

NEWSPOINTS

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The *Encyclopedia of Seventh-day Adventists* tells the stories of distinguished Adventists in history and those less known or new to many today, including the stories of women and minority Americans. For example, did you know that Rachel “Anna” Knight, nurse and teacher, was not only the first African American female Adventist missionary sent anywhere, but also the first Black woman to be sent to India by a mission board of *any* denomination? [MORE](#)



On Tuesday, Feb. 1, the Northeastern Conference executive committee made conference history by establishing its first virtual church. Members voted The Living Manna First Online Seventh-day Adventist Church and announced that Ivor Myers, who previously pastored in Campbell, Calif., will serve as pastor of the online congregation. [MORE](#)



La Sierra University's beginnings in 1922, and its metamorphic growth over the ensuing century will be celebrated with a series of 100th anniversary events this year beginning in February. The university hosted a Centennial Launch & Sculpture Dedication on Tuesday, Feb. 15, that began celebrations by commemorating the arrival of a new sculpture on campus. [MORE](#)



Johnny Rodman, member of Oasis church, in Portland, Tenn., was shocked at the immense destruction that surrounded him. He had just come from helping in Bowling Green, Ky., after a series of tornadoes swept through Kentucky and Tennessee on Dec. 10-11, 2021. Now, he stood in Mayfield, Ky., where extensive devastation left a community wondering how they would recover. [MORE](#)

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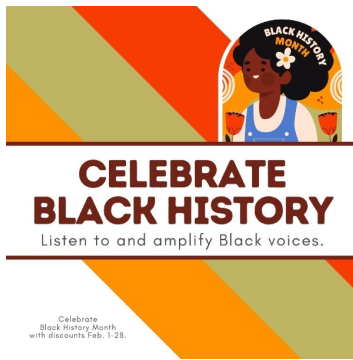
[Adventist Review Presents Oakwood Professor's Article, "This Is Our Story: The Black Experience in Adventism"](#)

[Saipan Adventist Clinic Holds "Give Kids a Smile"](#)

["Stop Taking Photos, and Save Lives" Northern Caribbean University President Urges](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES

Looking for material on Black History Month?



Pacific Press Publishing Association has a wide range of books in many genres. From books by prominent Black leaders of the past and present, to biographies, sharing materials, health books, and more — there are close to 100 items to choose from. [CLICK HERE](#) to see the entire list of products.

Oakwood University's "Windows on the Word: Social Justice in the Word of God" broadcast continues on Fridays at 7:30 CT during the month of February. This 4-part series for Black History Month is the first in the weekly broadcast "Windows on the Word" hosted by University President, Dr. Leslie Pollard. "Windows on the Word" is designed to highlight contributions to the Adventist mission and faith worldwide. The daily lesson plan used in this series is [available in PDF](#) or [hard copy](#). Check out [Oakwood's YouTube channel](#) for streaming.

Let Justice Roll: The State of the Black Church — Join the Conscience & Justice Council for a discussion on Feb. 18 at 7:30 pm ET, addressing the topic "Why Allies Are Still Needed for the Black Church" with panelists Melissa Reid, NAD PARL associate director; Nicholas Miller, Adventist Theological Seminary professor; Zdravko Plantak, Loma Linda University professor; and Diane Thurber, Christian Record Services president, alongside Co-hosts Pastor Cryston Josiah, Edward Woods III, and special guest Jamie Roddy. Watch LIVE on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#). For more information, visit cjcouncil.org

Get to know Pastor Debleaire Snell! Don't miss the It Is Written Conversations program featuring Debleaire Snell, the new speaker/director at Breath of Life. Snell speaks with John Bradshaw, It Is Written speaker/director, about his early life, his call to ministry, and his experience as a minister of the gospel. [Click here](#) to watch.



The NAD's new blog/website, A Rugged Journey, is dedicated to connecting young men to God through mentorship and community; helping them find answers to life's toughest challenges. No judgment — just compassionate advice from people who care. Follow us on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#): @ruggedjourney; and [subscribe to our YouTube channel](#) to hear from our vloggers. [MORE](#)



Adventist Community Services (ACS) Convention - April 7-9, 2022, Grapevine, TX. Come celebrate 50 years with us! At the convention, you will expand your skills and ability to serve, hear inspiring stories of mission accomplished, and renew your commitment to community services. Join us as we celebrate God's work and imagine the future of ACS. [LEARN MORE/REGISTER](#)



The pandemic has unearthed mental health needs that have been simmering for many years. Mental health professionals and lay members have their roles in meeting this need. Join NAD Health Ministries for RESTORED – a virtual mental health & wellness summit, March 31-April 3. [LEARN MORE/REGISTER](#)



BOOST YOUR HEALTH! Join LifeTalk Radio, Feb. 18-24, at 8 p.m. ET, to learn how to boost your immune system, increase energy, reach peak mental performance, and improve relationships. Pastor John Bradshaw of "It Is Written" will talk with medical experts about achieving optimal physical, mental, and spiritual health. Listen with the free LifeTalk Radio mobile app, on Amazon and Google home speakers, Roku, satellite, or [online](#). [LEARN MORE](#)



If you are a high school student who makes movies, check out the Southwestern Adventist University South by Southwestern Film Festival offered through the communication department this spring. The online film festival is available to all high school students, you can enter as an organization or individual, and the deadline is March 1. For more specifications and details, or to register, [CLICK HERE](#).



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Jesus 101TV has released new video and audio programs in Spanish. "Confianza" (La Travesia del Exodo) is a twelve-part video program featuring Dr. Elizabeth Talbot and Pastor Gustavo Squarzon. It is a companion to the newly released book of the same title. The video series and book invite viewers to face anxiety with faith in God. New audio programs include "La Travesia del Exodo," "Conectate a la Vida" series, and the audio book, *Apocalipsis: El Quinto Evangelio*. [LEARN MORE](#).



Make your church a center of compassion in your community by offering the Grief Sessions seminar. [Faith For Today](#) helps your church meet the needs of the community as Christ did. The Grief Sessions seminar is a small group, Bible-based six-session course. Host Mike Tucker of [Lifestyle Magazine](#) shares grief principles and interviews guests about their grief journey. [CLICK HERE](#) to order your copy; or call 888-940-0062 to learn more.

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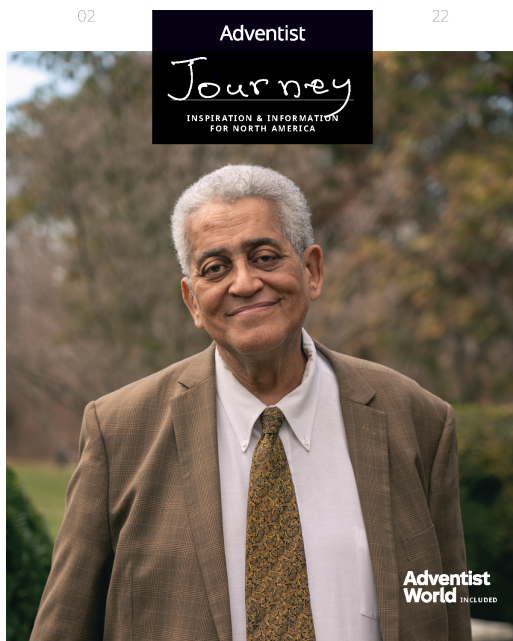
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Feature: "Connecting the Pastoral Family," by Dave Gemmell, pp. 08–09

NAD Update: "New Online Encyclopedia Tells the Story of Adventists," by Seventh-day Adventist Church Office of Archives, Statistics, and Research, pp. 10–11

Perspective: "Perspectives on the African American Family," by Washington Johnson, pp. 13

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On the Right Side With Jesus

"And as long as Jesus is on that side of the boat, we shouldn't be fearful. ... We should be courageous. We're going to start pulling up the nets, and there will be so many fish that we will hardly even [be able to] pull them in.

"The challenge is to get on the side where Jesus is, the side where the people are. That's where He was. Even if it was unpopular to others, Jesus always showed up. My prayer today for each of us is that we would get on the right side with Jesus — and we can finish the work and multiply the kingdom of God — and Jesus will come [so] we can go home and be with Him."

— *G. Alexander Bryant, NAD president, during the concluding thoughts of the 2022 Ministerial Association's eHuddle online evangelism training session on Feb. 16, 2022*

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