"No organization can survive without dreams," says Dan Jackson, NAD president. "Our dreams can, when initiated by God and blessed by the work of His Spirit, become realities. In the NAD, we continue to focus on strategic thinking and planning." READ MORE of the president's thoughts on dreams accomplished in the division in 2018 and hopes for 2019.

Randal R. Wisbey, president of La Sierra University since 2007, has announced that he will step down from the presidency on June 30 of this year. In a letter to the university community, President Wisbey shared that the decision was a difficult one. MORE
Like the passing of a torch, committed Adventists have passed the privilege/responsibility of working for the church's healing ministry from generation to generation. Children in countless families have continued the legacy of extending the healing ministry of Christ in hospitals and care sites. MORE

The flight hours required for students in the Andrews University department of aviation to qualify for the airline pilot license, or the Airline Transport Pilot Certificate (ATP), were reduced as authorized by the Federal Aviation Administration. The reduction saves hundreds of hours of related cost and training that students are usually forced to acquire after completing their undergraduate programs. MORE

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

Young Seventh-day Adventist Minister Leads Metro Congregation (Ore.)

For 26th Year, Southern Adventist University Honors Martin Luther King Jr. Through Service

Living Like a Leader: A Day with Adventist Health Chief Clinical Officer Dr. Hoda Asmar (Calif.)

"Back to the Beginning" Sermon Series Begins at Alamosa Adventist Church (Colo.)

Baby Registry Gifts Pour in for Kelsey Berreth's Daughter, Kaylee (Colo.)

Community Invited to Adventist Health Hospice "Reading of the Names" Ceremony (Ore.)
ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES

Someone confides in you that they are the victim of abuse. Do you know how to respond? Review the latest enditnowNAD resource: a decision tree to help pastors (and others) navigate how to help a victim. Learn how you can provide emotional support and when you should refer to law enforcement for immediate help. For more resources from #enditnowNAD, CLICK HERE.

RISE UP RALLY is the official launch of the new "RISE UP AGAINST ABUSE" initiative, dedicated to fighting all forms of abuse through awareness, education, intervention and prevention. RISE UP RALLY is honored to present workshops, trainings, presentations, expert panels and a special concert with Sarah Kelly and Jonas Ekman. REGISTER TODAY for a chance to connect, share, learn, and RISE UP together!

"Praying Our Way Through! An Adventist Ministries Pre-Convention Event" will feature James Black, director of NAD Prayer Ministries, Daniel R. Jackson, NAD president, and many others as they lead special prayer services in Albuquerque, N.M., Jan. 11-13, 2019. NAD Prayer Ministries has planned this pre-conference call-to-prayer event as an extra blessing prior to the Adventist Ministries Convention. To attend, register now!

The NAD Health Summit is held once every 2-3 years in order to provide training, networking, and inspiration for anyone involved with (or interested in)
health ministries. This year's theme is "Healing of the Nations." The summit will be held in Jan. 20-26, 2019, in Albuquerque, N.M. CLICK HERE for more info.

YOU MATTER TO GOD! Share this important message with your family, friends, neighbors, and others. Order the free LifeTalk Sharing Cards online at LifeTalk.net/sharing-cards/. They are a great little gift for anyone, and they are FREE from LifeTalk. Sharing the Good News about God is easier than ever!

ALC's The Living Leadership Model 2-hour mini-course develops the skills necessary to be an effective leader in your church. Learn how to get a task completed properly — and within an acceptable timeframe — and examine tools and skills for self-motivation. Earn 0.1 continuing education units (CEU) and a training certificate in your Adventist Learning Community ePortfolio.

NAD Family Ministries is happy to announce that their new resource book, Grandparenting: Giving our Grandchild a GRAND View of God, is featured prominently on the Legacy Coalition (Christian grandparents and church leaders) online resource center. This new tool, by Drs. Claudio and Pamela Consuegra, is available in English and Spanish from AdventSource. This resource is embedded with research, practical ideas, and discussion questions that may be used by individuals or small groups to explore their God-given role of grandparenting.

NAD Adventist Community Services is offering
scholarships to doctoral students in the 2019 Urban Ministry D.Min. Program at Andrews University. Scholarships are in the amount of $1,000 per year for four years and will be presented to ten participants of this cohort. The application deadline to secure a place in the new Urban Ministry cohort is Jan. 31, 2019. CLICK HERE to ask for more information.

The Adventist English Association Conference, June 20-23, 2019, at Southern Adventist University and Oakwood University, will address the theme “Diversity in Adventist English Education.” How is the Adventist English teacher’s work impacted by the current social, political and religious context? Visit our website to see the Call for Papers, and submit your proposal by Jan. 18, 2019, HERE. Early bird registration closes March 1, 2019.

2019 NAD Human Resources Conference to be held on April 21-23, 2019. The conference is planned for all conference/union human resources directors, secretaries, treasurers, academy treasurers, college and university directors and university VPs of finance. Get Early Bird registration through February 28! Reserve a hotel by March 28.

CALENDAR

January

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NAD Year-End Meeting Report: "Division Focuses on "Working Together With Jesus," by Kimberly Luste Maran and Mylon Medley, pp. 08-10

Guest Perspective: "Hearts Are Hurting, But Hope Still Abounds," by Kris Akenberger, p. 13

This magazine is mailed to Adventists in North America; click HERE to download the PDF.
"Peace is that abiding trust that whatever is happening to me now I trust that I'm in God's hands. Peace is abiding confidence that God is in control. In spite of the external circumstances, external challenges, the difficulties, and the trials that may come into my life, God is in control.

"That is what Jesus had in Gethsemane. That's what He had on the cross. ... By faith He said, 'I'm going to believe what God said, what the Father and I agreed to, and I'm going to trust in His word in spite of the external circumstances.'"

— G. Alexander Bryant, executive secretary, during NAD staff worship on Jan. 9, 2019