

NEWSPOINTS

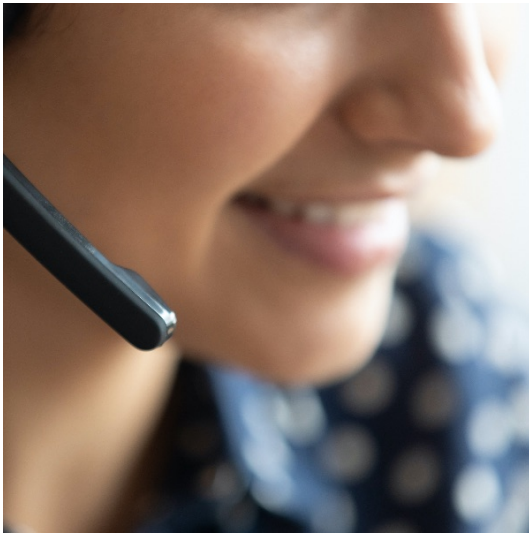
September 22, 2021



“Sabbath School is an incredibly important part of our church,” said **Gerry Lopez**, associate children’s ministry director for the North American Division, during the opening general session of the 2021 Do It Together Sabbath School Convention. This two-day event took place online Sept. 9-11. Following the opening session, participants split into their desired track: Children’s Ministry, Youth Ministry, or Adult Ministry. [MORE](#)



Millions of Americans each year face the reality of living with a mental illness, and almost everyone knows someone whose life is impacted by one. Primary care providers, who often have a long-term and trusted relationship with their patients, can play a key role in assessing the need for and providing behavioral health interventions. That’s why AdventHealth physicians in Tampa, Florida, and Hendersonville, North Carolina, are partnering with Concert Health to provide an integrated approach to improving mental and physical health. [MORE](#)



The clock's hands were almost reaching 5:30 p.m. when the last call of the day came straight to my queue. *Why me?* I thought, a little bit annoyed. Modulating my voice to sound professional, I picked up the phone and answered: "Good afternoon, Pacific Press, how may I help you?" A woman's voice on the other end of the line immediately said: "Buenas tardes, ¿me escucha?" Not for a moment did she ever ask if I spoke her language or understood what she was saying. She just assumed I did. And I followed along. [READ MORE](#)



"Seeking Understanding: Arthur Chadwick" tells the true story Chadwick's discovery of a treasure-trove of dinosaur bones beneath a dusty cattle ranch in a remote corner of Wyoming. The latest film in the "Seeking Understanding" series has been released in anticipation of Creation Sabbath 2021, which will be celebrated by Adventist churches worldwide on Oct. 23. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Mid-America Union Delegates Focus on Mission \(A Constituency Report\)](#)

[Mission Focus, Hispanic Growth, and Equality in Calling to Ministry at Center of Mid-America Union Constituency Meeting](#)

[Pathfinder Group Tackles Engineering and Design to Support Town Destroyed in Wildfire \(Wash.\)](#)

[AdventHealth's Chief Health Equity Officer Commentary: Open Talk About Minority, Poor Health-care Gap May Breed Solutions](#)

[Southern Adventist University Students Receive Rita Vital Scholarships for Service \(Tenn.\)](#)

[Twins Celebrate 95th Birthday \(Tenn.\)](#)

[PHOTO: Auburn Seventh-day Adventist Church Donates Teddy Bears for Pediatric Patients at Winder Hospital \(Ga.\)](#)

[\\$2,000 Grant Will Allow Battle Ground Adventist Community Services to Provide Diapers to Community \(Wash.\)](#)

[Celebrity Chef Mark Anthony to Offer Free Dinner and Healthy Cooking Demonstration in Plymouth \(Ind.\)](#)

[U.S. News & World Report Ranks SWAU #2 for Social Mobility](#)

[AdventHealth Doctor Interviewed as CBS News Reports COVID Surge Continues as FDA Recommends Booster for Limited Group \(Fla.\)](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



Improve your health and well-being during Healthy Aging Month! Learn about healthy aging and immune boosting on the "[Health & Longevity](#)" show on LifeTalk Radio, airing Fridays at 5:05 p.m. ET and Sundays at 3:05 p.m. ET. "Health & Longevity" is also available on-demand at LifeTalk.net! Find other great programs like "[Heartwise](#)," "[Message of Hope](#)," and other podcasts on [LifeTalk.net](#) and on the FREE LifeTalk Radio mobile app.



Oct. 2-3, attend Addiction Recovery Facilitator Training, either in person in Glendale, Calif. or via ZOOM! This training event fulfills a portion of the three-part training course to become a "Journey to Wholeness" Facilitator. As a Facilitator for the Journey to Wholeness (JTW) program, you will be empowered with the skills, understanding, and compassion needed to help individuals who are walking the path to freedom from addictions, hurts, and habits. [LEARN MORE](#)

Fundraising Fundamentals, a FREE webinar offered by NAD Adventist Community



Services, will be held Oct. 7 at 2 p.m. ET.

Pastors, lay members, conference and ministry leaders, volunteers, and anyone interested in practical principles of fundraising are invited to attend this presentation by Daniel Saugh, Canadian programs manager, AMCC SDACC coordinator, ADRA Canada. [LEARN MORE](#)



The 2021 virtual Society of Adventist Communicators convention will be held Oct. 17-19.

University students studying communication, PR, marketing, graphic design, media production, or similar fields are invited to attend FREE of charge! Corporate, nonprofit, freelance, higher education, and Church professionals, as well, will be blessed with keynotes and workshops from industry experts.

[REGISTER](#) today!



"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.



This year, [Faith Counts](#) is holding its first-ever Photo Your Faith contest!

The theme is "Finding God in the World." Participants can submit their photos to four categories: nature, sacred spaces, home, and faith in action, for a chance to win a \$10,000 grand prize. Pull out your camera and share how you find God in the world in the Photo Your Faith contest — just be sure to submit your photos by Oct. 11, 2021. Go to

faithcounts.com for details. Faith Counts is a non-profit, non-denominational organization comprised of many

religious communities that represent nearly 80 million Americans.

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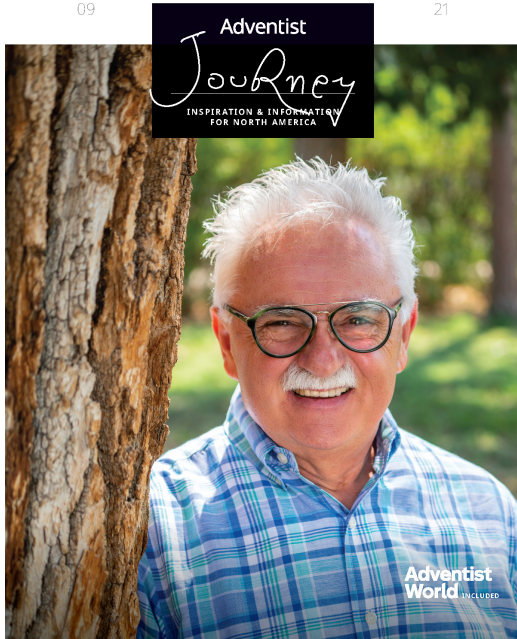
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ADVENTIST JOURNEY

Feature: "Annual Pathfinder Bible Experience Grows Virtually," by Kimberly Luste Maran, pp. 04-08

NAD Update: "Norm Middag, Former NAD Pathfinder, Adventurer, and Camp Ministries Director, Passes to His Rest," by Kimberly Luste Maran, Dixie Plata, and Renee Brownlow, pp. 10-11



Cover: Rajmund Dabrowski, most recently Rocky Mountain Conference communication director, previously serving as director in all levels of the Church, including the General Conference; [WATCH](#) the interview.

NAD Update: "Retired La Voz de la Esperanza Speaker Milton Peverini Passes to His Rest," by the North American Division Office of Communication, p. 12

Perspective: "The Mentor," by Dan Weber, p. 13

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Trusting God's Call

"[W]hen you have the courage and the faith to trust in the call that God has [given], you know that He will take care of you. ... You are here because God has something for you. God is using you for something here."

— Gerry Lopez, associate director of NAD Children's Ministries, during NAD staff worship on Sept. 22, 2021

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