

# NAD NEWSPPOINTS

August 9, 2018



**On Aug. 8, Larry Blackmer, vice president of Education for the NAD,** received two awards during short ceremony at the NAD Teachers' Convention in Chicago, Ill. The day before, Blackmer also accepted an award on behalf of the NAD Education Dept.

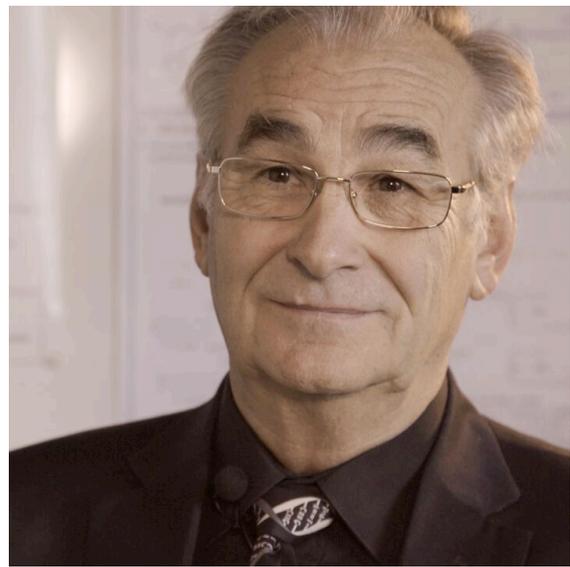
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**Recently, two Adventist churches in the Denver, Colorado, area,** from separate conferences, came together — after their pastors talked about meeting needs — for a worship service, potluck, and community outreach. [MORE](#)



**On May 24, seven La Sierra University students got a helping hand** toward reaching their goals in computer science and mathematics with scholarships from energy conglomerate Edison International. [MORE](#)



**A new episode of the *Seeking Understanding* series** discusses Dr. John Walton's internationally recognized research on "free radicals," and how his research has influenced his beliefs about the origin of life. [READ](#) about the impact of Walton's research and [WATCH](#) the new 22 minute episode.

## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Adventist Health Symposium to Reflect on Lessons Learned from Active Shooter Situations \(Calif.\)](#)

[Seventh-day Adventist Thrift Donates to the National Alliance on Mental Illness \(Wis.\)](#)

[Elkins Adventist Church to Hold God's Closet Free Shopping Day \(W.V.\)](#)

[Surplus Groceries Delivered to First Seventh-day Adventist Church Food Pantry in Montclair \(N.J.\)](#)

[Warwick Adventist Church Hosting Seminar, "Family to Family: Building a Healthy Home" \(Bermuda\)](#)

[Amita Adventist Health Care at Home: Stress – It's Not Just in Your Head! \(Ill.\)](#)

[Moses Lake Adventist Church Sponsored Free Dental Clinic \(Wash.\)](#)

[Morganton Adventist Church Celebrates One-Year Anniversary of Clothing Ministry \(N.C.\)](#)

[Southwestern Adventist University Creates Virtual Career Center \(Texas\)](#)

[Andrews University Summer Graduation Set for This Weekend \(Mich.\)](#)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



### **August Deadline for Upgrading Church**

**Websites!** If your church is using Adventist Church Connect (ACC) website software, upgrade now to the new 3.0 system. ACC 3.0 offers new templates that work on desktop and mobile devices, an online calendar that you can sync with iCal or Google calendar, and [more](#). Churches that are not upgraded by August will be converted to a single page data-driven site. [Upgrade Now](#)



### **The Conscience and Justice Council (CJC)**

**invites you** to its 3rd annual conference, Sept. 13-16, in Houston, Texas, for a spirit-filled, provocative, and empowering convention exploring the freedom and equality issues impacting this country and the world. This CJC Freedom and Equality Convention will discuss mass incarceration, mental health, voting, immigration, persecution, evangelism, prophecy and more. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.



### **Join in the EYE RUN, an eye health**

**awareness event** and fundraiser, on Oct. 7 at Holmes Lake Park in Lincoln, Neb., or wherever you are as a virtual runner/walker! Participants can select one of three events: One Miler Run/Walk (free), 5K Run/Walk, and 10K Run. [Online registration](#) is open now! Enjoy discounted registration when registering as a team. Registration is FREE for anyone who is blind and their sighted guide. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more.

**Register now to get the SAC early bird rate!**

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You are invited to the 29th annual convention of the Society of Adventist Communicators, Oct.18-20, in Columbia, Md. Join us for three full days of engaging keynotes, workshops, local media tours, panel discussions, and networking sessions. Price goes up after Sept. 30! Register [HERE](#).

**ALC's [Connecting with your Muslim Neighbor](#) course** is designed to help you better understand and experience the heart of God for the world of Islam, and be empowered to share the unique Adventist message of Salvation with powerful witnessing tools. Take a look at the life of Muhammad, Qur'an, beliefs of Islam, and discuss how we can connect deeply with Muslims for the glory of God. This [course](#) is worth 1 CEU.



**As fires continue across Northern California, many have asked how** they can help. One way is to donate to the Northern California Conference Adventist Community Services. You can also use/share the following [bulletin insert](#) with your church, contacts, and communities. And please continue to pray for this situation and the safety of everyone near these fires.

## CALENDAR

### August

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- 11-12 [Compassion Weekend](#)
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- 12-18 [Prayer Focus: Southeastern California Conference](#)
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**NAD News Briefs:** "ACS Disaster Response Advisory Inspires Collaboration, Addresses Need; V. Bailey Gillespie, Adventist Educator and Valuegenesis Leader, Passes to His Rest; Andrews University Student Awarded Barry Goldwater Scholarship; Oakwood University Receives Crystal Apple Award; Rocky Mountain Conference Pastor Honored for Public Service; NAD Leader Becomes Highest Ranking Adventist Chaplain in U.S. Navy Reserve; Youth Distribute Petition Urging Fairness and Humanity," pp. 10-13

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# VIEWPOINTS



## Eaten Alive

"I'm swimming along there in the waters of Florida and then a whole group of fish came swimming along. ... I took my spear gun, I aimed it up at that group of fish and suddenly fish scattered everywhere! All except for one. One poor little fish was flopping around with the spear right through it and I didn't feel like a hunter. I felt terrible. What have I done?"

"I pulled the line back, I took the fish, I pulled the spear out and wanting to say I'm sorry, I held him up and let him go and he's flopping kind of sideways and then ... bit by bit, bite by bite, [his fish friends] *ate him!* Right in front of my eyes, he disappeared! ... Do you know what they call a group of fish? A school! That's terrible! I'm a school teacher! I don't want to be a part of anything like that! ... But then I realized there is at least some good news. I'm sure glad a group of fish isn't called a church."

— *Bob Uhrig, husband of NAD Children's Ministries director Sherri Uhrig, speaking at NAD staff worship on Aug. 8, 2018*

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