

# NAD NEWSPPOINTS

August 23, 2018



**U.S.-based Adventist Health System recently announced the organization** will change its name to AdventHealth as of January 2019, a transition AHS leaders say connects the health care system closer to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. [MORE](#)

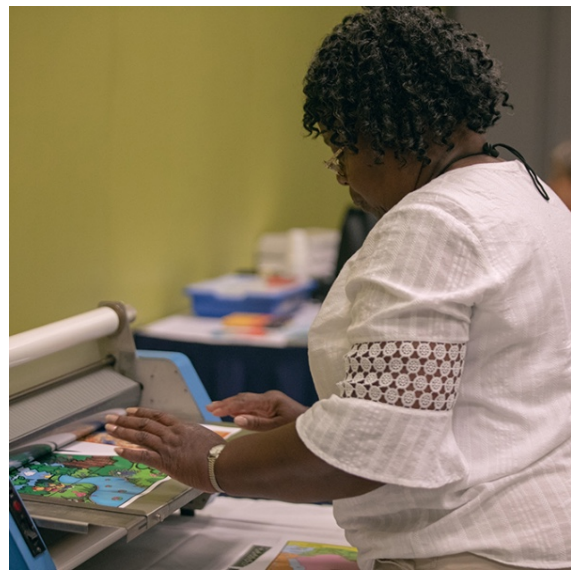


**On the final day of the 2018 NAD Teachers' Convention, about 250 teachers met** at 6:30 a.m. to participate in an anointing service. Attendees were encouraged to pray for the Holy Spirit to lead them and their colleagues during the upcoming school year. [MORE](#)



**After a battle with cancer and short time in hospice care, Jere Wallack**, former director of the North American Division's (NAD) Church Resource Center (CRC, later known as "Vervent"), and co-founder of Sonscreen Film Festival, passed away on Aug. 17.

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**For three days in August, a room in the south building of McCormick Place** was filled with reams of paper, five laminators, colored pencils, pairs of scissors — and 240 Adventist educators attending the NAD Teachers' Convention. Multi-grade teachers of small schools had the opportunity to color, laminate, and trim all the resources for five units of the new Encounter Bible curriculum. [MORE](#)



**Maranatha Volunteers International's annual mission trip for high-school teenagers**, Ultimate Workout, recently finished its 28th generation in Bolivia. A total of 167 teens and adults served at four locations in the



**Supporters of Adventist higher education now have additional opportunities** to help students pay for

Entre Ríos area from July 18-30. Every day, volunteer teams spread out to four different sites, each almost an hour away.

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tuition through two new scholarship funds established at La Sierra University in honor of noted alums Del Delker and Bailey Gillespie. [MORE](#)

## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Adventist Health Bakersfield Among Local Health Care Facilities to Upgrade Security Plans Following Active Shooter Scares \(Calif.\)](#)

[Adventist Health System Rebrands to AdventHealth, a Name They Say Signals the Arrival or Beginning of Health \(Fla.\)](#)

[Seventh-day Adventist School Students Start New Year with New School Bell \(Calif.\)](#)

[XsunX Installs Solar Carport for Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church \(Calif.\)](#)

[Health for Life: Wellness Clinic in Benton Harbor Provides Free Dental Services, Eye Exams \(Mich.\)](#)

[Closing Atlantic Union College Wraps Up Final Academic Programs \(Mass.\)](#)

[Templeton Hills Adventist School Faced with Growing Bee Colony \(Calif.\)](#)

[Melrose Adventist Childhood Development Center Distributes Free School Supplies \(Va.\)](#)

[Midland Adventist Church to Sponsor Free Dental Clinic Nov. 11 \(Mich.\)](#)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



**Time is almost up — 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.

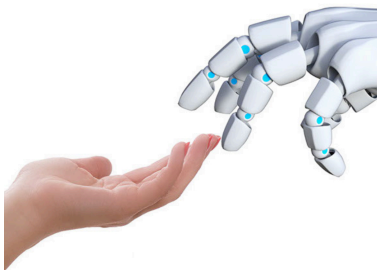
**Society of Adventist Communicators**

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

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](#).



**Are you interested in STEM education?** If you'd like to provide your students with a dynamic robotics program, take ALC's [Introduction to Adventist Robotics](#) course! In five modules, you'll learn about the FIRST<sup>®</sup> Robotics Competition and FIRST<sup>®</sup> Lego League. Hear first-hand accounts of the benefits of student robotics on academic careers—and beyond. To discover how to gain funding, volunteers, and how to register your program, [CLICK HERE](#) for this free 0.5 CEU course.



***The Appearings* is coming this October!** On Oct. 11-15, churches across North America will present a new series from the Voice of Prophecy called *The Appearings*, hosted by Pastor Shawn Boonstra and local pastors. Following in the footsteps of the award-winning *Shadow Empire* and *A Pale Horse Rides* series, this five-part event will only be available in local churches and will combine cutting-edge media with Bible clarity to reveal what Scripture actually says about the Second Coming. To encourage your church to host the series, [CLICK HERE!](#)

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- 25 [Offering: Local Conference Advance](#)
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### September

- 1 [Men's Day of Prayer](#)
- 1 [Offering: Local Church Budget](#)
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## **Digital Missionfield**

"The Seventh-day Adventist church began as a grassroots effort that became a global movement. The explosion of digital technologies is affording us the opportunity to once again unite in a common purpose to expand the gospel. We are more connected than ever before, and the mission field is huge."

— *Jamie Domm, digital strategist for the North American Division office of Big Data + Social Media*

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