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# NEWSPOINTS

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**For months the NAD International Camporee office staff and executive committee have been** praying, meeting, and exploring options for the International Pathfinder Camporee in 2029. After much consideration, the 2029 Stand Strong North American Division International Pathfinder Camporee is going back home to Oshkosh! [MORE](#)



**On Sept. 4, in time for the call to Seventh-day Adventist Church members across the NAD** and around the world to unite in OneVoice27, the NAD is premiering a short film, "When Hope Shows Up." Dealing with the unimaginable and how hope and faith can play a part in healing and renewal, this film launches the All Things New initiative. [MORE](#)



**Hundreds of members, church leaders, community partners, and guests from across the Atlantic** Union Conference and beyond gathered on July 5, to dedicate the conference's new headquarters and celebrate 125 years of God's leading throughout the Northeast. The service marked the culmination of a journey that began with the purchase of the Westborough property in 2024. [MORE](#)



**Southern Adventist University's Bachelor of Science in Engineering program has earned** accreditation from the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, an internationally recognized accreditor of college and university programs in applied and natural science, computing, engineering, and engineering technology. [MORE](#)

## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Widow, Sequim Adventist Church Faithfully Help Sequim Food Bank Feed Hundreds of Kids \(Wash.\)](#)

[AdventHealth Completes \\$365M in Florida Hospital Expansions \(Fla.\)](#)

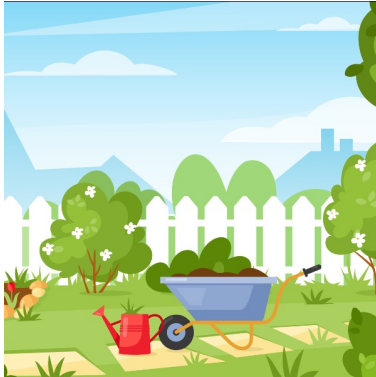
[With Epic Go-Live, Adventist Health Taking Advantage of AI Tools \(Calif.\)](#)

[Back-To-School Fair in Newark Brings Free Supplies, Hope to Many Haitians in Hardship \(N.J.\)](#)

[Panama City Seventh-day Adventist Church Brings Global Flavors and Fellowship to Annual International Veggie Fest \(Fla.\)](#)

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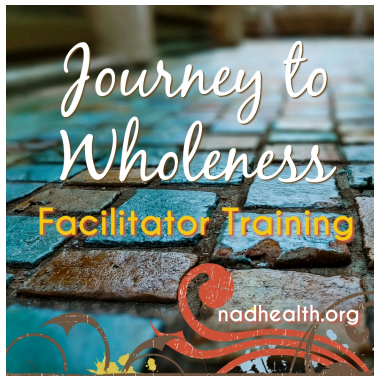
## ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



**NAD NewsPoints will be not be published next week.** We hope to get back on our weekly schedule, and until we do please check out the NAD's social media ([Facebook](#), Twitter (X), [Instagram](#))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.



**Celebrate National Coloring Day on September 14.** Discover hundreds of NEW coloring pages at: [lifetalkkids.net/coloring-pages](http://lifetalkkids.net/coloring-pages). Take a day to relax, breathe and focus on the creative exercise of coloring. Why not take some time and celebrate National Coloring Day? Rediscover the delight of childhood. Coloring is not only fun but it can also be relaxing, even therapeutic. Have a coloring party with others. Tell a Bible story to your kids or grandkids while coloring the free Bible story coloring pages from LifeTalk Radio.



**Discover how your church can become a place of healing and hope.** Join this 2-day Journey to Wholeness Facilitator Training to gain practical skills for leading Christ-centered recovery groups, supporting individuals facing addiction and emotional pain, and fostering lasting transformation in your community. Sept. 19-20, in Goodlettsville, Tenn. Visit <https://nadhealth.org/trainings/jtw-sept2026/> for details and registration.





**Bring hope and healing to those navigating grief and loss.** Join the two-day Seasons of Grief Facilitator Training to develop the knowledge, skills, and compassion to lead Christ-centered grief support groups that provide comfort, connection, and hope in your church and community. Sept. 19-20, in Hamburg, Pa. Visit <https://nadhealth.org/recovery/grief/seasons-sept2026/> for details and registration.



**Jesus 101 has released *Tormentas y Desiertos* by Dr. Elizabeth Talbot**, a new Spanish book that discusses how God reveals Himself to us in the midst of our worst crisis. *Tormentas y Desiertos* revisits biblical stories where people went through emotional and spiritual turmoil and how God revealed himself to them with compassion and grace in their darkest hour. It is also Talbot's most personal and vulnerable book to date. To order your free copy, download the Jesus 101 mobile app, click on "Book Offers", and enter code "TYD926". Jesus 101 will mail this completely free (U.S. only, one per household). Code valid through Sept. 30.



**Scholars, pastors, students, church leaders, and members from across the NAD will** gather Oct. 14-17, at Union Adventist University in Lincoln, Neb., to examine how Adventist prophetic identity should shape the church's witness amid the challenge of Christian nationalism. The [conference](#) is titled "The Remnant and the Republic: Prophetic Identity, Public Witness, and the Challenge of Christian Nationalism." [MORE](#)

**The Society of Adventist Communicators Convention is going to Orlando!** Join us Oct. 15-17 in Orlando, Fla., as professional communicators





gather for industry-expert keynotes and workshops, worship, networking, and more. Our [program](#) is out of this world this year, thanks in part to our partnership with AdventHealth. And there's more! Check out and enter our communication [awards program](#), and take advantage of a new opportunity this year: We're opening our media tours to all attendees so you can experience even more of what Orlando has to offer. Don't miss out — [CLICK HERE](#) to register for the convention; and [HERE](#) for lodging — deadline is Sunday, Sept. 21. We'll see you in Orlando!



**Jesus 101 has free downloadable activity worksheets and coloring pages for kids!** These resources also have accompanying animated videos that will help kids discover Jesus in the stories of the Bible in a fun and instructive manner. These valuable resources are perfect for churches, schools, and families. Jesus 101 is always working to develop new biblical studies resources for kids. To download these activity sheets and coloring pages, or to view the animated videos, [click here](#) for more info.



**This quarter on *It Is Written Sabbath School*, join host Eric Flickinger and this quarter's author, Dr. Adenilton Aguiar, as they dive into First and Second Corinthians. Watch a new episode every Saturday at 3 p.m. EDT on our YouTube channel and [itiswritten.tv/sabbath-school](https://itiswritten.tv/sabbath-school).**

**Just in time for summer watching, the North American Division's new** documentary web series, Faith at Work, premiered June 26 on the @NADAdventist [YouTube channel](#). The 10-episode



series highlights practical, hands-on ways that churches and schools across the division are connecting with their communities. Each episode showcases a creative outreach hosted by a church or school during Pentecost 2025. All episodes now available; perfect for Friday evening viewing! [CLICK HERE](#) for the series' playlist.

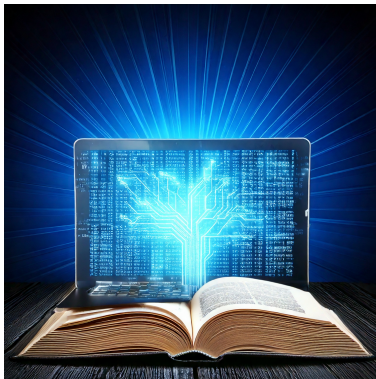
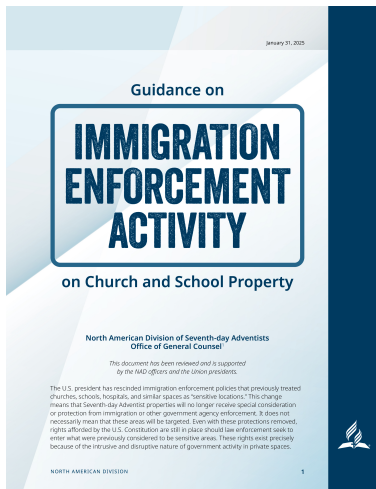
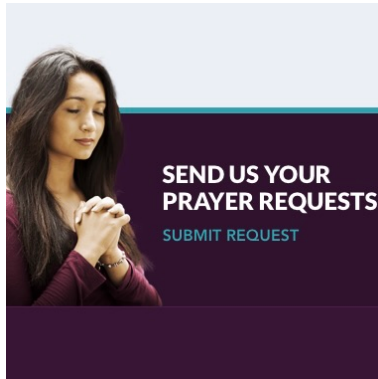


**A storm is coming, and Scripture saw it coming millennia ago.** Join Voice of Prophecy speaker/director Pastor Ken Norton for *The Approaching Storm*. This seven-part series on last-day events, shares what the Bible says about the future and how we, as believers, can be ready. To watch the latest episode, visit [theapproachingstorm.com](http://theapproachingstorm.com).



**Every day, people leave eye care offices not just with a diagnosis,** but with isolation and unanswered questions. Through the First Response Initiative, Christian Record Services is placing Lifeline Kits directly into practices—offering hope, resources, and connection. You can help bring this to your community. If you know an eye doctor or specialist, make the introduction. Together, we can place Lifeline Kits into their hands — and hope into the lives of their patients: <https://bit.ly/crsfirstresponse>.

**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.



## 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](http://www.faithandpolitics.tv) today!

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"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

— *John 10:10, NIV*

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## NAD MEDIA MINISTRIES



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## NAD UNION COMMUNICATION PARTNERS

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