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# NEWSPOINTS

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**Christian Record Services, Inc. (CRS) is pleased to announce the appointment of Cesar Perozo as** its new president, following a nationwide executive search conducted by FaithSearch Partners. With more than 25 years of combined experience in pastoral ministry and administrative leadership, Perozo brings a wealth of expertise in strategic management, human resources, and cross-functional collaboration. [MORE](#)



**When CNN needed an expert on octopus behavior, they called Walla Walla University's own Kirt Onthank**, professor of biology and octopus expert. Onthank was featured in a national news segment in August 2025, offering insight into the unique behavior of these mysterious sea creatures. [MORE](#)



**For nearly two decades, hundreds of students at Southern Adventist University have inspired positivity** in long-term patients through thousands of bright, creative works completed during a simple art class. [MORE](#)



**The NAD shares coverage from the 2025 GC Session held on July 3-12, in St. Louis, Mo.,** that highlights news/information that may be of particular interest to church members and leaders in the division. As you enjoy this material, and let's remember to pray for each other as the NAD focuses on the theme "Together in Mission: I Will Go." [MORE](#)

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## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Adventist Health Ceremony Honors Overdose Victims, Supports Addiction Recovery \(Calif.\)](#)

[AdventHealth Zephyrhills Leaders Break Ground on New Medical Office Building as Pasco County Growth Booms \(Fla.\)](#)

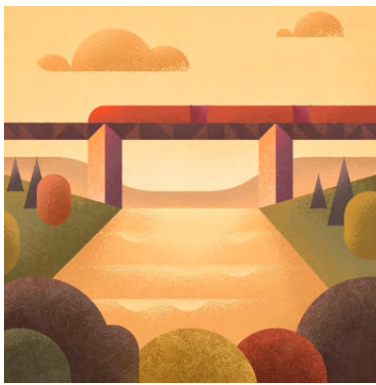
[ADRA Spotlight for World Humanitarian Day: Ralph Watts and a Legacy of Global Impact](#)

[In Haiti, Museum of Adventism Marks 120 Years of Church Presence in the Country](#)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES

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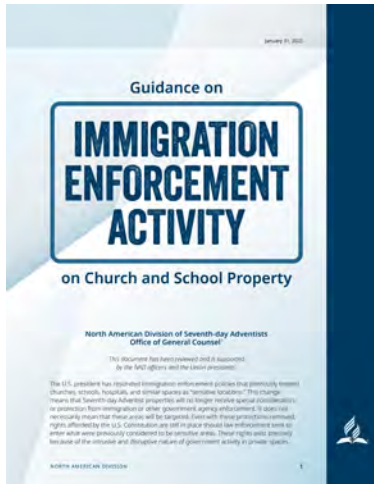
**be not be published next week.** Please check out the NAD's social media ([Facebook](#), Twitter (X), [Instagram](#)) for new content, or visit the NAD Homepage for [news](#) and much more. [Click here](#) to read/watch *Adventist Journey* magazine stories and videos.

**The first Sunday after Labor Day is National Grandparents Day.** It's designed to show the importance of the bond between grandparents and their grandchildren. In the U.S. alone there are more than 70 million grandparents and they average about four grandchildren. Take a moment right now and send a beautiful digital greeting card to your grandparents. You can add your own message to the email, or SMS, or even post it on social media if you wish. To honor grandparents [LifeTalk Radio](#) has created a dozen special digital greeting cards and they're free at: [lifetalk.net/ecards](http://lifetalk.net/ecards).

**The Society of Adventist Communicators is holding its annual convention for** communication professionals and students on Oct. 16-18, 2025, in Riverside, California. Join us for workshops/training, special general sessions, "Festival of Sabbath" programming, networking and much more! [Click here](#) to learn more/register. And ... last call for entries to our communication awards. [Check out our categories](#) and enter before Sept. 9!

**The 2025 Conscience & Justice Council Annual Convention is scheduled for Sept. 25 - 28,** in Huntsville, Ala. Adults interested in learning more about the issues of justice and conscience are encouraged to attend. Come and discover ways to overcome oppression through the power of the Word of God. Through plenary sessions, workshops, and best

practices, we'll identify the abuses of power that subjugate the oppressed and the biblical solutions to resolve them. What's included in registration fee: All event materials, full access to general and breakout sessions, meals, and best practices tour. [Click here](#) to register/for more information.



**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.



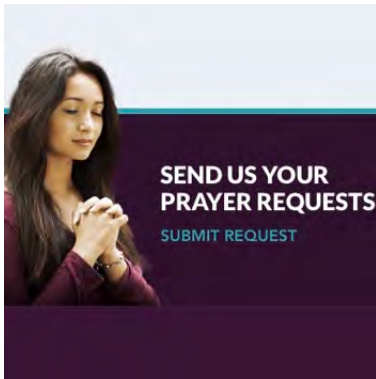
**Take your ministry beyond the pulpit and into the digital world.** This Adventist Learning Community course empowers pastors and church leaders to harness the power of AI tools to transform sermon content into engaging, shareable social media posts. You'll learn how to optimize sermon videos, design 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](#).



**Join us for an engaging discussion of religious freedom issues on our show Faith and Politics.** From laws that impact faith communities to challenges facing religious organizations and communities around the world, our experienced panel of experts will provide thoughtful insight on these fundamental questions of liberty. Visit [faithandpolitics.tv](#)



today!



**Are you in need of encouragement, hope, or prayer?** Jesus 101's prayer warriors would be honored to pray for your specific request. Our prayer team meets every Wednesday to pray over received prayer requests. Click [here](#) to submit your prayer request online.



**New quarter of It Is Written Sabbath School!** This quarter (starting June 28) on It Is Written Sabbath School, join host Eric Flickinger and study author Dr. Jiří Moskala as they dig into this quarter's study, "Exodus," and shed light on Moses' life and the God of the Old Testament. A new half-hour program is released every Saturday at 3:00 p.m. EDT. Watch on YouTube or It Is Written TV. [YouTube](#) or [It Is Written TV](#).



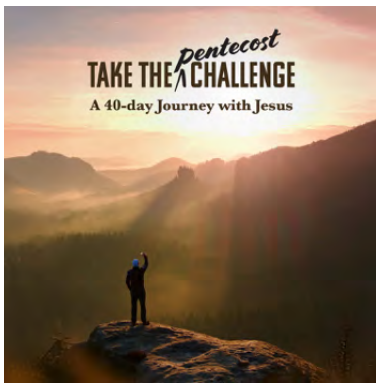
**Jesus 101 has the perfect daily devotional podcast to help you connect to God daily.**

*Jesus Wins!* is an audio devotional that revisits the stories of Jesus, touches on His graceful ways, and shares applicable truths found in His simple yet profound messages. Listeners can see His tender, loving care for those around Him. No element of His life is too small to provide insight, and these insights will revitalize your life! Click [here](#) for access to these free daily devotionals.



**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.

**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.



**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 Arngrim, 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).

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Ophthalmologist, Maryland

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*This magazine is mailed to Adventists in North America; [click](#) to view the July/August issue online. [WATCH](#) the cover interview.*

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## VIEWPOINTS



## Look Up

“As long as you are proud you cannot know God. A proud man is always looking down on thing and people: and, of course, as long as you are looking down you cannot see something that is above you.”

— *C. S. Lewis, Mere Christianity, Chapter 8*

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**NAD MEDIA MINISTRIES**





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## **NAD UNION COMMUNICATION PARTNERS**

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