

NAD NEWSPPOINTS

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The Oakwood University Aeolians achieved the highest scores in two categories to win big at the 10th edition of World Choir Games in Tshwane, South Africa. The choir competed in the categories of Spirituals, Musica Contemporanea, and University and College, besting more than 14 other choirs from around the world. [MORE](#)



Sixteen young Walla Walla University students and pastoral interns learned something through their life-changing, evangelistic trip to Retalhuleu, Guatemala, during the 2018 spring break. They all knew it in theory, but for the first time some of them directly experienced how eternal decisions are made when the Spirit moves. [MORE](#)



In mid-July, the Bainum Family Foundation and NYC Leadership Academy launched the ACE Academy Leadership Coaching Program, a two-year intensive program in the Columbia Union Conference designed to help 20 school administrators maximize their impact and better serve students.

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Finding something to do on an airplane has a new meaning for Dean LaBarba, M.D., who earlier this month traveled from Zurich to Los Angeles on a 12-hour flight and ended up saving the life of a fellow passenger after she abruptly collapsed. LaBarba, who graduated last month, was returning home after a celebratory trip to Sicily. [MORE](#)

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[New Bedford Hispanic Seventh-day Adventist Church Expands \(Mass.\)](#)

[Adventist Health Tehachapi Valley Sends Warning of "Spoofing" Scam \(Calif.\)](#)

[AMITA Health Adventist Medical Center Bolingbrook Hosts Free Family Movie Night \(Ill.\)](#)

[Adventist Health Portland Pitches Healthy Night of Fun with Portland Pickles \(Ore.\)](#)

[East Hartford Man Charged in Charity Adventist Church Burglary \(Conn.\)](#)

[Pocatello Adventist Church Plans Western-Themed Vacation Bible Experience for Children \(Ida.\)](#)

[Tobacco-Free College Policies, Like Those at Southwestern Adventist University, Increasing Nationwide \(Texas\)](#)

["Sea of Miracles" Vacation Bible Experience Coming to Tyler Adventist Church \(Texas\)](#)

[Nightclub Manager to Religious Broadcaster: Remembering George Corliss \(Mich.\)](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



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.



Copyright for Teachers and Pastors, with Dr. Pegi Flynt of Southern Adventist University, is a 2-hour mini-course from ALC, studying the legal responsibilities of educational and church leaders regarding copyright. This course covers the basics of copyright law, including the exclusive rights of copyright owners, what constitutes copyright infringement, and the concept of fair use. [Enroll for free](#) and earn 0.2 CEUs!

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](#)



ACS presents the Nonprofit Leadership

Certification Program, to be held Sept. 4-7. The program is designed to equip pastors, church



administration and nonprofit leaders with strategies and professional skills to successfully lead. NLCP focuses on three major learning outcomes: leadership skills, improvement of management knowledge, and changes in attitude of social dimensions of evangelism. [MORE](#)



Discovery Mountain, the award-winning children's audio adventure series produced by Jean Boonstra and the Voice of Prophecy, has launched its sixth season! "Being Neighborly" takes its theme from Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan. When a noisy plane crash interrupts Discovery Mountain camp, the aftermath raises the question, "Who is my neighbor?" Listen free at discoverymountain.com/listen!



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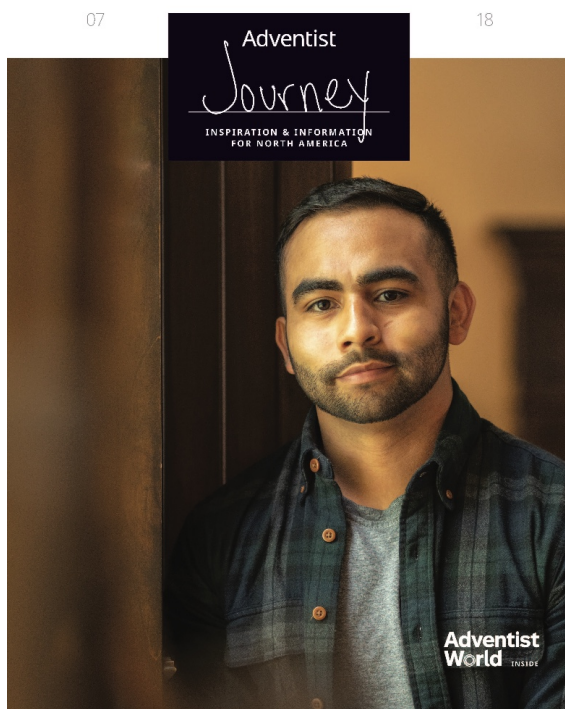
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Light and Joy to the Universe

"God is the source of life and light and joy to the universe. Like rays of light from the sun, like the streams of water bursting from a living spring, blessings flow out from Him to all His creatures. And wherever the life of God is in the hearts of men, it will flow out to others in love and blessing."

— *Ellen G. White, Steps to Christ, chapter 9, p. 77*

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