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# NEWSPOINTS

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**"As we remember how life in the United States and around the world changed 20 years ago when 3,000 lost** their lives in terrorist acts on September 11, 2001, I urge our members in the North American Division to pray for those who were impacted by these events and lost loved ones on that day" — G. Alexander Bryant, NAD president.

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**War is a tragedy — the loss of life, displacement of people, destruction of the environment,** disease and other aftereffects make it more than a devastating event. As we commemorate the twentieth anniversary of 9/11 and reflect on the recent withdrawal of the U.S. military forces in Afghanistan, ending the nation's longest war, one might wonder if this could possibly have been the war to end all wars. [MORE](#)



**Category 4 Hurricane Ida pounded much of Louisiana with strong winds and heavy rain as** it made landfall. The central Gulf Coast, from southeastern Louisiana and coastal Mississippi to southwestern Alabama sustained life-threatening flash and urban flooding. W. Derrick Lea, NAD Adventist Community Services director reported that ACS Disaster Response (DR) is helping — or will help — in three major areas: shelter, mobile supply distribution, and debris removal assistance. [MORE](#)



**Wanda Acevedo became the first Seventh-day Adventist woman to be promoted to lieutenant colonel** in the United States Army Reserve during a special ceremony at Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico, on April 28. With this rank, Acevedo becomes the deputy command chaplain overseeing all religious support and chaplaincy teams that serve more than 5,000 soldiers at the base. [MORE](#)

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## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[A Warm Welcome for Refugees in Wake of Afghan Fiasco \(In Maryland, Donations Pour In\).](#)

[New Adult Degree Completion Program at Southern Adventist University Open House is Oct. 7 \(Tenn.\).](#)

[Partnership with Dupont Park Seventh-day Adventist School, and Grant Funding, Launches a Healthcare Technology and Digital Storygame Course for K-12 Education \(D.C.\).](#)

[Willow Creek Shelter Evacuates to Seventh-day Adventist Church in McKinleyville \(Calif.\).](#)

[Black, Latino Church Leaders Spread Information About Vaccines; Some Dismiss Efforts \(Md.\).](#)

[Donations Distributed to Northeast Families Dealing with Muck, Waterlogged Homes in Ida Cleanup \[photo\] \(N.Y.\)](#)

[Roanoke Childcare Center Explains how It's Keeping Kids Safe Amid Coronavirus Pandemic \(Va.\)](#)

[Do You Need a Covid-19 Booster Shot? Here's What to Know \(AdventHealth Doctor One of Several Weighing In\)](#)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



**LAST CHANCE! 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, share multigenerational approaches, and update teaching techniques/connection with student/teacher through training tracks. [Join us](#) on Sept. 9-11! Fee is only \$20. [WATCH](#) the video to learn more.



**Day of Hope Returns!** Hope Channel International, Inc. invites you to tune in for Day of Hope which will air on Monday, Sept. 13, at 2 p.m. ET. This program will consist of musical performances, mini sermons, updates [Hope Channel](#) projects this year and changed-life stories. Watch on DirecTV Channel 368, Roku, Facebook, YouTube, and the Hope Channel website.



**TODAY! Register for the Foundations of Faith Community Nursing Course by Sept. 8!** This virtual course, held twice a week, Sept. 15-Oct. 24, will help Faith Community Nurses (FCNs) provide intentional care to the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual needs of individuals and communities. Nurses of all faiths will be equipped to educate others on wellness, healing, health promotion, and disease prevention and lifestyle management. Cost: \$335 per person. [LEARN MORE](#)



**Share LifeTalk Radio's Grandparent's Day video** to celebrate your special loved ones on September 12, and don't forget to send them a free LifeTalk Radio [e-card](#)! You can choose from “Thinking of you,” “Thank you for making a difference,” “You Matter to God,” “Happy Grandparent’s Day”, and Bible promise e-cards at [LifeTalk.net/eCards](http://LifeTalk.net/eCards). LifeTalk Radio helps you to share God’s love easily and quickly.



**Relieve stress and celebrate National Coloring Day, Sept.14**, with free coloring pages from [LifeTalkKIDS.net](http://LifeTalkKIDS.net). Studies show coloring is good for brain development, as well as stress relief. Find [kids programs](#) to listen to together, and click on the "FUN" button for the [free coloring pages](#) and other activities to do as a family.



**Sept. 18 is Grandparents Sabbath!**  
*Grandparenting: Giving Our Grandchildren a GRAND View of God*, by Drs. Claudio & Pamela Consuegra, is the perfect tool to help your church celebrate this special day. Filled with research, practical ideas, and discussion questions, this book may be used by individuals or small groups to explore their God-given role of grandparenting and disciple-making. Call [AdventSource](#) at (402) 486 8800 for special bulk pricing, or [ORDER ONLINE](#).



**The Made to Move Virtual 5k Run/Walk is Sept. 19!** Or you can participate any day between Sept. 19-Sept. 26 and submit your time for a chance to enter the Winner’s Circle. You choose the time and location, just make sure it is 5k (3.1 miles)! Bring along your church, your friends, or go solo. [LEARN MORE](#)

**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](#)



**The 2021 Society of Adventist Communicators convention will be held VIRTUALLY 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.

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

### September

- 1–30 [Hispanic Heritage Month](#)
- 5–11 [Nurture Periodicals \(\*Adventist Review\*, \*Guide\*, \*Primary Treasure\*, \*Little Friend\*\)](#)
- 5–11 [Family Togetherness Week](#)
- 5–11 [Youth Week of Prayer](#)

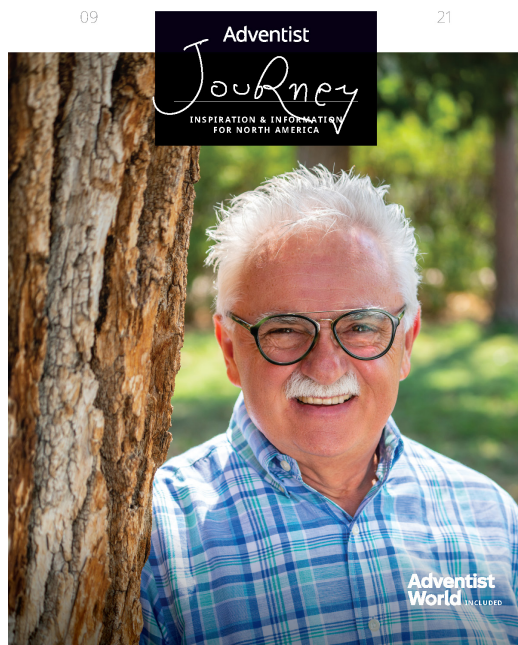
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## ADVENTIST JOURNEY



**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.

**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

**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

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## VIEWPOINTS



## Filling Up

"How can we expect to be used by God to help others if we're running on 'E'? When we are in neglect of abiding in Him it affects the spiritual experience and growth of ourselves and others. Apart from Jesus, we will accomplish nothing; we have to fill up in order to keep going. ... Keep connected to Him, grow in Him, fill up on Him — Love Him. Only then can we [accomplish] the task of loving each other as we love ourselves. We must abide in Christ."

— *Ashia Lennon, pastor, and Canadian Adventist Messenger column author, during NAD Bible Blessing worship on Sept. 7, 2021*

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