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NEWSPOINTS

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On Jan. 18, roughly 110 local faith and civic leaders attended the fifth Religious Freedom Prayer Breakfast hosted by the NAD and organized by its Public Affairs and Religious Liberty department. Attendees experienced a religious freedom-themed keynote, special musical selections, and prayers focusing on religious freedom, peace, unity of spirit, and personal responsibility — all while savoring a catered meal. [MORE](#)



The Pacific Union College church resonated with powerful words as David Anthony Johnson addressed students during a special Martin Luther King Jr. Community Service Day. The event, held in the sanctuary on Thursday morning, Jan. 11, 2024, as part of the Community Speakers Series, was dedicated to honoring King's legacy.

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In honor of the 60th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act, the Coatesville, Penn., leadership, with strong support from the community, banded together to carry on the legacy of King by not only speaking about change, justice, and advocacy, but also by emphasizing the day of service and providing ample opportunities to serve. As a tribute to King's housing initiative that he began in November of 1967, the W.C. Atkinson Memorial Community Service Center, in partnership with many other organizations, started a home renovation project on Jan. 2, with a goal of completion by MLK Jr. Day. [MORE](#)



In a bold step toward fostering the next generation of church leaders, the Southwestern Union, under the leadership of president Carlos Craig, and in collaboration with Southwestern Adventist University, has announced two groundbreaking initiatives to support students following a call to ministry through the study of theology and education. The strategies provide financial incentives, up to \$15,000 per student, in response to the increasing need to recruit and retain teachers and pastors who choose to serve the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Southwestern Union. [MORE](#)

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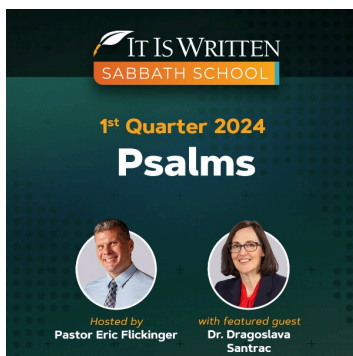
[Celebrating Bravery and Teamwork at Adventist Health Tillamook – Awards of Excellence for Heroic Response to November Ambulance Accident \(Ore.\)](#)

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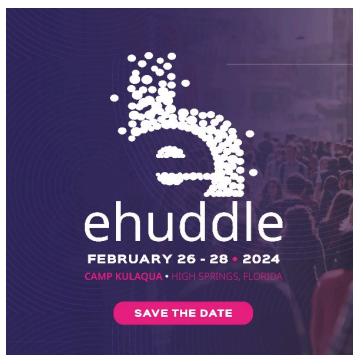
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Learn more about the weekly Sabbath School lesson by studying with its author! This quarter on *It Is Written Sabbath School*, host Eric Flickinger is joined by study guide author Dr. Dragoslava Santrac as they provide insights into the Psalms each week. A new 30-minute lesson study is released every Sabbath. Watch on [It Is Written TV](#) or [YouTube](#).

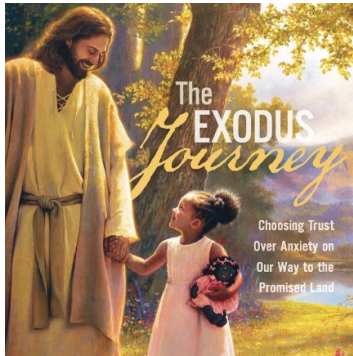


Get ready for an unforgettable experience at ehuddle 2024! Held from Feb. 26-28 at Camp Kulaqua, Fla., we welcome pastors and volunteer lay pastors to join this event. Alongside union and conference leaders, dive into discussions with our South Pacific Division guests, exploring innovative church growth and evangelism practices. Don't miss out — free [registration](#) opens soon, and offers access, daily lunches, and exclusive gear. Note: Lodging is separate, with additional meal options available. [MORE](#)



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Jesus 101 has just released *The Exodus Journey* audio book by Dr. Elizabeth Talbot.

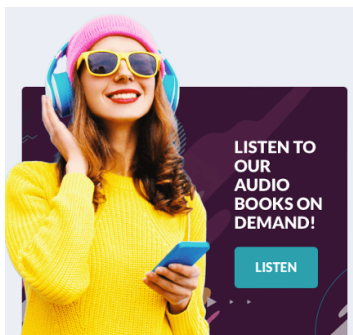
The Exodus Journey is about choosing trust over anxiety, and dives into Israel's journey to the Promised Land, inviting readers to consider their own daily walk towards the heavenly Canaan, trusting God to be their Redeemer, Provider, and Guide. Jesus 101 audiobooks are completely free and available for streaming on demand. The Exodus Journey can be accessed here [<https://jesus101.tv/listen/?media=40780>].



Exciting news for social media users! If you've ever wanted to share your faith in practical and meaningful ways on social media, but weren't sure how to do it effectively, check out the NAD resources [HERE](#). It's not just about sharing faith online; it's about fostering faith-based communities. The NAD training resources are the place to help you become a successful digital disciple.



View the 2018-2023 NAD Adventist Education Progress Report by clicking [HERE](#). The purpose of this report is to describe the status of education in the North American Division, including early childhood through higher education programs. View the full report at [this link](#).



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Breath of Life: Fresh Start Sundays now airing on LifeTalk Radio! Four new inspirational programs have been added to the line up from Breath of Life Ministries: *Scripture Lab* hosted by Pastor Debleaire Snell, speaker/director for Breath of Life; *Point of View*, a program on marriage and family life, hosted by Snell and his wife, Gianna; *Vision Sunday*, hosted by Snell and Kirk Nugent; and Snell will host a program focusing on lifestyle and well-being called *Healthier U*. For a complete LifeTalk program schedule for your time zone visit: lifetalk.net/program-schedule



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"I have decided to stick to love ... Hate is too great a burden to bear."

— *Martin Luther King Jr., "A Testament of Hope: The Essential Writings and Speeches."*

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