

NEWSPOINTS

June 16, 2021



The NAD honored three retiring vice presidents through a virtual event that gave colleagues the opportunity to express their gratitude and share memories of the outgoing leaders. Alvin Kibble, Paul Brantley, and Gordon Pipher received heart-felt spoken and written messages during the May 12 celebration. [MORE](#)



Early in 2020 when the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in wide-spread quarantines that shut down church buildings all around the globe, many of us



When the pandemic started, Southwestern Adventist University nursing graduates Dex Esmeralda and Luke Zabala were fresh in their careers. Little did they know, they would soon join thousands of nurses across the country experiencing a time unlike any other — encountering more trauma in a year than some nurses encounter in a lifetime. Yet both were prepared for the challenges at hand because of the clinical and spiritual training they received. [MORE](#)



pastors, churches, and tech teams faced the challenge of trying to figure out how to do ministry effectively in a media space we had spent quite a bit of time demonizing. Upon making the plunge, however, attention naturally turned to two main things: how to make the technology actually work in these new spaces, and then how to create better programming that would grow bigger audiences — or at least just help us not lose the ones we already had. [MORE](#)

The North American Division has put together a series of links to offer guidance about vaccines from national and international health organizations, the General Conference, and healthcare experts — with the COVID-19 vaccine highlighted in particular. Also included are practical articles, video presentations, NAD statements, and more. [CLICK HERE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Georgia-Cumberland Academy's Magnify Worship to Release Album \(Ga.\)](#)

[Giving Back; Why One Southwestern Adventist University Student Donates \(Tex.\)](#)

[Jamestown Seventh-day Adventist Church Holding Vacation Bible School \(N.D.\)](#)

[With 110 Degree Forecast coming, Sacramento To Open Multiple Cooling Centers This Week \(Calif.\)](#)

[Local Church Part of Sacramento City and County Cooling Centers for Homeless Amid Triple-Digit Forecast \(Calif.\)](#)

[Choice, Curriculum, and a Promising Path to Better Readers \(Fla.\)](#)

[Man Arrested in Connection with Church, Business Graffiti \(Ind.\)](#)

[Why Doesn't Utah's Second Largest County Have a Homeless Shelter?](#)

[Mother Urges Hikers To Be Safe in Heat After Her Son, an Avid Hiker, Died in the White Tanks \(Ariz.\)](#)

[Local Church Pastor Combating Violence in Benton Harbor](#)

[Local News: One Final Play in Benton Harbor \(Mich.\)](#) [video]

[AdventHealth Doctor Talks About Telehealth Benefits and Considerations](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES

We are born naturally inclined to like sweet foods. But how do sugary foods affect our health? Are all sugars harmful? Does the Bible have anything to say about that? Is it possible to design a healthy dessert? What are the healthiest replacements for sugar? This and much more will be discussed at our next virtual *Joy*



of Eating Club meeting on June 17. [LEARN MORE](#) and [register](#).



June 19 is Refugee Sabbath! The NAD and the General Conference designate a special day each year during the month of June for "[World Refugee Sabbath](#)," to raise awareness of the needs of the refugees who have fled their homes due to war and persecution. Visit bit.ly/refugeesabbath for ways your church can promote refugee awareness on this day. And on June 20, World Refugee Day, [click here](#) for a special interview at 2 p.m. EDT on Facebook.



July 1, at 2 p.m. ET, join Adventist Community Services (ACS) for a FREE webinar on leadership and team development. Learn leadership development strategies specific to organizational change and expand your understanding of the biblical concepts of servant leadership, influencing and inspiring your team to succeed. [LEARN MORE](#)



Register for the FREE 2021 Adventist Conference on Family Research and Practice conference! This event, held July 22-24, will be facilitated virtually; this year's theme is "Forgiveness." This annual conference, held at Andrews University, is designed to provide professionals and Family Ministries leaders alike the opportunity to be exposed to best practice strategies and research in the area of Family Therapy, Family Studies, Family Ministry, Social Work, and Psychology in order to enhance ministry to families. [CLICK HERE](#) for info/to register.



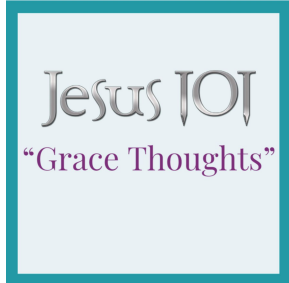
Calling all coaches and coaching enthusiasts! Charter Members of the newly formed Adventist Association of Health and Wellness Coaching are invited to a special information session on August 9 and our first Business meeting on September 13. Join us as we discuss how to advance this powerful ministry in the Adventist Church. [LEARN MORE](#) and [become a Charter Member](#).

Do It Together — Sabbath School Convention 2021 is the first annual event of its kind!

Sponsored by the NAD Adult, Children's and Youth ministries, the convention will focus on doing Sabbath



School *together*. This event is designed to train leaders for in service, and to update teaching techniques and connection with student and teacher. [Join us](#) on Sept. 9-11! Fee is only \$20; register by Aug. 9 to receive a free swag bag.



Looking for a weekly pick-me-up? "Grace Thoughts" by Jesus 101 is a short weekly devotional that offers encouragement, and helps you get excited about Jesus! "Grace Thoughts" is delivered to your inbox each week and will add inspiration to your day. [SIGN UP](#) for "Grace Thoughts"!



Send LOVE on Father's Day with free eCards from LifeTalk Radio! [WATCH](#) and share our special Father's Day video, then email a free "Happy Father's Day!" or "You Make a Difference" eCard to the dads and father-figures in your life! Choose from 13 designs at [LifeTalk.net/eCards](#) and add your own message! You can also find eCards for graduations, birthdays, anniversaries, and more. Another gift from LifeTalk Radio to help you share God's love.



Based on research and personal experience, *Helping Write the Final Chapter* is a primer on death, grief, and ministering to those going through these experiences. This book, written by Drs. Claudio and Pamela Consuegra, is for anyone who is supporting a loved one with a terminal illness, and anyone who has recently lost a loved one. It is also for pastors, teachers, and church members who are a support system for those grieving. [CLICK HERE](#) for more info.

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NAD Update: "2021 eHuddle Redefines Adventist Evangelism in North America, Examines Church Growth Patterns," by Mylon Medley, pp. 08-09

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Love and Faithfulness

“Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.”

— *Proverbs 3:3-4, NIV*

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