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News and Information from the North American Division

NEWSPOINTS

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The Sonscreen Film Festival team met with award-winning filmmakers and engaged in deep discussions on storytelling and spirituality at the 20th annual Windrider Summit and Sundance Film Festival Experience on January 21-26, 2024. Students and professors from La Sierra University, Oakwood University, Southern Adventist University, and Walla Walla University attended the educational event, along with the Sonscreen team and the Loma Linda University Church media team. [MORE](#)



Heading into 2024, La Sierra University is charting an upward trajectory based on enrollment targets, with near-term strategic investments in personnel, increased salaries, scholarships, software upgrades, and athletics initiatives. On Jan. 29, the university's board of trustees voted on a budget and funding for the remainder of this fiscal year, ending June 30 and continuing two years through 2025-26. The university leadership also drafted a follow-on aspirational plan through 2028-29 for a five-year proposed strategic



The youth and young adults of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada (SDACC) cast a vision for what it would mean to make a difference right at home. Their vision was clear: to work for the betterment of people's lives in ways that were responsive to their actual needs. From there, a goal sprang up: to assist Indigenous people in a tangible, practical, and non-manipulative way that fostered genuine connection and friendship. [MORE](#)

document focused on La Sierra's growth. [MORE](#)



Clients come to the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church ACS Center in South Los Angeles, Calif., on Mondays for free clothes and shoes from The Closet and to receive showers and plates of hot spaghetti. Through the years, the church has been affectionally known as the "spaghetti church" by regulars. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Black History Month: Rockland Church Honors Black History Month Through Art \(N.Y.\)](#)

[Little Rock Church's Food Pantry Sees High Demand \(Ark.\)](#)

[Tryon Seventh-Day Adventist Church Receives Donation From Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation \(N.C.\)](#)

[Origins Expert Paul Nelson to Speak at Southern Adventist University \(Tenn.\)](#)

[Adventist HealthCare: Keeping Women's Hearts Healthy - Montgomery Community Media \(Md.\)](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



Check out the items on sale at the [Adventist Book Center](#) to celebrate **Black History Month!**

Historical books, stories, contemporary studies, music and more are always available, and are specially priced now. Authors include Charles E. Bradford, Heather Thompson Day, Ricardo Graham, Hyveth Williams, and much more,



Get ready for Valentine's Day with "Saving Marriage," a new program from It Is Written.

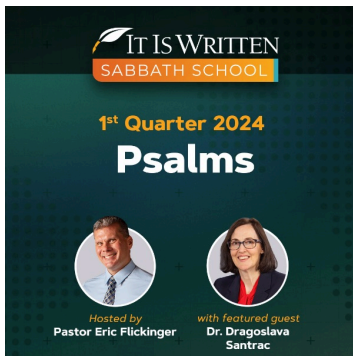
Marriage was established by God to be the place in which children can be raised safely and successfully, both husband and wife can flourish, and parents and children can experience love and security. Join John Bradshaw and explore the significance of marriage, the challenges of current divorce rates, and how biblical advice can guide us toward healthier and more fulfilling relationships. [Watch on It Is Written TV](#) itiswritten.tv/savingmarriage.



President's Day is just around the corner. We honor those leaders who have maintained a nation where religious freedom is respected. This national holiday is a great time to be thankful for the freedoms we enjoy. Why not thank God right now for your freedom and ask Him to direct this country and protect those you love. Then take a moment to thank someone special in your life by sending them a FREE digital greeting card from LifeTalk Radio. Discover many beautiful eCards at: lifetalk.net/ecards. Sending eCards is easy, fun, and fast. Remember to say "thank you" often.



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](#)



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](#).



You don't need to be an expert to help people move through the changes of grief and loss. What you do need is a heart of compassion and a listening ear fashioned after the Master Jesus. [SEASONS](#) is a support program built on the foundation of the Bible and the power of people gathering to support and strengthen each other. Through the series of ten sessions participants will move from loss to discovery and finally to establishing a new identity and purpose.

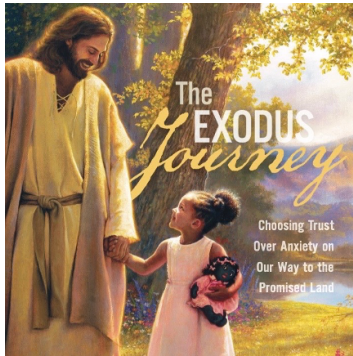


Attention film students and professionals: You are invited to the Sonscreen Film Festival, April 4-6, 2024, in Loma Linda, Calif. Come prepared to watch films and mingle with peers, potential employers, and award-winning guest filmmakers. Plus, pitch your idea for a future film and you could win \$3,500 in funding. Register or learn more at [sonscreen.com](#)



2024 NAD tHRive Conference on April 21-24 in San Diego, Calif.

The conference is planned for all conference/union human resources directors, secretaries, treasurers, academy treasurers, college and university directors, and university VPs of finance. Register [here](#) by March 10. [Make your hotel reservation](#) by March 28. Questions? HRS@nadadventist.org.



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>].



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



[Christian Record Services](#) is a ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North

America serving people of all faiths and walks of life who are blind worldwide. Churches, individuals, and businesses provide support for services. All who are legally blind or have physical impairments that prevent them from holding reading material or focusing on ink print are eligible for these free services: [Full-Vision Books](#); [Gift Bibles](#) and [Study Guides](#); [Naomi Chapman Turner Library for the Blind](#); [National Camps for Blind](#)

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VIEWPOINTS



Love Is ...

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."

— 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, NIV

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