

NEWSPOINTS

March 24, 2021



The sixth annual “eHuddle” or “evangelism huddle,” which is the gathering of the division’s evangelism visioning and leadership team, was held virtually on March 8-9. The NAD Ministerial Association event was broadcasted live from the division’s headquarters in Columbia, Md. [MORE](#)



"The Rocky Mountain Conference is mourning with the community of Boulder after a senseless act of violence claimed the lives of ten individuals, including a law enforcement



If the Equality Act becomes law, what would the implications be for the Adventist Church? What are the optics of opposing this landmark legislation that would expand protections found in the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 to include matters of gender identity and sexual orientation? [WATCH/LISTEN](#) to the latest NewsPoints ON THE AIR podcast on our Facebook page.



It started with gratitude: A simple idea to acknowledge/appreciate the dedication of healthcare

officer. We mourn for the families whose mother, father, partner, grandparent, or child had their life snuffed out due to evil that played out in what is supposed to be a safe public space—a grocery store."

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workers. Faith Rivera, a young adult at Younger Generation Church in Arlington, Texas, pitched the idea of offering Valentine's appreciation gifts to all the frontliners at Texas Health Mansfield.

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ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Drinking Water Giveaways Slated for Saturday, Sunday \(Miss.\)](#)

[Chilliwack Youth Group To Host Drive-Thru Food Drive for Salvation Army \(B.C.\)](#)

[Adventist Health Bakersfield Holding Free Immunization Clinic for Kids \(Calif.\)](#)

[Adventist Health Hosts Community-Wide Prayer as Pandemic Hits One-Year Mark in Kern \(Calif.\)](#)

[Adventist Health Hospitals To Honor COVID-19 Victims Friday Night \(Calif.\)](#)

[Volunteer Opportunities: Food Bank of Nevada County Needs Delivery Drivers \(Calif.\)](#)

[College Church Pastor, One Year Into Job, Enjoys the 'Amazing People' in His Congregation \(Mass.\)](#)

[Local Pastors To Host Annual Holy Week Scripture Reading \(Ga.\)](#)

[Hamilton County Health Dept and Southern Adventist University Holding Vaccine Event Sunday \(Tenn.\)](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



Join Adventist Muslim Relations on March 26 at 7:30 p.m. EDT for "The Word: Biblical & Qur'anic Christology."

Mohammad had been a student of the Qur'an for many years when he stumbled upon ayat (verse) Al Imran 3:45, in which the Messiah is honored with the lofty title of Kalimatallah (His Word). Later, he encountered the Gospel of John and read, "in the beginning was the Word..." That night he couldn't sleep... [JOIN](#) the webinar.



The Bible Lab Online is back! Roy Ice, Speaker-Director of Faith For Today will begin new research within the gospel of Luke titled "The Least, Last and Lost." Dr. Elizabeth Talbot, Speaker-Director of Jesus 101, will join the team, increasing the fun and depth of discovery as they investigate the loving characteristics of God. These programs will be streaming live beginning

March 27, 10:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m. PDT. Learn more at [TheBibleLab.com](https://www.thebiblelab.com).



Safety Sabbath is March 27! This year the focus is on helping churches protect against cybercrime, avoiding liabilities from streaming services online, and adapting child protection policies to an online environment. Sign up today to receive tips on how to prepare for Safety Sabbath and a valuable resource kit to help you protect your congregation. [CLICK HERE to learn more.](#)



Join Adventist Community Services (ACS) on April 1 at 2 p.m. EST for a FREE Zoom webinar on ministry development. Presented by Marshall Gonzales, director of Adventist Community Services in the Texas Conference, participants will learn how the condition of a church impacts its ability to effectively provide balanced service to a community. [LEARN MORE](#)



The 2021 Sonscreen Virtual Experience starts April 2! This year, Sonscreen Film Festival will be using the [Gather](#) virtual platform, which uses a combination of video calling (think Zoom) and a 2D map (think "Among Us"). Network with other film students, pro filmmakers, special guests, and presenters, and enjoy film screenings. The event stretches over two-hour sessions through six dates, April 2 to May 7, and is \$25 for all sessions. [Click here](#) to register/more information.

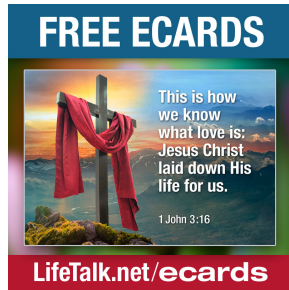


Breath of Life's Easter Special, "The Awakening," will air Sunday, April 4, on NBC Television affiliates across the United States. This program, a collaboration with the Interfaith Broadcasting Commission, will feature an Easter message from Carlton P. Byrd, speaker/director of the Breath of Life Television Ministry, and musical selections from special guests Pastor Donnie McClurkin, the Jeremy Winston Chorale, and Crystal Day. For more information, call (256) 929-6460, or visit breathoflife.tv.

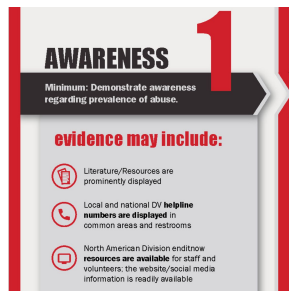


Faith for Today and SermonView Evangelism Marketing have joined together to create an all-new online bridge event, INDESTRUCTIBLE, coming April 9-13. Roy Ice, Faith for Today speaker/director, will deliver biblically sound, real-world tactics for helping people in your community grow in their relationships and start living a life of purpose. SermonView's interactive video player will help you build relationships with your

guests throughout the series. Learn more and sign up as a host church at IndestructibleYou.org/host.



Share hope and joy with free Bible promise sharing cards from LifeTalk Radio. It's a fast and easy way to share the good news of our risen Savior and show someone you care. Choose from the beautiful eCard designs at LifeTalk.net/eCards, or order [printed cards](#). Great for Easter, birthdays, anniversaries, thank you's, and get-well wishes, too. Another gift from LifeTalk Radio to help you to share the joy of the Lord.



Our churches should be places of safety and support for those facing all types of abuse. This church self-assessment tool allows churches to review areas in which they can become increasingly proactive in the prevention of abuse and more effective when intervention is necessary. The chart is available as a [FREE DOWNLOAD](#) from enditnow North America.

EVENTS CALENDAR

March

March Focus:
[Women in the Church](#)

- 27 [ARM Safety Sabbath](#)
- 27 [Thirteenth Sabbath Offering: Euro-Asia Division \(ESD\)](#)
- 27 [Offering: Local Conference Advance](#)

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April

April Focus:
[Stewardship](#)

- 3 [Missionary Magazines \(Signs, Message, El Centinela\)](#)
- 10 [Stewardship Sabbath](#)
- 16-17 [Pathfinder Bible Experience](#)
- 17 [Literature Evangelism Sabbath](#)
- 24 [Education Sabbath](#)

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ADVENTIST JOURNEY

Feature: "Kindness? Or Set Them Straight?," by Leonard Brand, pp. 04-06

NAD News Briefs: "Washington Adventist University Welcomes New Adventists"



Cover: Raquel Villa, sophomore at Southwestern Adventist University in Keene, Texas; [WATCH](#) the interview.

During On-Campus Baptisms," "Southwestern Adventist University Professors Publish Research Paper in Peer-reviewed Journal," "La Vida Mission Provides Outreach to Navajo Nation," "Historic Promotion Makes Andrew Harewood First Adventist and African American Chaplain to Reach General Rank in U.S. Army Reserve," pp. 08-10

Faces From the Frontline: "All About 'Us,'" p. 12

Perspective: "Of Hallelujahs and Hope Vendors," by Don Jacobsen, p. 13

This magazine is mailed to Adventists in North America; click [HERE](#) to view the January issue online.

VIEWPOINTS



Planting Seeds

"As a [church worker], you may think that you don't make a difference answering calls, taking notes, answering emails day in and day out. But I want to assure you that, on the other end of that call, you are planting seeds. You are nurturing a garden unseen to most, but cultivating what will someday become a harvest. It seems dull sometimes. And sometimes we sacrifice. But we must endure and be faithful every day — faithful to the work ahead of us, planting that seed in order to bring forth life."

— Ernest Hernandez, director of the NAD Office of Volunteer Ministries, during virtual NAD staff worship on March 24, 2021

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