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NEWSPOINTS

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On Nov. 1, day one of the North American Division's Year-End Meeting started with a reading of the division's mission statement: "To reach North America and the world with a distinctive, Christ-centered message of hope and wholeness." This was followed by the president's report. [MORE](#)



This year's Friday evening vespers program on Nov. 1, during the North American Division YEM, delivered a unique and spirit-filled experience. It began with an agape feast followed by an upper room biblical dramatization, congregational singing, special prayer time, ordinance of humility, and communion. [MORE](#)



The 2024 NAD Year-End Meeting began on Nov. 1 at the NAD headquarters in Columbia, Md., following a two-day administrators' conference — the first in 10 years — at the same location. One hundred and fifty executive committee members (of 302) gathered for day one of business meetings where, until Monday, Nov. 3, they will receive reports, vote on business items, strategize, and fellowship with fellow Adventist church leaders and friends. [MORE](#)

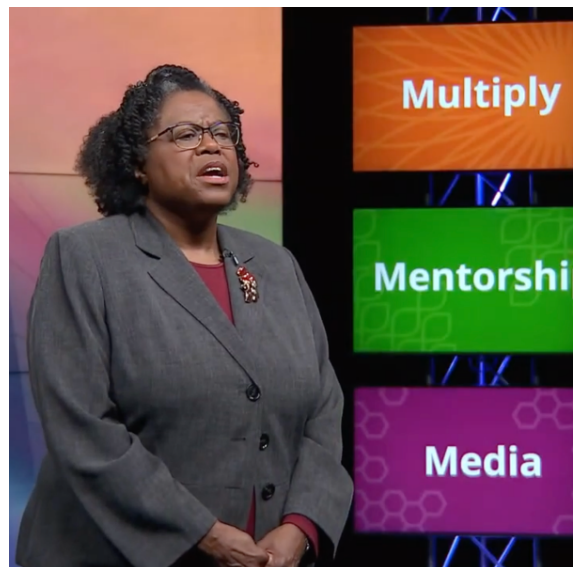


Sabbath Worship at year-end



On Nov. 2, in a powerful sermon in which attendees actively participated with voiced responses and hearty “Amens,” G. Alexander Bryant, president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America, delivered a message of hope, resilience, and the transformative power of the Holy Spirit.

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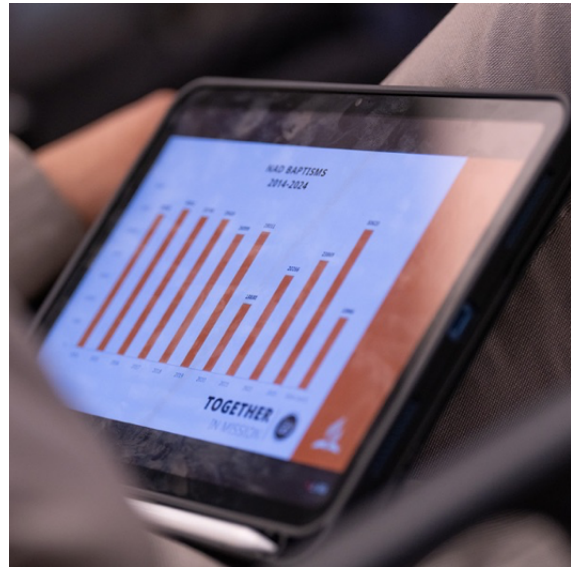
Kyoshin Ahn, secretary for the North American Division, presented his report during the third day of the 2024 YEM. The first part of his report was summarized in a separate

meeting: "A Sacred Pause" — For attendees at the North American Division Year-End Meeting, the Sabbath arrived as a welcome sacred pause, offering rest amid the intensive days of church business. All who gathered enjoyed worship, praise, and fellowship through three avenues: Sabbath School, worship service, and afternoon concert. [MORE](#)



Kyoshin Ahn, executive secretary for the NAD, presented his report to kick off day three of the division's 2024 year-end meeting. To begin, he read the list of everyone in the departments of the secretariat, thanking the team for their service and their contributions to the report. [MORE](#)

article. The second part of Ahn's report was focused on missions within the NAD, in honor of the 150th anniversary of Adventist missions. [MORE](#)



The North American Division Year-End Meeting resumed for the second day of general business sessions (and third day of YEM) on a clear and crisp Sunday morning after attendees and guests took a day for Sabbath rest and worship. The November 3 morning session primarily focused on the report of NAD executive secretary Kyoshin Ahn, who shared statistics about the current state of church growth and the make-up of its membership. [MORE](#)

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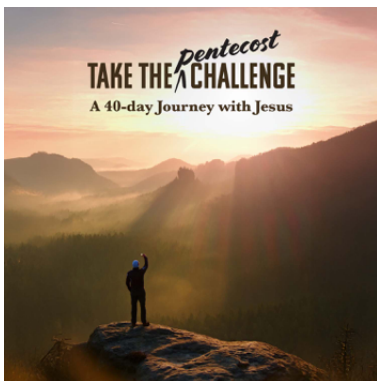
[Lodi Memorial Hospital Foundation Purchases Surgery Center, Gifts it to Hospital \(Calif.\)](#)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



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Ready to strengthen your faith and grow in confidence in God's promises? Embark on a 40-day journey with Jesus, designed not for mere fasting or prayer, but for intentional, daily time with Him. This challenge, starting now, is all about personal spiritual growth and transformation —a journey to be inspired, empowered, and changed from the inside out. Over these 40 days, deepen your relationship with Jesus and experience the life-changing power of consistent time in His presence. Embrace the challenge and be transformed! Click [here](#) to learn more.



All of us, church leaders and members, play a pivotal role in mobilizing for evangelism. With [Pentecost 2025](#), our goal in North America is to hold at least 3,000 proclamation initiatives in 2025, with 2024 a year of "Preparing for Pentecost." More than 3,600 have already signed up; funding is still available for approved events. [LEARN MORE/FAQS](#). Check out our [news page](#); and watch our [first webinar](#)!



Every year on Nov. 11, Americans celebrate Veterans Day, honoring those who have served in the United States armed forces. Veterans have sacrificed to serve this country and provide the freedom we all enjoy. To honor veterans, LifeTalk Radio has created special digital greeting cards. Let them know you appreciate their service. Doing so is easy, fast, and simple when using FREE LifeTalk eCards. Let them know you care by saying "thank you for your service" Email, text or post a free digital eCard at: lifetalk.net/ecards. Watch our short video about veterans day visit: lifetalk.net/videos

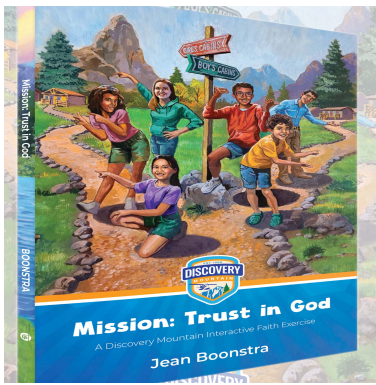


Jesus 101 is offering churches free copies of "Jesus Wins!", an interactive 10-lesson bible study course as a resource for the Pentecost 2025 initiative. These Bible studies are printed in one attractive magazine, have corresponding QR codes that link to short videos with Dr. Elizabeth Talbot explaining the content of each lesson. This Bible course is an excellent way of introducing your friends and family to Jesus, even inviting them to be baptized. Anyone can give Bible studies with this colorful and creative course! For free copies for your church, contact us at office@jesus101.tv or at 805-955-7684. Offer valid thru Nov. 15, 2024.



It Is Written has recently released two new episodes of its flagship program. In "[1, 2, 3, 4, Prayer,](#)" join John Bradshaw as he explores transformative prayers from Scripture and discover four simple steps that will empower you to pray effective prayers. In "[Daniel the Prophet: Ten Times Better,](#)" learn how Daniel and his three friends were able to thrive under trying circumstances and how important it is to remain committed to your beliefs. Watch on It Is Written TV.

Are you ready for a faith exercise



mission? Ms. Jean has written a fun interactive story with *Mission: Trust in God*, a brand-new *Discovery Mountain* book published by our friends at Pacific Press. Your journey begins at Lookout Ledge, where you lose something important and begin to panic . . . As you choose different story paths in your search across town, you'll meet Jake, Natasha, Cyrus, Carson, Sam, and other friendly faces. They'll help you ultimately learn how to calm your anxieties and place your trust in God. [Click here to visit vop.com/store](http://vop.com/store) and pick up copies for you and your friends



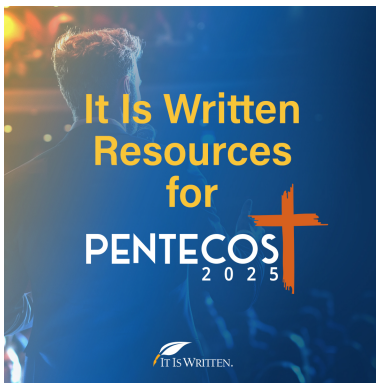
Share Christ with the children in your community through our My Place With Jesus resources. Our notes and bookmarks are perfect for school giveaways, birthday parties, Halloween, and stocking stuffers! Check out our [Sunshine Notes](#), [Journey Through the Bible Bookmarks \(Spanish\)](#), and [My Place With Jesus Bookmarks \(Spanish\)](#).



Lifestyle with Roy Ice has just released a new season of episodes. This award-winning talk show focuses on living your best life; featuring discussions, interviews, and demonstrations centered around whole life health. Some of the guests from this season include: Alison Arnglim, Dean Butler, Nikki DeLoach, Billy Gardell, J. Scott Reed, Lara Love Hardin, Josh and Lauren Swickard, and many more. To watch the latest shows, visit: www.lifestyle.org.



Study the book of John this quarter with It Is Written Sabbath School host Eric Flickinger and Dr. Thomas R. Shepherd, co-author of this quarter's Bible study guide. A new half-hour program is released every Sabbath that coordinates with the lesson study. Watch on [YouTube](#) or [It Is Written TV](#).



Pentecost 2025 is an exciting initiative by the North American Division, calling Seventh-day Adventist churches across North America to unite in hosting more than 3,000 evangelistic events throughout 2025. It Is Written is excited to provide a variety of resources designed to support pastors, churches, and lay members in sharing the message of hope and faith during this significant year. Click [here](#) to learn more.



Season 8 of *Authentic* is in full swing! Join host Shawn Boonstra as he cuts to the core of our fallen human nature and heaven's radical remedy. He discusses dealing with anger, our deep natural dislike for rules and authority, and most of all, why God's moral law and commandments are more relevant than ever. New episodes come out every Friday at 7 ET—catch them on our [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) channels, plus at vop.com/authentic.



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VIEWPOINTS



Our Tower of Overcoming Power, Becoming Power

"As we leave here ... we need more power — overcoming power and becoming power."

—Abraham Jules, Atlantic Union Conference president, during morning worship, Nov. 4, on the final day of North American Division Year-End Meeting, as he issued an altar call, asking NAD president G. Alexander Bryant to pray for the Holy Spirit's outpouring

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