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The political and social events of the year 2020 have once again pushed unresolved issues around

race relations in the U.S. to center stage in our national and international conversations. In reference to the GC voted statement, “One Humanity: A Human Relations Statement Addressing Racism, Casteism, Tribalism, and Ethnocentrism,” and the aforementioned event, the NAD has voted the statement “God’s Call to Live in Healing and Harmony” on April 29, 2021. [READ](#) the NAD statement; [READ](#) this commentary.



Bradford C. Newton has been elected president of the Pacific Union, replacing Ricardo B.

Graham, who is retiring after 14 years of service as president and more than 46 years of ministry. Elected to fill the role of executive secretary that Newton has held since 2008, Sandra E. Roberts, president of the Southeastern California Conference, is the first woman to be elected to serve in the administration of the union and within the NAD Delegates returned Stephen V. Mayer to the position of treasurer. [MORE](#)



At the beginning of May 2021, LifeBridge Seventh-day Adventist Church provided the Tacoma, Wash., community with more than \$90,000 worth of free dental care over a period of two days. Clinic director and local dentist Jed de la Paz and the LifeBridge team recruited more than 75 volunteers who gave their time and expertise. [MORE](#)



Scott Reiner, the visionary Adventist Health CEO who has led the nonprofit, faith-based company to reimagine the future of healthcare, is leaving at year end to establish a family foundation that is focused on global health and well-being, board chair Ricardo Graham announced on July 30. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Mountain View Christian School Holds Groundbreaking in South Williamsport \(Pa.\)](#)

[New Partnership Helps Hispanic Students Attend Southern Adventist University \(Tenn.\)](#)

[Mount Vernon Seventh-day Adventist Church Holds Memorial for Homeless Who Died \(Wash.\)](#)

[Chippewa Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church Hosts "Hope in the Apocalypse" Series \(Wisc.\)](#)

[Simply Healthcare Pop-Up Vaccine Sites Set for Sunday, Monday in Miami \(Fla.\)](#)

[College Station Seventh-day Adventist Prayer Group Offers Prayers for Local Schools as Kids Get Ready to Return to Class \(Tex.\)](#)

[Free Eviction Clinic To Be Offered in Alamosa \(Colo.\)](#)

[Concert in Loma Linda Will Celebrate Health Care Workers \(Calif.\)](#)

[Wilton Re & Take Five Donate 500 Meals \(Bermuda\)](#)

[ADRA Mobilizes Support in Haiti Rattled by Magnitude 7.2 Earthquake](#)

[In Haiti, 12 Adventists Confirmed Dead, Church Hospital Working Over Capacity](#)

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National Radio Day, Aug. 20, celebrates the great invention of the radio. SHARE the inspiration, music, and stories on LifeTalk Radio with this 60-second [VIDEO](#), and send [free e-Cards](#) to friends and family. LifeTalk, the radio network of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists, is available 24/7 on the free mobile app, on 200+ affiliate stations, Amazon Echo, Google Home, Roku, on satellite, and www.LifeTalk.net.



August 28 is enditnow emphasis day! This year, educate your church on the issues of youth violence and pornography with a special worship service program, "[Bringing Peace Home](#)," developed by NAD Women's Ministries. #enditnowNAD aims to educate church leaders and communities on how to identify and prevent abuse. Break the silence and #enditnow. [LEARN MORE](#)



Register now for the Do It Together - Sabbath School Convention 2021! Sponsored by the NAD Adult, Children's and Youth ministries, the virtual 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. [WATCH](#) the video to learn more

It Is Written is now airing "Connect," a new



online series on the subject of effective prayer. Presented by John Bradshaw, "Connect" will livestream on It Is Written TV, Facebook, and YouTube at 7 p.m. EDT. "Connect" will also air on LifeTalk Radio at 8 p.m. EDT. Viewers are encouraged to register for "Connect" at iiwconnect.com to get access to exclusive giveaways. [CLICK HERE](#) for promotional material.



"Indestructible Love" is a new and FREE evangelism resource for local churches, featuring Dr. Elizabeth Talbot and Pastor Roy Ice. This plug-and-play five-part interactive video series, with accompanying discussion questions and downloadable resources, presents the whole plan of salvation from the perspective of God as a parent who died to recover his lost children. Also, *Signs of the Times* has released a coordinating "Indestructible Love" special edition issue! Jesus 101 is offering 100 copies to the first 50 churches that register for the series. [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

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Feature Interview: "Beware of the Wolves: Practical ways to avoid ministry scams," by Bill Knott with Karnik Doukmetzian, pp. 04-07

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"You may have everything our world has to offer, but without the power that comes from God, you cannot really live, you cannot have freedom and joy. You will be playing soundless notes unless you have the power of God in your life through His Holy Spirit."

— *H.M.S. Richards Jr., The Best News Ever devotional, p. 154*

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