"Just as soon as I took the lid off the pot, people were waiting to be served," said Gael Murray, administrative assistant for NAD Youth Ministries, who distributed soup during Global Youth Day on Saturday, March 17. GYD is an annual day of outreach designed for youth and young adults to "Be the Sermon" by performing acts of compassion in their communities. MORE

It's estimated that 800,000 protesters attended the March for Our Lives demonstration in Washington, D.C., on March 24. But one Parkland shooting victim and survivor who has gained some notoriety through numerous, televised interviews wasn't in D.C. On that March day, Samantha Grady was a state away from the Florida demonstration, praying and studying the Bible at a PBE event. MORE
At a time of heightened racial discord and tragedy across the country, two predominantly black and white Adventist conferences are seeking ways to worship together. Called “Imagine Nashville,” the first event took place Sept. 30, 2017, at Riverside Chapel church in the South Central Conference, and a follow-up event was held Oct. 28, 2017, at the Madison Campus church in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference.

From Jan. 3-17, the It Is Written's Eyes For India medical team conducted cataract eye surgeries in the remote forest village of Hardiakol, district Barabanki, in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh, India’s most populous state. A total of 1,672 cataract surgeries were performed. After the procedures, materials were shared with the patients.

**ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS**

- Littleton Adventist, Sherrif's Office Plan Blood Drive (Colo.)
- Kingsville Adventist Church Teams with National Volunteer Group to Build New Church in Johnson County (Mo.)
- Police: Two Teens Arrested for Silverton Adventist Church Vandalism (Ore.)
- Adventist Pastor Facilitates Arcata Event: Call Out Racism (Calif.)
- Midland Adventist Academy Raising Money to Create Space for Music Department (Kan.)
- Providence Purchases Former Walla Walla General Hospital Campus (Wash.)
Adventist Health’s Affiliation with Marysville’s Rideout Health Approved (Calif.)

Adventist Health Simi Valley Makes Effort to Reduce C-Sections (Calif.)

Adventist Health Clear Lake Family Birth Service Receives Smart Care Award (Calif.)

Survey results presented to GC Unity Oversight Committee: Qualitative Research Continues

IAD President Israel Leito Announces Retirement; Inter-American Division Votes in New President and Executive Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES

Do you need more money? The "Understanding and Implementing Fund Raising: PSI Essential Principles and Practical Application" course focuses on understanding the current best practices in fundraising for pastors, churches and their organizations, and projects. Dozens of presenters cover content based on principles that are both Biblically based and reflect today’s requirements for success. This course is 2 CEUs.

The NAD All-Night Prayer Call is Apr. 5-6, from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Eastern Time. NAD prayer leaders will serve as "prayer hosts" throughout the night. Let's give thanks; let's share needs; let's pray together! Call 404-891-6338; access code is Prayer# (772937#).

The 2018 Sonscreen Film Festival will take place April 5-7 at the North American Division Headquarters in Columbia, Md. Sonscreen is an annual gathering for Christian filmmakers, artists, and all those
who have a passion for film for the purpose of creating timely and relevant productions. Film submissions are closed; registration is still open, [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

**The Urban Mission and Ministry Congress** will be held at Andrews University, Sept. 6-8. Human population is rapidly expanding in urban contexts, mandating that we care for people in cities, serve them, and share the Gospel with them. UMMC provides the opportunity for field practitioners and academicians to develop the church’s understanding of urban community and promote Christ's method of reaching everyone. [MORE](#)

"**Chart Your Course to Successful Fundraising**" at the 2018 PSI Conference on Philanthropy, June 26-29, in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. This NAD sponsored conference offers a unique opportunity for development officers, leaders, administrators, and pastors who are actively engaged in seeking financial support through fundraising. Early-bird discount expires April 12! Discounted hotel rooms are also filling up fast. [CLICK HERE](#) for info/registration.

**Share Your Story:** Has Hope Channel had an impact on your life? We want to hear about it! Share your Hope Channel story at [www.hopetv.org/yourstory](http://www.hopetv.org/yourstory); or by calling 1-888-446-7388.

Join the movement of NAD churches, schools, and hospitals across the division as we
reach out to our communities with a message of Hope and a lifestyle of Compassion. Participate April 21-22, 2018 with local acts of service and kindness, and engage on social media! There's no greater way to love your neighbor than through action. #dayofhope #compassion LEARN MORE

CALENDAR

March

25-31 Prayer Focus: Illinois Conference
31 Offering: NAD Evangelism

March Focus:
Women in the Church

Prayer Focus:
Columbia Union

April

7 Mission Magazines (Signs, Message, El Centinela)
7 Offering: Local Church Budget
14 Stewardship Sabbath
14 Offering: World Budget
14-15 Compassion Weekend
21 Literature Evangelism Sabbath
21 Offering: Local Church Budget
28 Education Sabbath
28 Offering: Local Conference Advance
30-6 Screen-Free Week

April Focus:
Stewardship

Prayer Focus:
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Patients Received Free Medical Care; Military Chaplains Honored at Memorial Dedication Ceremony; Nursing Professors Among First in the World to Earn Certification in Lifestyle Medicine; April's Sonscreen to be Held at NAD Headquarters; Student Wins National "Rinse, Recycle, Repeat" Recycling Contest, pp. 10-11

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**VIEWPOINTS**

"The power of God that touches our hearts sets off actual chemical, emotional, spiritual, physical changes within us we begin to grow in Christ and Christ grows within us. ... The
moment the Holy Spirit of Christ infiltrates the core of our hearts, the harden shell of our doubts and our sin and our fear start to fall away; and we begin to bloom in a new life in the spirit."

— Pastor Tom Dunham, during his sermon on March 24, 2018, at the Cherry Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church in New Jersey