

NEWSPOINTS

May 5, 2021



More than 300 human resource professionals across the North American Division attended the three-day HR conference virtual edition on April 25-27. The event, themed “Refocus,” centered on training workshops, policy update sessions, panel discussions, and daily devotionals. [MORE](#)



The NAD Executive Committee held a business meeting on April 29 to hold elections for vice presidents, secretariat/treasury officers, and department directors and associate



The students call her Miss Chrissie, Mama Weis, Rental Mom, Queen Christine, Lady Weis, or, most often, simply “Mom.” But without question, they all agree: Christine Weis is pure gold. In addition to feeding students, giving them advice, and being a “second parent,” Weis started an endowed scholarship fund in honor of her friend who was killed in a car accident. The scholarship rewards one SWAU student each year who demonstrates a desire to learn, contributes positively to the learning environment of the campus, and who is in need of financial assistance to stay in school. [MORE](#)

directors; vote on policy; amend bylaws of the NAD corporation; and vote on a revised statement from the writing committee which, according to the document's preamble, "addresses issues specific to the NAD, and contextualizes the [General Conference's] 'One Humanity' document into the North American setting. [MORE](#)



In February 2021, the Armenian congregation in Glendale, Calif., made history as the first Armenian-speaking Adventist congregation officially organized in the Western hemisphere.

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ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Adventist Development and Relief Agency Sends Critical Supplies to India to Help Fight COVID \(Md.\)](#)

[Neighbors, Mount Zion Seventh-day Adventist Church Team Up To Promote Health in Newhallville \(Conn.\)](#)

[Garden Pathways, Adventist Health Bakersfield Partnering for New Laser Tattoo Removal Program \(Calif.\)](#)

[Stettler Seventh-day Adventist Church Pastor Broadens Reach During Pressures of Ongoing Pandemic \(Alta.\)](#)

[Painting-By-Numbers Mural a Celebration of Gratitude, Hope for Front-Line Health Care Workers \(Calif.\)](#)

[Church's Food Ministry Fulfills Physical, Mental, Spiritual Needs of Community \(Va.\)](#)

[Templeton Hills Community Farm Celebrates First Anniversary \(Calif.\)](#)

[Rep. Jamie Raskin Praises Local Community Food Networks During Congressional Hearing \(Md.\)](#)

[Ceres Seventh-day Adventist Church Hosts National Day of Prayer Event \(Calif.\)](#)

[Fortuna Community Garden Moves to Seventh-day Adventist Fortuna Junior Academy \(Calif.\)](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES

Tune in to NAD Adventist Community



Services' FREE risk management webinar on May 6, at 2 p.m. EDT. Learn about potential risks to humans or property that your ministry may face, and how to implement effective risk management to minimize or eliminate unintentional harm. Robert Smith, ACS director of Allegheny East Conference, will present. [LEARN MORE](#)



Sabbath, May 8, is the Disaster and Famine Relief Offering. ACS works with local conferences and disaster response agencies to equip volunteers to serve and assist the community, providing disaster assessments, sheltering services, donation management, home reconstruction, and emotional and spiritual care. Your gifts make it possible for us to help survivors of hurricanes, fires, floods, earthquakes, famine, and other crises. Donate at your local church or online [HERE](#).



What is Alzheimer's Disease? What happens to our brains due to plaque buildup? Why are minority groups disproportionately affected? What happens after a diagnosis is made? What is the role of the nurse, Church, and community? Join NAD Health Ministries and AAFCN for this FREE webinar on May 13. Contact hours available for Nurses. [Learn more and register.](#)



On May 15, the NAD will broadcast a symposium on COVID-19 vaccines. Healthcare professionals, communication experts, and church theologians will talk about the Bible and science, and help make sure members are well informed when deciding whether to take the vaccine. This broadcast will be available on Hope Channel and the NAD Facebook page from 4-6:30 p.m. EDT. [CLICK HERE](#) for more info on the symposium and other resources.



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Jesus 101 has just launched "The Exodus Journey," a new television series airing on Hope Channel beginning April 2021. In this twelve-part series, special guest Ty Gibson joins Dr. Elizabeth Talbot, Jesus



101 speaker/director. This series, based on the book of Exodus, is about learning to choose trust over anxiety on our way to the Promised Land. For more information visit: www.Jesus101.tv.



Thank You! In a video message, Seventh-day Adventist Church leaders from the General Conference and the North American Division thank members for their faithful support of tithe. They also remind members of the importance of helping to support the Mission Offering, which helps to fund mission work around the world. [WATCH](#) the video.



The Bible Lab Online is back! Roy Ice, speaker/director of Faith For Today, is leading a study on the gospel of Luke titled "The Least, Last and Lost". Dr. Elizabeth Talbot, speaker/director of Jesus 101, joins the team. Adding her to these discussions increases the fun and depth of discovery as the loving characteristics of God are investigated. These programs are streamed live each Sabbath from 10:30-11:30 a.m. PDT. For information and to join the discussion go to TheBibleLab.com.



Want to "Cruise With a Mission?" From Dec. 12-19, participants depart San Diego, Calif., with stops in Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlan, and Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, before returning back to San Diego. The Center for Youth Evangelism's Cruise With a Mission provides young adults from all walks of life opportunities to connect with God and others in Christian community — and experience genuine joy as you engage in serving others both on and off the ship. More information can be found at cye.org/cwm.

EVENTS CALENDAR

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- 1 [Community Services Sabbath](#)
- 1 [Offering: Local Church Budget](#)
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ADVENTIST JOURNEY



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Health Care Connections: "The Most Precious Gift," by Dee Woolford, pp. 08-10

Faces From the Frontline: "Putting On My Game Face," interview with Amy Miller, p. 11

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“Jesus chose 12 close disciples to pour Himself into. He didn't go looking for perfect people. He was looking for people who were willing to follow Him. ... He is looking for this

today.”

— Brad Forbes, AdventSource president, during NAD virtual staff worship on May 5, 2021

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