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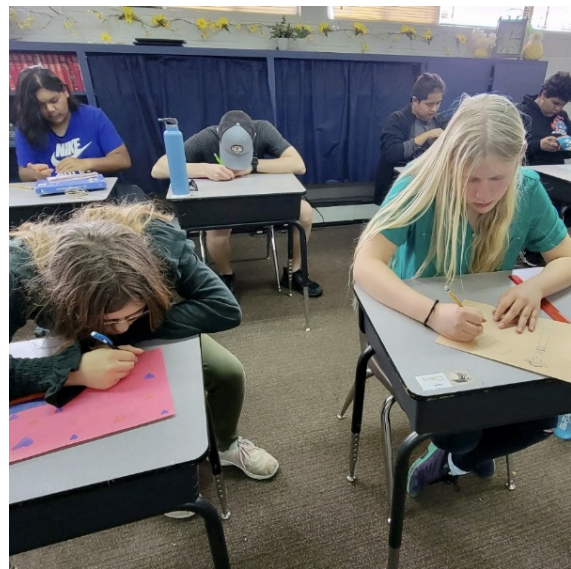
Pastors of the NAD are looking forward to the CALLED Pastors' Family Convention to be held in Lexington, Ky., on June 19-22. This convention offers some of the best continuing education opportunities, with six arena sessions and 120 seminars. Specific tracks will be offered for Spanish-speaking pastors, volunteer lay pastors, chaplains, ministry tech lab, and spouses. [MORE](#)



On March 8, AdventHealth broke ground on its emergency room located at Flamingo Crossings Town Center, which will bring emergency care and an enhanced patient experience for Walt Disney World Resort guests, cast members and the Central Florida community. [MORE](#)



The 2022 Growing Together Cohort launched with nearly 150 leaders from 40 different churches across the NAD attending the virtual summit. Growing Together is about intentionally reaching out to youth and young adults with acceptance, grace, and the love of Jesus. It's about changing the culture in our Adventist churches. [MORE](#)



“Don’t worry, it’s on the other side of the world. It doesn’t affect you. Don’t think about it.” Are these the best answers you can give your child when talking about the war in Ukraine? Absolutely not. This is the subject of news sources worldwide and is the topic of conversations everywhere. Children are asking about this war. How does one talk to their child about such a dreadful global event? [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[AdventHealth Pediatric Neuropsychologist Discusses How to Talk to Kids About the War in Ukraine](#), (ADRA)

[Meadow Glade Adventist Holds Geography Bee](#), (Wash.)

[3D Mammography Is Now Available at Adventist Health Mendocino Coast](#), (Calif.)

[U.S. Government Provides Relief to Those Affected by Cyclone Emnati](#), (ADRA)

[Mount Zion Marches Black History Forward](#), (Conn.)

[Local Organizations Providing Support for Ukraine](#), (ADRA)

[Evansville Church Prays and Raises Money for Ukraine](#), (Ind.)

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Want to have a seating problem at Sabbath School? Imagine the biggest complaint at your church being, “I can’t get a seat at our Bible study” or having to make seat reservations for Sabbath School. Roy Ice, speaker/director of [Faith For Today](#) and host of [Lifestyle Magazine](#), and his team, want to share how God can help you experience explosive growth in church attendance through Bible Lab. Find/start a lab near you! [TheBibleLab.com](#). Study guide materials are free.



Come celebrate 50 years with us! Adventist Community Services Convention – April 7-9 in Grapevine, Texas. 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](#)



2022 NAD Human Resources Conference to be held on April 24-26. The conference is planned for all conference/union human resources directors, secretaries, treasurers, academy treasurers, college and university directors, and university VPs of finance. Please don't use this link if you have received an email from NAD Human Resource Services indicating that you have a registration credit. Register [here](#); [Reserve a hotel](#) by April 3.



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 and wellness summit, March 31-April 3. [LEARN MORE/REGISTER](#)



Hablemos de Jesús es una nueva guía de estudio en español para grupos pequeños que consta de 52 lecciones (para todo un año) sobre la vida y las enseñanzas de Jesús, que nos motivan a seguirlo y vivir para él. Escrito por pastores que trabajan con grupos pequeños en Norteamérica: <https://adventistbookcenter.com/hablemos-de-jesus-spanish.html>.



Signs of the Times has released a special edition issue entitled "Indestructible Love" written by Dr. Elizabeth Talbot, director for Jesus 101. This resource is designed to accompany the FREE evangelistic series for local churches. This plug-and-play five-part interactive video series presents the whole plan of salvation from the perspective of God as a parent willing to give everything to recover His lost children. [CLICK HERE](#) to register for this video series by 4/15/22.



Get energized! Improve your health! Hear LifeTalk Radio health program podcasts at <https://lifetalk.net/podcasts1/>. Did you know you can get free Health Program cards from LifeTalk to share with your church and community? Perfect for sharing at health ministry events, fair booths, and other events. They fit easily into a #10 business-size envelope for

mailing. [CLICK HERE](#) to order these FREE program cards.



Share Joy with free Bible Promise Sharing Cards from LifeTalk Radio. It's a fast and easy way to show someone you care. It only takes a minute to choose from the [beautiful designs](#), or order printed cards [here](#). Great for birthdays, anniversaries, Easter, thank you's, and get-well wishes, too. [Click here](#) for free resources like health program cards and stickers for kids. More gifts from LifeTalk Radio to help you to share the joy of the Lord!



The North American Division is excited to share employment opportunities for qualified candidates in several ministries/departments as employees have moved on from these positions. [CLICK HERE](#) to check out the NAD Human Resource Services landing page, and scroll down to the bottom to see the current needs of our division family, as well as application requirements.



In-Person or Online? Whether you want to attend church online or in-person, the NAD can help — right through our website. On our homepage is [an interactive map](#) (scroll to the bottom) that can help you locate churches based on name or location by typing key words into the search window. Also check out our [list of churches who offer online services](#) on a variety of platforms. Don't see your church there? [Email us!](#)



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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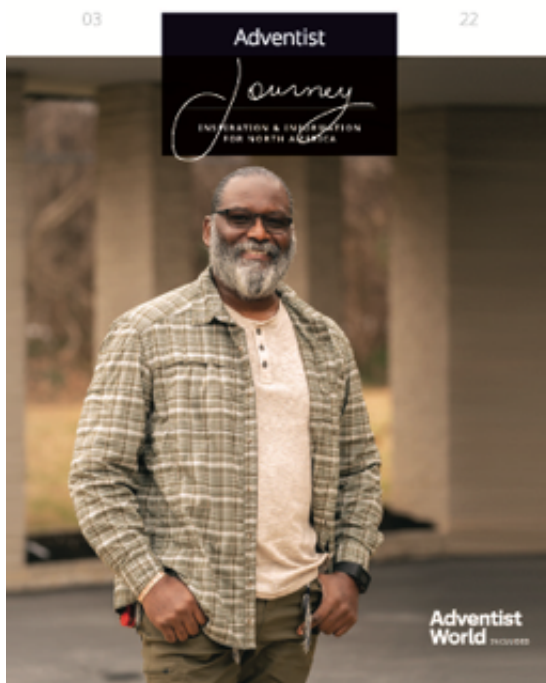
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NAD News Briefs: "New Black Studies Curriculum at La Sierra University Aims for Impact and Understanding;" "Recognition Event Honors the Life and Legacy of Lucy Byard;" pp. 10

Cover: Nesco Lettsome, Jr., husband, father, respiratory-care therapist, engineering consultant, and community services volunteer. [WATCH](#) the interview.

Perspectives: "No Accidental Guests," by DeeAnn Bragaw; p. 13

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VIEWPOINTS



Answers

“We are a people who have struggled, but we've always made it through because our faith has taken us. Now God is asking us to stretch our faith just a little bit more. He's saying, 'I know you're having hard times. I know that things look bleak. I know that things look dim, but I'm asking you to trust me. ...

“I understand that it's difficult. I understand that the tears are falling, I understand that the headaches are happening. I understand that you have sleepless nights. I understand the sacrifices you've made. I understand — and I see what you have done for me and my people. But right now I need your full and undivided attention because I'm about to do something that's going to blow your mind. ... I'm going to answer your prayer in a new way.”

— *Natasha Richards, a chaplain currently attending Andrews University seeking a dual degree, Master of Divinity and Master of Business Administration, during NAD Bible blessing worship on March 8, 2022*

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