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NEWSPOINTS

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More than 600 ministry leaders gathered in Albuquerque, N.M. for the “Stronger United: Many Voices, One Vision” Adventist Ministries Convention. The convention, held Jan. 13-16, brought conference, union, and division ministry partners together to inspire, educate, and renew church ministry leaders across the NAD. [MORE](#)



Roscoe J. Howard, former NAD executive secretary, passed away in Apopka, Florida, on Jan. 21, 2019, after a struggle with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). Howard was working as vice president for Missions for Adventist Health System (now AdventHealth) when, in 2015, he was diagnosed with the disease. He was 64. [MORE](#)



Special preview: 2018 Sonscreen filmmaker "confessionals" will be featured with an *Adventist Journey* magazine story in March, but you can [WATCH](#) this 5-minute video now! Sonscreen Film Festival is the NAD's annual gathering for Christian young adults who have a passion for using film/video to create timely and relevant productions for social awareness, outreach, and uplifting creative entertainment.



Two things quickly stand out as you visit with 15-year-old Gilead Tarus. He has a great smile; and he has an unusually calm, peaceful spirit. Both qualities come from a life grounded in Jesus. Tarus has also preached at his church twice. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Seventh-day Adventist Church Looks to Share Main Street Building with Dexter Community \(Me.\)](#)

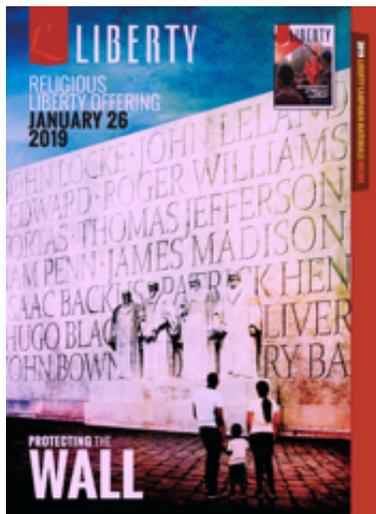
[Trailer Stolen from Ooltewah Adventist Church Friday Morning \(Tenn.\)](#)

[Moo-ving On: Andrews Says Goodbye to Dairy Farm \(Mich.\)](#)

[Volunteers from Adventist Church in Lamont Serve Their Communities on MLK Jr. Day \(Calif.\)](#)

[Financial Peace University Coming to Claremore Adventist Church \(Tenn.\)](#)

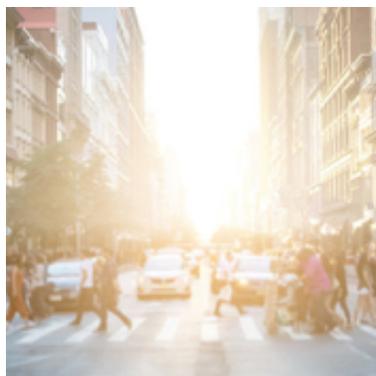
ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



Religious Liberty Sabbath is *this* Saturday, Jan. 26. In Adventist congregations around the world, people will be engaged in our 2019 Religious Liberty Sabbath campaign, "Protecting the Wall." At the wall of separation between Church and State, the government is restrained from interfering with the free practice and expression of religion, and the Church redirects her mission of sharing God's love with the world, through the soft power of her influence instead of legislative force. [CLICK HERE](#) for more, including 2019 materials.



ALC's Managing and Resolving Conflict Course clarifies the value of conflict in the Church. Conflict is a necessary aspect of community life, and, when properly led, can be a generative force for change and organizational health. This course focuses on pastors as primary conflict intervention leaders and equips them with an understanding of conflict dynamics to effectively lead a congregation toward reconciliation and relational health. [CLICK HERE](#) for more.



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.

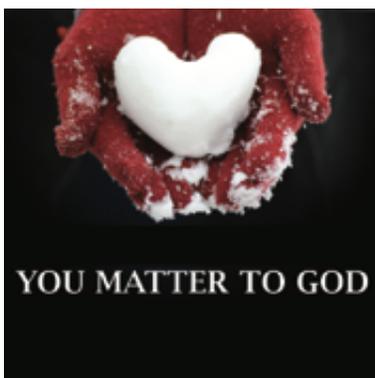
On Feb. 9, celebrate Adventist television ministries by giving a special offering. Adventist



television has been around for decades, almost since the inception of TV. Thousands have been introduced to the truth through the TV ministry of [Breath of Life](#), [Faith for Today](#), [It Is Written](#), and [Jesus 101](#). Your support allows the Gospel to continue to be shared today. [CLICK HERE](#) for a video about Adventist TV ministries.



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 will 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! Event is March 7-10.



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!



Participate in the Pacific Press Ambassador Program, earn money back! When your local church participates in the Ambassador program, you're earning money for ministries at your church *and* supporting the publishing ministry of the church. Simply put, when a church joins the program and purchases Adventist literature from www.adventistbookcenter.com, it will receive an annual cash donation from Pacific Press® for 10 percent of purchases. This donation can be used to support the ministry of your church's choice. How about using those funds for the upcoming Oshkosh camporee? [CLICK HERE](#) to join the program.



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.

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VIEWPOINTS



United, Across North America

"We hope to see you in each one of our many [breakout session] rooms as we continue to dream of a united church, which is not only talking about Jesus but living like Jesus every day. Not only a church with a big mouth yet amputated arms and legs. But rather a church that is the eyes, the heart, the arms, and the feet of Jesus in our cities, in our towns, on our islands across the North American Division."

—Jose Cortes Jr., during his Ted Talk-styled presentation at the 2019 Adventist Ministries Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico

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