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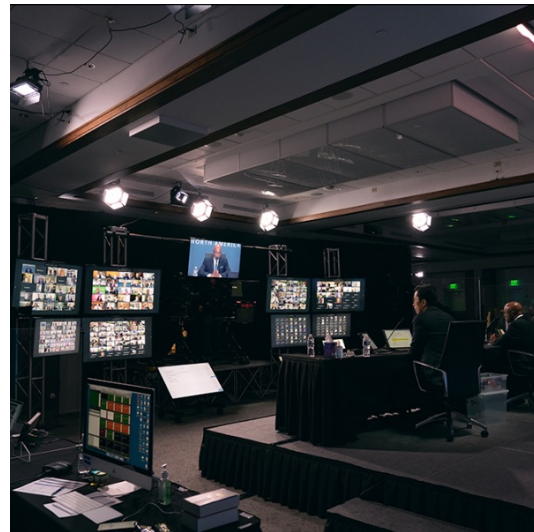
News and Information from the North American Division

NEWSPOINTS

November 3, 2021



“In spite of the challenges we have faced ... God has continued to bless His church, and the mission of the church has gone forward,” said G. Alexander Bryant, president of the North American Division, as he opened his Oct. 29 report after thanking the NAD staff, church members, pastors, educators, and the leaders of conferences, unions, and the division for their dedication and service. [MORE](#)



The 2021 North American Division Year-End Meeting, themed “Together in Mission: I Will Go,” based on the NAD’s new strategic focus, opened its business session at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 28 with 142 executive committee members attending through a virtual platform. [MORE](#)



During the year-end meeting divine worship service on Oct. 30, G. Alexander Bryant, president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America (NAD), stated that we are not just called to focus on the final message to the world. “The truth is, God has call this people to proclaim both messages, the message of Christ’s soon return and the message of righteousness by faith, the gospel of Jesus Christ. That’s what the Three Angels’ Messages teach us,” he said. [MORE](#)



“Despite the pandemic, our church has carried out its mission with resilience; our members have been faithful to their mission ... during the past 20 months,” said Kyoshin Ahn, executive secretary of the North American Division. Ahn’s words marked the beginning of the secretary’s report at the NAD Year-End Meeting in Columbia, Maryland, on Oct. 31, 2021. [MORE](#)



Starting in January 2022, Elysia Ockenga will become the nursing program director for Union College. Ockenga, a graduate of Union, has been



Southwestern Adventist University was recently awarded a \$4 million Hispanic-Serving Institution Title III F STEM Grant from the U.S. Department of Education, provided by the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE), for

teaching nursing at the college for the past 12 years. [MORE](#)

their STEM Excellence project proposal. This comes just a year after receiving a \$2.5 million Title V grant awarded in October 2020. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Heal Elgin Clinic to Bring Free Medical, Dental, and Vision Care to the Underserved \(Ill.\)](#)

[National First Responders Day: First Responders Sometimes Show Up in Unexpected Places \(Calif.\)](#)

[Impact of the TV6 Canathon in Delta County \(Mich.\)](#)

[Tuolumne County's Blue Zones Project Launched \(Calif.\)](#)

[Berea SDA Church Honors Fellowship and Service in Nyack \(N.Y.\)](#)

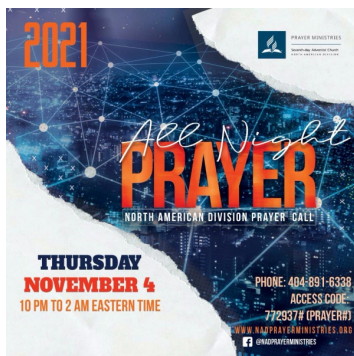
[Annual Winter Coat Drive Begins Monday \(Md.\)](#)

[AdventHealth Pediatric Infectious Disease Specialist Part of Panel Addressing COVID-19 Vaccinations for Children](#)

[Alliance for Housing Solutions Announces Award Recipients \(Va.\)](#)

[Executive Medical Director at AdventHealth Cancer Institute Talks About Genetic Testing and Lung Cancer \(Ind.\)](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



Join us Thursday, Nov. 4, for the NAD's monthly all-night prayer call. Please call in during these times: 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. ET, for prayer and encouragement! Representatives/prayer coordinators from across the division will be standing by to pray.

It's not too late! The NAD Church Planters BootCamp West registration is \$119 until Nov.



10! Join the three-day experience at Sunset Lake Camp in Wilkeson, Wa., to learn practical tools for church planting, how to fund a plant in the North American context, and do it all alongside other practitioners. Two tracks will be offered: English and Español. Register today at nadministerial.com. Se ofrecerán todos los seminarios en Inglés y Español. Registración Regular (Octubre 21 - Noviembre 10): \$119.00. El programa completo se publicará en nadministerial.com



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Breath of Life TV is conducting a major public evangelistic campaign in Houston, Texas! The nightly event, dubbed the "2021 Fall Revival: The Future is Now," starts Oct. 23, and runs through Nov. 6. Speaker Carlton P. Byrd will be joined by Kurt Carr & Singers, Kierra Sheard, and Wintley Phipps. [LEARN MORE](#)



"REVELATION TODAY: The Great ReSet" series will air on LifeTalk Radio Oct. 8–Nov. 6, at 8 p.m. ET. Pastor John Bradshaw, speaker/director for It Is Written, will present the messages. Listen on the free LifeTalk Radio mobile app, on smart home speakers, Roku, or online at www.LifeTalk.net. For program dates, see the [SCHEDULE](#).

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](https://www.findinghope.ca), and [WATCH](#) the trailer.



The enditnow Virtual Summit on Abuse on Nov. 14 (English) and Nov. 15 (Spanish) will provide a greater emphasis on providing church leaders, pastors, seminary students, and schools administrators and teachers with practical tools to help victims of domestic violence, or intimate partner violence, receive the help they need in a safe, effective, and non-judgmental manner. [LEARN MORE.](#)



"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](#)



Voices of Hope is a new digital space for addressing the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic by sharing our stories and building a supportive community in a very challenging time. Visit the "My Pandemic Story" section to share your experiences, thoughts, and emotions of living through the pandemic as a video, musical piece, artwork, or written story. [LEARN MORE.](#)

EVENTS CALENDAR

November

[November Focus:](#)
[Prayer](#)

1–30	Native Heritage Month	
6	Offering: Local Church Budget	Camp Meeting Calendar
6	Stewardship Sabbath	
13	Human Relations Sabbath	
13	Offering: World Budget (Emphasis: Radio Ministries)_(GC)	Adventist Mission
15	National Philanthropy Day	
20	Offering: Local Church Budget	
20	Welcome Home Sabbath	
27	Offering: Local Conference Advance	

ADVENTIST JOURNEY



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

Feature: "We're Here to Help People," by Kimberly Luste Maran, pp. 04–05

NAD Update: "A Spiritual Giant Among Us," by Kimberly Luste Maran, pp. 06–08

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

Perspective: "Sharing the Culture of Stewardship," by Michael Harpe, p. 13

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VIEWPOINTS



We Are in His Hands

"When we take this life and beg the Father to cast [us] into the harvest, in the field, our life is in His hands ... When we are in His hands, wherever we reside, God has put us there in harmony with His will. It is up to us to tell our story."

— Minner Ladrador, NAD vice president for Multilingual Ministries, during NAD Year-End Meeting morning worship, Nov. 2, 2021

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