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On July 29, the NAD kicked off the official countdown to the All Things New launch on Sept. 5 with a presentation and video on the opening night of the Adventist-Laymen's Services & Industries (ASI) convention. G. Alexander Bryant, NAD president, joined Danny Houghton, ASI president, and Erton Köhler, General Conference president, on the platform, setting the



Loma Linda University Health and Lifepoint Rehabilitation celebrated a major milestone on Aug. 12 as they officially broke ground on the new Loma Linda University Rehabilitation Hospital, a free-standing hospital that will include 80 dedicated rehabilitation beds. Loma Linda University Rehabilitation Hospital will be built and operated via a joint venture partnership

stage for the video presentation. [MORE](#)



Communicators looking to sharpen their skills, expand their professional networks and connect with colleagues from across the NAD are invited to register for the 2026 Society of Adventist Communicators Convention, Oct. 15-17, in Orlando, Fla. Held at the Orlando Marriott Lake Mary, the annual convention will bring together communication professionals, students, and educators for industry-expert keynote presentations, workshops, networking, worship and other opportunities for professional and personal growth. [MORE](#)

between Loma Linda University Health and Lifepoint Rehabilitation and is anticipated to open in the summer of 2028. [MORE](#)



Ninety-eight-year-old Harry Walker's face breaks into a smile as he starts to talk about what led him to a lifetime of service to his church: a life shaped by faith, service, and God's steady guidance beginning long before he was old enough to understand it for himself. "My Adventist journey began with my mother," said Walker. Her conversion to the Seventh-day Adventist faith in the early 1930s laid the foundation for everything that followed. [READ MORE](#)

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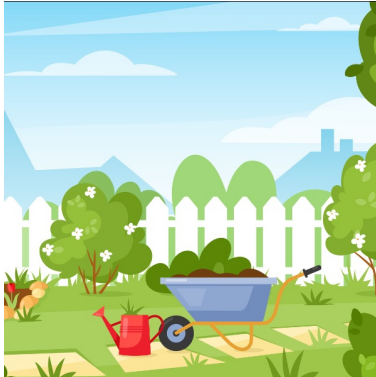
[Icecure Medical Adds Adventist Health as u.s. Clinical Site for Its Post-Marketing "Choice" Study for Low-Risk Breast Cancer Cryoablation Treatment \(Calif.\)](#)

[Adventist Health Columbia Gorge Completes Water's Edge Reopening \(Ore.\)](#)

[AdventHealth Opens Fruitland Park's First-Ever ER \(Fla.\)](#)

[After 2 Surgeries, AdventHealth Patient Sees the Difference Robotic Care Can Make \(Fla.\)](#)

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.



The Society of Adventist Communicators Convention early bird rate ending Sunday!

Join us in Orlando, Fla., on Oct. 15-17, as professional communicators attend industry-expert keynotes and workshops, meet for worship, and network. Our program is out of this world this year, thanks in part to our partnership with AdventHealth. We also welcome Adventist college and university students at a discounted rate. And ... check out and enter our communication awards program. More big news: Orlando has a lot to offer so this year we are opening up our media tours to *all* attendees. Hurry! The early-bird price of \$379 ends Aug. 16! [CLICK HERE](#) for more info and/or to register.



Politics and the Pulpit is a timely webinar designed to help pastors and church leaders

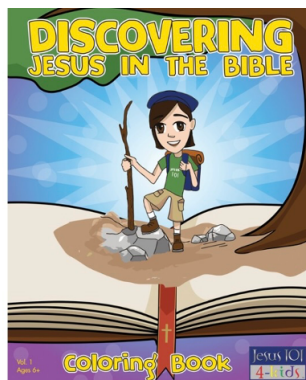
navigate today's political climate while protecting their church's tax-exempt status. Join the North American Division Ministerial Association and Public Affairs and



Religious Liberty on Sabbath, Aug. 29, at 5 p.m. ET for practical guidance on what the U.S. Tax Code allows, recent NAD Working Policy updates, best practices for ministry in a polarized environment, and effective community engagement without partisanship. The webinar will also include a live Q&A with experienced church leaders and legal experts. [CLICK HERE](#) to register.



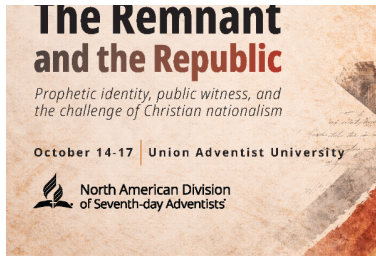
A new school year is just around the corner. While you're busy getting school supplies, new school clothes and a sturdy new backpack for your students, don't forget that kids grow better with radio. Research shows that excessive TV viewing causes kids to have trouble paying attention and thinking clearly. But radio can fuel their imagination. [LifeTalkKids.net](#) has dozens of excellent programs to expand young minds. It's available 24/7 online and on our LifeTalk App (free at [lifetalk.net/connect](#)). Enjoy Bible stories, adventure, science, history, nature and much more. Encourage your children to listen and learn.



Are your kids out of school and need a Christ-centered activity? Jesus 101 is giving away free coloring books! Discovering Jesus in the Bible lets kids color their way through stories in the Bible and learn about God's plan to save us! Kids will learn the connection between Old Testament stories and the New Testament fulfillment in Jesus. For your free copy, download the Jesus 101 mobile app, click on "Book Offers", and enter the code "4Kids". Limit 1 per household, US only. Code valid thru August 31, 2026. [CLICK HERE](#) for more info.



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."

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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 the 2025 Pentecost initiative. Perfect for Friday evening viewing! [CLICK HERE](#) for the series' playlist.



The 2026 Sabbath School Alive Conference, sponsored by the NAD Sabbath School and Personal Ministries, Children's Ministries, Youth and Young Adult Ministries, and Adventist Community Services, focuses on creating a vital and alive Sabbath School. This virtual event, to be held Aug. 28-29, is designed to train leaders for in service and to update teaching techniques and connection with student and teacher. [CLICK HERE](#) for registration information.



Join young adults from across the country in Los Angeles, Sept. 4-6, for the third annual Breath of Life Young Adult Rally. Centered on the theme "Understanding the Assignment," the weekend will feature inspiring worship, powerful messages, practical breakout sessions, and meaningful fellowship designed to help young adults grow in Christ and live out their



God-given purpose. Open to ages 18 and up. Click [HERE](#) to register.



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.



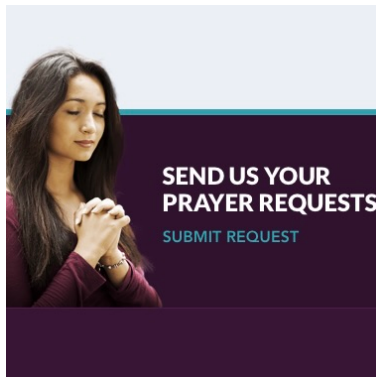
A storm is coming, and Scripture saw it coming millennia ago. Join Voice of Prophecy speaker/director Pastor Ken Norton for *The Approaching Storm*. This seven-part series on last-day events, shares what the Bible says about the future and how we, as believers, can be ready. To watch the latest episode,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



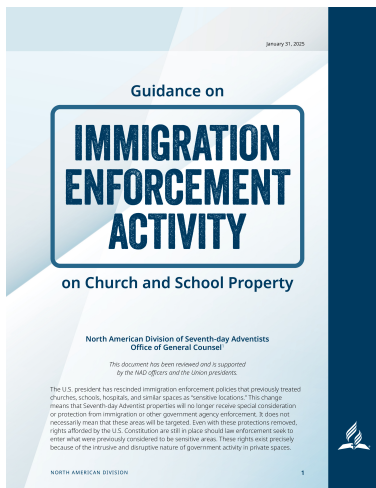
Every day, people leave eye care offices not just with a diagnosis, but with isolation and unanswered questions. Through the First Response



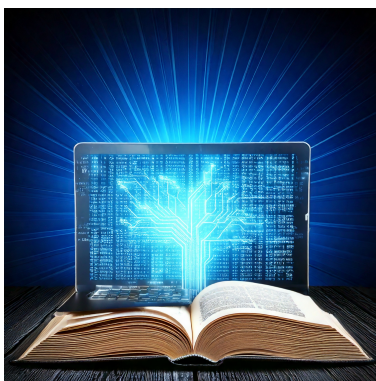
Initiative, Christian Record Services is placing Lifeline Kits directly into practices—offering hope, resources, and connection. You can help bring this to your community. If you know an eye doctor or specialist, make the introduction. Together, we can place Lifeline Kits into their hands — and hope 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.](#)



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“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.”

— *Proverbs 1:7, NIV*

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