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NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

News and Information from the North American Division

# NEWSPOINTS

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**On March 10, the North American Division committee elected Jorge Ramirez for the position of** division undersecretary. Ramirez replaces Elden Ramirez, who took a call to serve as executive secretary of the Lake Union this past fall. Ramirez has served as executive secretary, Ministerial director, and evangelism coordinator of the Arizona Conference. [MORE](#)



**In the fall of 2019, College Press owners Brad Fisher and Rob Howell had the opportunity to** acquire another small print company, which included a fairly new printing press. After much discussion and prayer, it was decided to donate the older printing press that College Press had owned for more than 20 years. The press found its way to the Euro-Asian Division. [MORE](#)



**April 7-9, will mark the first in-person Sonscreen Film Festival since 2019. Students from colleges across the NAD will gather at the newly completed Loma Linda University Church complex for three days of film screenings, educational opportunities, and professional connections. Sonscreen 2022 will also premiere season one of Hope Media Europe's *Encounters* scripted television series. [MORE](#)**



**The South Central Conference administration applauds the young men of the Oakwood Adventist Academy basketball team for their recent stand to not play a state regional tournament game scheduled during the Sabbath hours. The conference administration is thrilled to see faith lived out in the lives of its members. [READ MORE](#) of the conference's statement.**

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## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Gov. Kay Ivey Meets With Oakwood Academy Basketball Team, Praises Group's Convictions \(Ala.\)](#)

[Haitian Church in Rockville Grateful for Commanders' New Qb Carson Wentz \(Md.\)](#)

[Hundreds Come Out to Ukraine Prayer Vigil and Food Giveaway in South Boston \(Va.\)](#)

[Local Church Partners With Red Cross To Address Blood Shortage \(Md.\)](#)

[Framingham Church Hosting Vigil for Ukraine on March 26 \(Mass.\)](#)

[West Broad Seventh-day Adventist Church Welcomes Pastor Kaggia and Rondora Scott \(Ga.\)](#)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



**The 2022 Sonscreen Film Festival will take place April 7-9 in Loma Linda, Calif.** Sonscreen is an annual gathering for Christian filmmakers, artists, and all those who have a passion for film for the purpose of creating timely and relevant productions. Registration is open now! [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.



**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](#)



**Safety Sabbath is March 26, and this year's theme is inclusive emergency planning.** Participating churches will receive free resources covering disability awareness and why it matters; a checklist promoting inclusive emergency planning; and youth resources and activities on disability awareness. Sign up today to receive tips on how to prepare for Safety Sabbath and a valuable resource kit to help you protect your congregation. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more.



**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](#); by March 31 & [Reserve a hotel](#) by April 3.



**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.



**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](#)



**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 April 15.



**Get energized! Improve your health!** [Hear LifeTalk Radio health program podcasts at https://lifetalk.net/podcasts1/](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!



**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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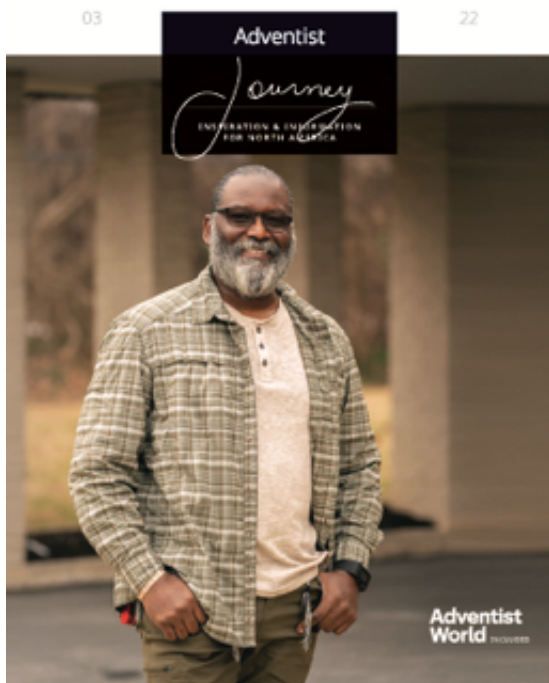
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## ADVENTIST JOURNEY



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**Feature:** "Calling all church members to evangelism and mission," by Jerome Hurst; pp. 04-06

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## VIEWPOINTS



### Prayer

“Prayer is the opening of the heart to God as to a friend. Not that it is necessary in order to make known to God what we are, but in order to enable us to receive Him.”

— *Ellen G. White, Steps to Christ, p. 93*

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