

NEWSPOINTS

November 17, 2021



The NAD Ministerial Association hosted an inaugural church revitalization bootcamp on Nov. 4-7, in Washington state to begin unpacking best practices for churches to evaluate their current status, pray through a new vision, and find renewed growth. It's time, church leaders say, to take a refreshed look at the local church's ministry, mission, and purpose. [MORE](#)



Google led Iris Miranda to the Peoria Seventh-day Adventist Church's weekly "Sabbath Stream" livestream. Iris and her husband, Herminio Irizarry, weren't able to find a local church home during the pandemic, so they began joining the Peoria church each week: "I am seriously hesitating going back to my church here in Virginia," Iris wrote, "because I don't want to stop watching Peoria's services." [MORE](#)



Adventist education tends to have a ripple effect. Josie Reeves is a junior nursing major at

Southwestern Adventist University.

Though she started attending only three years ago, her connection to SWAU goes back all the way to 1955, when her grandfather, Gary Heinrich, headed off to attend Southwestern Adventist Junior College. [MORE](#)



When a 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck southwest Haiti on Aug. 14, the international community

rushed to send aid. But for three Union College alumni, simply sending supplies wasn't enough. International Rescue and Relief graduates Janae Schumacher, Justin Dena, and Lauren Lombard volunteered with Educáre, a Haitian-run organization, to bring medical help to those most affected by the disaster. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[How a Volunteer-Lad Group in South King County is Working to Eliminate Barriers to Mental Health Care \(Wash.\)](#)

[South Bay Seventh-day Adventist: Leading With Paddleboards and the Holy Spirit \(Calif.\)](#)

[Baton Rouge Religion Briefs: Adventist Churches To Ordain Elders, Deacons, and Deaconesses \(La.\)](#)

[Conference Highlights "The Andrews Way" of Archaeology \(Mich.\)](#)

[25th Live Walkthrough Nativity Scene in Oroville \(Calif.\)](#)

[Thanksgiving Community Service Celebrates "Living With Gratitude" \(Calif.\)](#)

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[Chip's Good Word: Desmond Doss \(Tenn.\)](#)

[The Rise of Plant-Based Dining \(Calif.\)](#)

[Grocery Giveaway at First Seventh-day Adventist Church \(Ala.\)](#)

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THIS FRIDAY: inviting others to know and love Jesus is our priority as Christians. But is *evangelism* the exclusive call on our lives? Should believers participate in temporal matters, and, if so, which? The NAD Public Affairs and Religious Liberty ministry is joining the Conscience and Justice Council (CJC) on Nov. 19 at 6 p.m. ET for a discussion on a Christian's guide to public engagement. Tune in on the CJC [Facebook page](#) or [YouTube Channel](#).



It Is Written Canada, in collaboration with local Adventist pastors in Ontario, Canada, presents a unique evangelistic series entitled, “Finding Hope Together.” These pastors vulnerably share their personal struggles and practical journeys as they serve God. Tune in on [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#) every Friday, Sunday, and Wednesday evening, 7 p.m. ET, Nov. 5-24. Learn more at [FindingHopeTogether.ca](#), and [WATCH](#) the trailer.



ReCharge your church’s ministry with the It Is Written public evangelism and church growth retreat! Evangelism doesn’t have to stop with COVID-19. As the world becomes more confusing, our opportunity to share the gospel increases! Learn practical tools from experienced soul-winners such as G. Alexander Bryant, John Bradshaw, and more. Held Dec. 12-14 at Cohutta Springs Conference Center in Georgia; [CLICK HERE](#) to register by Dec. 6.

Brighten someone’s day with free sharing cards from LifeTalk Radio! Celebrate



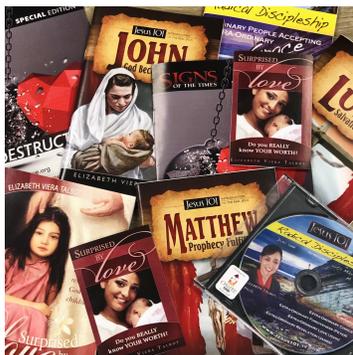
Thanksgiving, or any day, with “Thanks for Making a Difference,” “You Matter to God,” and Bible verse cards. Order [printed cards](#) for free, or send [e-cards](#) by email. LifeTalk has lots of [free resources](#) for all ages! Listen to LifeTalk on the free mobile app or at [LifeTalk.net](#).



Is your church engaging with Muslim Afghans as they resettle in your community? Adventist Muslim Relations is happy to present five webinars to prepare and assist pastors reaching this group. Check out: "[Refugee: Who? What? Safe?](#)" "[The Church as a Healing Community,](#)" "[Islam 101: Faith, Culture, and Engagement,](#)" "[Logistics: What Is the Next Step? What Are We Expected to Do?](#)" and "[God's Perspective on Refugees \(E. G. White\).](#)"



"Happy birthday, Jesus" is a free, downloadable 25-day activity devotional for the entire family created by the North American Division, Children's Ministries department. This devotional, available in English and Spanish, guides readers through the first 25 days of December, celebrating and remembering Jesus, the real reason for the season. [LEARN MORE](#)



Do you have a prison ministry? Do you personally visit those who are incarcerated?

Jesus 101 offers free resources for this purpose— you can request these FREE materials to minister to inmates during the upcoming Christmas season. Jesus 101 will provide devotional booklets, pamphlets, and DVDs at no charge for prison outreach. Materials may be sent to prison ministry leaders or directly to prisons. Email your request to office@jesus101.tv. For more information about Jesus 101, visit www.Jesus101.tv.

NAD Ministerial is delighted to announce that registration for the CALLED Pastors' Family Convention is now open. Pastoral families are



encouraged to take advantage of the early bird rates through Jan. 31, 2022. The convention will be held June 19-22, 2022, in Lexington, Kentucky. This event is designed for all pastors and their families in the North American Division. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more/register.

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Cover: Bob Allen, Southwest Region Conference Lone Star Camp and Retreat Center manager, Athens, Texas; [WATCH](#) the interview.

NAD News Briefs: "It Is Written Welcomes New Evangelism Director," "Hundreds Attend Virtual Conference on Forgiveness," "NAD Youth Ministries Holds Three-Day Virtual Youth Congress," pp. 10–11

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God's Got You

"Whatever is hindering action in your life, in your ministry, throw it overboard. When you follow God, you don't have to worry about what will happen. You don't have to be afraid. God's got you."

— Gladys Guerrero-Cavalheiro, NAD Office of Volunteer Ministries processing assistant, in talking about the captain of the ship in the biblical Jonah's story, during NAD's Bible blessing worship on Nov. 16, 2021

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