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# NEWSPOINTS

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**The Adventist Church has maintained a presence in “Bush Alaska” for decades. However,** geographic isolation, cultural differences, loneliness, harsh and prolonged winters, and the high cost of living have made it difficult to retain long-term mission workers in these remote, predominantly Alaska Native communities. Over the years, approximately five mission schools



**More than 110 participants from across North America gathered at Union Adventist University in** Lincoln, Neb., on June 11-14, for the ONETeam Club Ministries Coordinators convention. Jointly organized by the university, AdventSource, and NAD Youth and Young Adult Ministries, the event was designed to inspire and equip Adventurer, Pathfinder, and Master Guide — or club

and at least seven churches and outposts have closed due to limited human and other resources. Against this backdrop, a small NAD delegation led by Orna Garnett, associate secretary and director of Missionary Services, visited Alaska from July 22 to 28. [MORE](#)



**On Aug. 16-17, the Pacific Union Conference held its 32nd Constituency Session in Indian Wells, Calif.** Three hundred and one delegates from across the five-state region gathered to vote on bylaws changes and new leadership for the upcoming quinquennium. [MORE](#)

ministry — coordinators. [MORE](#)



**In response to growing demand for more children's Bible study resources, It Is Written has** officially launched the *My Place With Jesus Early Learner Bible Guides*. Designed specifically for younger learners, this new series adapts the core scripture lessons of the original guides into a simple, engaging format tailored for children ages 4 to 6. For almost 10 years, the original *My Place With Jesus Bible Guides* have served children ages 7 to 12. [MORE](#)

## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

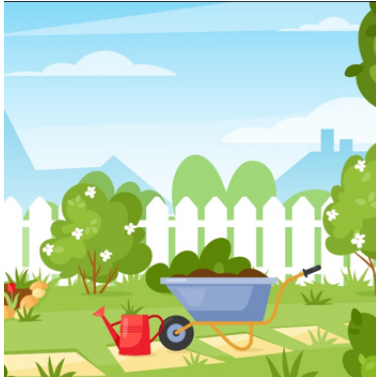
[Adventist Health Addresses Health District Concerns Regarding Covered Walkway Project \(Calif.\)](#)

[AdventHealth Hospitals in North Carolina Earn Recognition for Safety Transparency \(N.C.\)](#)

[Montgomery County Awards \\$750,000 to Food as Medicine Partnerships, Including Adventist HealthCare, Inc. \(Md.\)](#)

[UC Davis Health Boosts Cancer Care, Honors Oncologist \(Calif.\)](#)

## 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 is coming 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 FREE with the special NAD employee code SAC26NAD; [HERE](#) for lodging — only three more weeks for discount rate. We'll see you in Orlando!

**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.



**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.

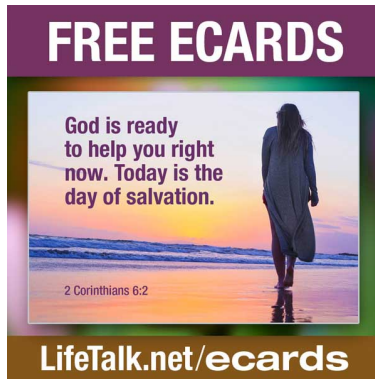
September 19-20, in Goodlettsville, TN. Visit <https://nadhealth.org/trainings/jtw-sept2026/> for details and registration.



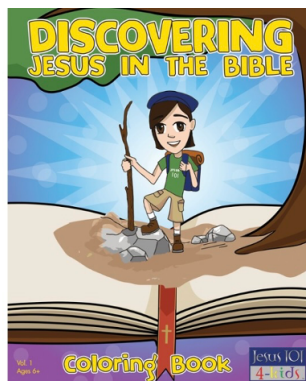
**Bring hope and healing to those navigating grief and loss.** Join the two-day Seasons of Grief Facilitator Training to develop the knowledge, skills, and compassion to lead Christ-centered grief support groups that provide comfort, connection, and hope in your church and community. September 19-20, 2026 in Hamburg, PA. Visit

<https://nadhealth.org/recovery/grief/seasons-sept2026/> for details and registration.

**Loneliness is a national epidemic. People need to be reminded God loves them.** They need to know Jesus is their friend. You can let them



know! Why not brighten someone's day by sharing a word of encouragement using a digital card with a positive Bible promise? LifeTalk Radio has many FREE digital eCards at: [lifetalk.net/ecards](http://lifetalk.net/ecards). Choose from powerful Scriptures, beautiful pictures and encouraging words. It's easy to share God's Word using eCards which can be shared via email, texting SMS or posted on social media. Just a few clicks and you're done. Make a difference in someone's life today.



**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." [MORE](#)

**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](https://itiswritten.tv/sabbath-school).**

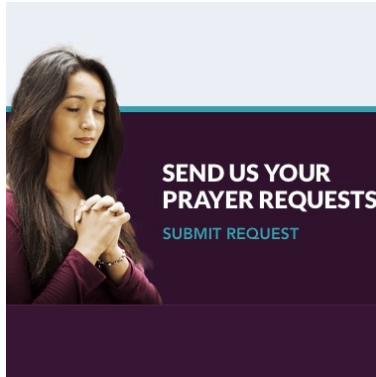


**A storm is coming, and Scripture saw it coming millennia ago.** Join Voice of Prophecy speaker/director Pastor Ken Norton for *The Approaching Storm*. This seven-part series on last-day events, shares what the Bible says about the future and how we, as believers, can be ready. To watch the latest episode,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

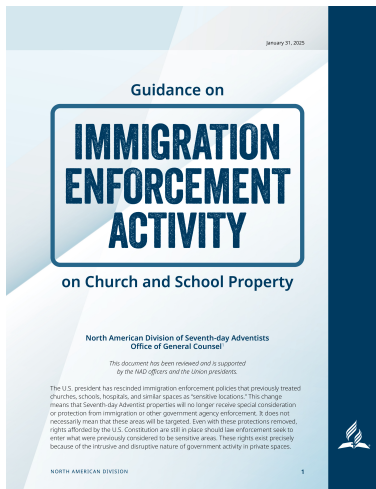


**Every day, people leave eye care offices not just with a diagnosis,** but with isolation and unanswered questions. Through the First Response Initiative, Christian Record Services is placing Lifeline Kits directly into practices—offering hope, resources, and connection. You can help bring this to your 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

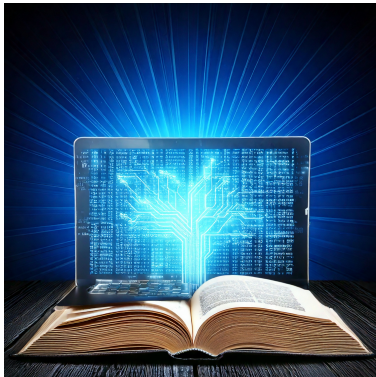
patients: <https://bit.ly/crsfirstresponse>.



**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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"My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."

— *Psalms 73:26, NIV*

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