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# NEWSPOINTS

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**NAD church leaders, Adventist Connect staff, and Walla Walla University administrators and students** gathered on April 16, 2025, on the campus of the university to dedicate a new office space for the West Coast hub of the NAD's ministry-driven contact center. The event, preceded by Adventist Connect's board meeting, was marked by words of gratitude, prayer, and spiritual reflection, celebrating both the physical space and the people who serve within it.



**The Ardmore Institute of Health has awarded Union Adventist University's Master of Public Health Program** a grant to establish a culinary medicine teaching kitchen (CMTK). The \$35,000 will purchase six commercial-grade mobile workstations, each including the culinary tools and appliances to support two students at a time, enabling the university to host classes of up to 12 students in the teaching kitchen. [MORE](#)

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**During Southwestern Adventist University's spring break 2025, a group of 42 volunteers** — including college and high school students, alumni, staff, and community members — left the routine of their daily lives behind and set out for the Navajo Nation. Each day, volunteers launched from the Gallup church to nearby project sites. [MORE](#)



**Washington Adventist University recently witnessed a powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit** during its inaugural Pentecost 2025 Tent Meeting, held on campus in mid-April 2025. Despite adverse weather conditions, the multi-day spiritual revival demonstrated the triumph of faith over fear and the reality of God's miraculous intervention. [MORE](#)

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## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Adventist Health Sonora Now a Receiving Center for Heart Attack Patients \(Calif.\)](#)

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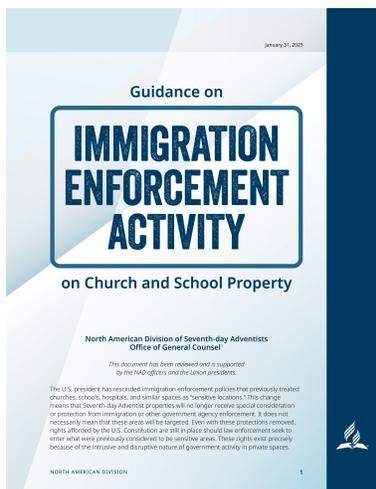
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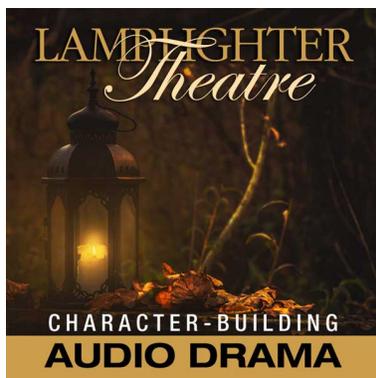
## ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



**Our regularly scheduled NAD NewsPoints will be not be published next week.** Please check out the NAD's social media ([Facebook](#), Twitter (X), [Instagram](#)) for new content, or visit the NAD Homepage for [news](#) and much more. And [click here](#) to read/watch *Adventist Journey* magazine stories and videos.

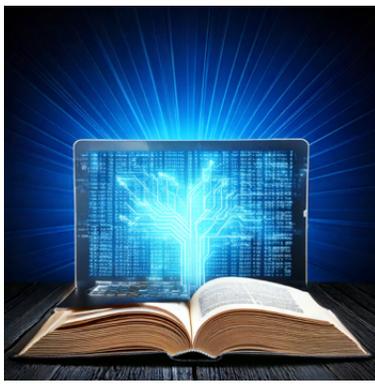


**The North American Division has provided for churches and schools the** document entitled "Guidance on Immigration Enforcement Activity on Church and School Property." These guidelines, prepared by the NAD Office of General Counsel, have been reviewed — and is supported by — the NAD officers and union presidents. [CLICK HERE](#) for the guidelines in English. [Spanish-](#) and [French-](#)language versions have been published and all are also available under the [NAD website "Guidelines"](#) tab.

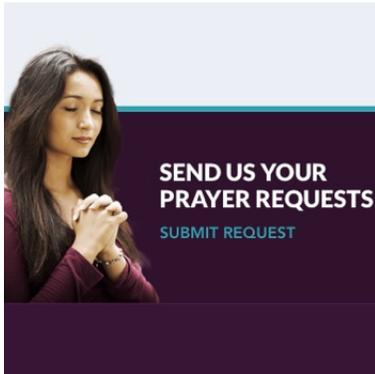


**This creative audio drama is designed for kids of all ages.** Lampighter Theatre helps to build character one story at a time. Through the powerful role models of Lampighter's heroes and heroines, this broadcast is helping to change the lives of the young and young at heart. Each breathtaking story is brimming with suspense and intensity. Stories focus on perseverance, courage, hope and humility and aim to inspire imagination and innovation. This program airs every Sunday on LifeTalk Radio. Check the kids program schedule for your time zone [lifetalkkids.net/kids-program-schedule](http://lifetalkkids.net/kids-program-schedule)

**Take your ministry beyond the pulpit and into the digital world.** This Adventist Learning Community course empowers pastors and church leaders to harness the power of AI tools to transform sermon content into engaging, shareable social media posts.



You'll learn how to optimize sermon videos, design eye-catching visuals, and use online engagement tools to grow your church's digital presence. By the end of the course, you'll have the skills and confidence to combine AI technologies with creative strategies—amplifying your message, reaching new audiences, and spreading the gospel far beyond your local community. [LEARN MORE.](#)

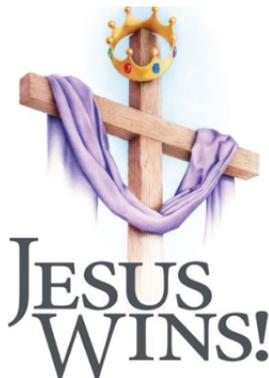


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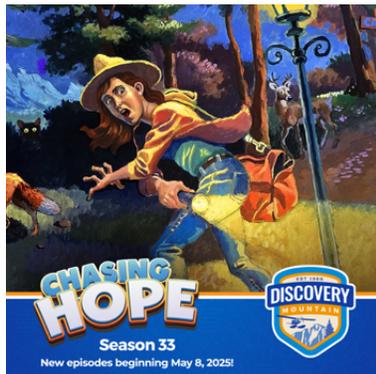
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**This quarter on It Is Written Sabbath School, join host Eric Flickinger and study author Shawn Boonstra as they discuss allusions, images,**



symbols, and their role in Bible prophecy. A new half-hour program is released every Saturday at 3:00 p.m. EDT. Watch on [YouTube](#) or [It Is Written TV](#).



**“Chasing Hope,” an all-new season of Discovery Mountain, begins May 8!** Summer camp has started—and so has a new mystery! Missing items and a new Ranger Station Camp push campers to chase something more enduring than fun: hope. Listen along and exercise your faith. [Click here](#) to explore the latest episodes and stories from Discovery Mountain.



**Discovery Mountain has resources to help your school run a Pentecost 2025 event!** Grow the faith of your students with our plug-and-play Week of Prayer program, Flyover Faith, and immerse them in the Word of God with our fun-filled Expedition Bible Guides, beautifully illustrated NKJV Bible, and easy-to-use study aids. [Click here](#) to learn more and view our resources.



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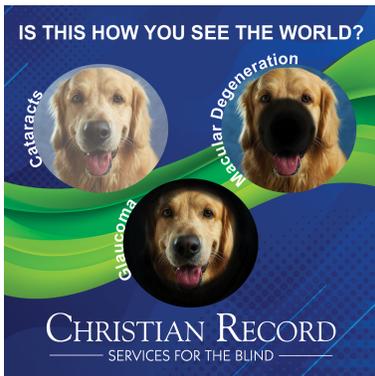
**Lifestyle with Roy Ice has just released a new season of episodes.** This award-winning talk show



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 Arngim, 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](http://www.lifestyle.org).



**Don't miss some of Authentic's most-watched episodes!** Join host Shawn Boonstra in this winter best-of season as he cuts to the core of our fallen human nature and heaven's radical remedy. Using Scripture as his guide, he confronts tough topics like the truth about hell, slavery in the Bible, and the mystery of sin and temptation. Episodes rerun every Friday on [3ABN](http://3ABN) (6 p.m. ET) and our [Facebook](#) channel (7 p.m. ET). View our entire back catalog of episodes on our [YouTube](#) channel and at [vop.com/authentic](http://vop.com/authentic).



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## **Instruction from the Divine Teacher**

"In the school of Christ students never graduate. Among the pupils are both the old and the young. Those who give heed to the instructions of the Divine Teacher constantly advance in wisdom, refinement, and nobility of soul, and thus they are prepared to enter that higher school, where advancement will continue throughout eternity."

— *Ellen G. White, The Review and Herald, July 11, 1882*

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