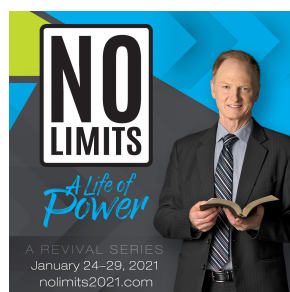
ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



Ten Days of Prayer almost finished — today is day 8! As we continue to seek revival through the power of the Holy Spirit during Ten Days of Prayer, join the world Church in contemplating today's theme: "Obedience Through Jesus." As you pray, claim God's promise as your own: "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit," says the Lord of hosts" (Zechariah 4:6). [CLICK HERE](#) for more info.



Sabbath, Jan. 23, 2021, is Religious Liberty Emphasis Sabbath. In this moment of national crisis we must uphold religious freedom like never before. For those worshipping in person, our print resources are available for [DOWNLOAD](#). For those worshipping virtually, we've produced an entire religious freedom-themed virtual church service for your convenience. [WATCH ONLINE](#). Also, [REGISTER](#) for our Sabbath afternoon, Jan. 23, LIVE "Religious Liberty and Current Events" panel from 5-6 p.m. EST. [LEARN MORE](#) about Religious Liberty Emphasis Sabbath.



Jump-start your faith in the new year with the It Is Written online series No Limits: A Life of Power. Starting Jan. 24, Pastor John Bradshaw will share practical Bible messages to help you experience a revival in your heart, home, and church. Register and watch at nolimits2021.com. Download sharing resources at itiswritten.com/rtresources.



Learn health coaching skills with an online course from NAD Health Ministries on Jan. 24 and 31. By using key concepts of health coaching, you can help individuals make a plan for their own health, supporting and mentoring them along the way. In this two-session course, you will learn the value of health coaching, its uses and applications, and key techniques for effective coaching. CEs available for nurses and health coaches. [LEARN MORE](#) and [REGISTER](#).

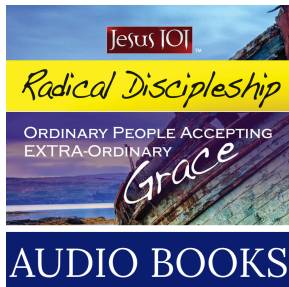
Tune in Jan. 26 for Part 2 of NAD Adult



Ministries' FREE six-part webinar series, "Digital Discipleship and Evangelism," featuring Digital Strategist Jamie Domm. Part 2 will stream at 7 p.m. EST on [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#), and will cover "The Role of Creatives," content as mission, following Jesus' example, and basics of content creation and strategy! [LEARN MORE](#)



Make a difference for kids you love! Tell children and their parents about the new [LifeTalkKids.net](#) website and 24/7 streaming channel, with Christ-centered programs and resources for children. In addition to stories and music, [LifeTalkKIDS.net](#) includes Bible study guides for children and youth, a kid's Bible reading plan, coloring pages, videos, and much more. Check out LifeTalkKids [sharing cards](#), [ecards](#), and [stickers](#).



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- 23 *Offering:* [Religious Liberty \(NAD\)](#)
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- 6 *Offering:* [Local Church Budget](#)
- 6-13 [Christian Family Week](#)
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- 20 *Offering:* [Local Church Budget](#)
- 27 *Offering:* [Local Conference Advance](#)

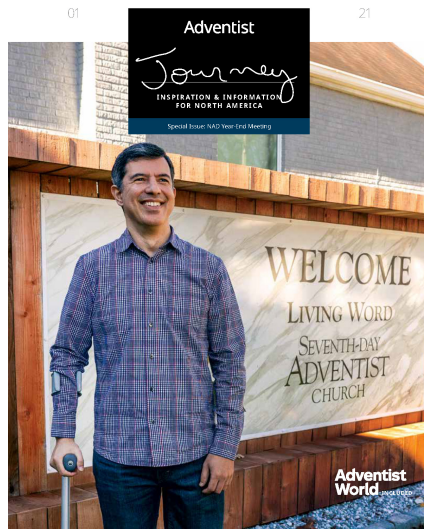
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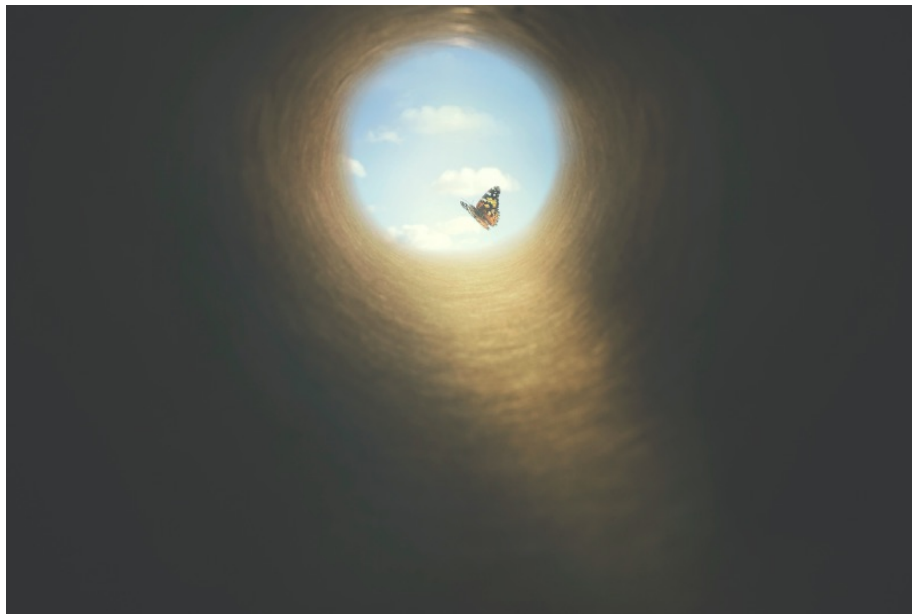
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Everything Changes

"Has Jesus shown up in your life? Has Jesus given you a moment to pause and analyze where your priorities are? When Jesus shows up, everything changes. ... We become transformed by what Jesus came to do, which is to forgive, to give hope to the people who are in darkness, and bring them from darkness into light. He did not come to change them with reasoning. He came to change them with actions with love. Because when Jesus shows up, everything changes."

— Armando Miranda Jr., an associate director of NAD Youth and Young Adult Ministries, during NAD virtual staff worship on Jan. 11, 2021, based on the biblical story of Saul/Paul

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