



News and Information from the North American Division

NEWSPOINTS

March 28, 2019



More than 1,200 youth and young adults in the United States' fourth largest city rallied together to give testimonies of how their Pathfinder clubs and youth groups spread the love of Christ on Global Youth Day. The youth rally took place on the afternoon of March 16 at the World Harvest Outreach Seventh-day Adventist Church in Houston, Texas.

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On March 8, the Versacare Foundation awarded \$1,159,000 in grant funding to Adventist

Education, including \$920,000 to 118 primary and secondary schools across the United States and Canada in support of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) education. MORE



Message magazine is partnering with regional conference Personal Ministries directors and leaders of the Adventist Church in the Touch 10K Challenge to impact the lives of 100,000 people in major cities across the Us. On Sabbath, May 4, members from Seventh-day Adventist churches will take to the streets in urban areas to touch the lives of people with prayer and a special edition of Message. MORE



Gabriela Phillips and Gerald
Babenezhad, two leaders part of



The community service efforts of the Emmanuel-Brinklow Seventh-day Adventist Church in Ashton, Md., have caught the notice of local and state government leaders. The congregation recently received a citation from the Maryland General Assembly for its "Brinklow Cares" initiative. MORE



The 14-year-old patient sitting in front of me insisted that her decision to become a vegan was unrelated to being bullied and called "chubby" in elementary school. Instead,

Adventist-Muslim Relations in the NAD, reached out to Muslim neighbors and a local mosque following the news of the March 15 massacre of Muslim worshipers in Christchurch, New Zealand. Their stories share what happened during those visits. MORE

she cited reasons related to animal rights and a desire to become "healthier."

Nothing about the straight-A student with severe muscle wasting, skeletal limbs, and a protruding abdomen heralding liver failure was healthy. This local teen was unlike any eating disordered patient I had ever encountered. MORE

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

8-Year-Old Queens Fire Victim Tighani Jones Remembered with Tears, Love, at Funeral (N.Y.)

Mt. Pisgah Seventh-day Adventist Church Damaged in Fire (Ala.)

God's Closet Hosting Special Event at Elkins Adventist Church (W.V.)

Holocaust Survivor Eva Kor to Speak at Southern Adventist University (Tenn.)

Bethel Adventist Church Presents News 6 with Community Service Award (Fla.)

Mount Tahoma Adventist Church Offering Free Blood Pressure Monitoring (Wash.)

Emanuel Adventist Church Collaborates to Offer Hope in Albany Food Desert (Ga.)

<u>Long-Time Newspaper Editor and Adventist Church Member, Battling Cancer, Retires Early (Colo.)</u>

<u>Loma Linda University Study Says Small Amount of Red Meat May Boost Premature</u>

<u>Death Risk by 18 Percent [video]</u>

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES

The 2019 EvangeLead Conference, to be held April 1-3, invites pastors, church leaders, evangelists, and lay leaders to join together in learning strategies for



creating a culture of outreach and evangelism. Explore important topics, such as why evangelism still works, why Adventist churches grow differently, and strategies for reaching your community. LEARN MORE.



The NAD All-Night Prayer Call is April 4-5, from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Eastern Time. NAD prayer leaders will serve as "prayer hosts" throughout the night. Let's give thanks; let's share needs; let's pray together! Call 404-891-6338; access code is Prayer# (772937#).



ICISF Emotional & Spiritual Care Classes will be offered April 14-19, by NAD Adventist Community Services. Join Michael Lombardo, D. Min, BCC at the NAD headquarters in Columbia, Md., for the "Group Crisis Intervention" (April 14-15) course, and Martin W. Feldbush, D. Min., BCC for "Advanced Group Crisis Intervention" (April 16-17) and "Grief Following Trauma" (April 18-19) courses. Register online HERE.



"You Matter to God" Sharing Cards this Spring! Share this important hope-filled message with your family, friends, neighbors, and community contacts. Cards are perfect for sharing your faith one-on-one, and during church outreach events in your community. A great little gift for everyone, they are FREE from LifeTalk Radio. Just order the new LifeTalk Sharing Cards online at www.lifetalk.sharing-cards/.

HR professionals: Join us for the 2019 NAD Human Resources Conference on April 21-23. The conference is planned for all conference/union



human resources directors, secretaries, treasurers, academy treasurers, college and university directors and university VPs of finance. Last day: <u>Registration</u> open through March 28; <u>Reserve a hotel</u> by March 28.



Attend the Voice of Prophecy's "believe"

Conference at the NAD this May! Join the Voice of Prophecy for the *believe* conference May 5-8 at the North American Division Headquarters. This event is free for NAD administrators, pastors, and lay leaders, and will feature Pastor Shawn Boonstra and other guest speakers. During this event, you'll discover the latest tools and practices for growing your church. Learn more at <u>vopbelieve.org</u>.



ALC is offering a special course on "How to Run Community Health Programs: CHIP, Native Ministries, & Others." This course provides strategies for funding community health programs in your church. You will hear from healthcare professionals, business professionals, and local church members who are running successful health ministries! Get inspired, create a health ministry team, and make impact in your church today. Earn 1 CEU.



Registration is now open for the 180

Symposium! It will take place May 7-9 at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich. This symposium addresses current issues facing youth ministries, while seeking to generate principles for effective and healthy change through moderated discussion between administrators, academics, and practitioners in youth ministry. Register at https://www.cye.org/ministries/180-symposium.



The Hope Sabbath School App is permanently

moving to the Hope Channel App starting March 30! This exciting update will make your app experience even better! To learn more about this important transition, and to get the latest Hope Channel App, click on this

link: https://www.hopetv.org/hopess/app

EVENTS CALENDAR

March **March Focus:**

30 Thirteenth Sabbath Offering

30 Offering: NAD Evangelism

April April Focus: Stewardship

6 Missionary Magazines (Signs, Message, El Centinela)

6 Offering: Local Church Budget

13 Stewardship Sabbath

13 Offering: World Budget

13-14 Day of Hope and Compassion

20 Literature Evangelism Sabbath

20 Offering: Local Church Budget

27 **Education Sabbath**

27 Offering: Local Conference Advance

29-5 Screen-Free Week

Women in the Church

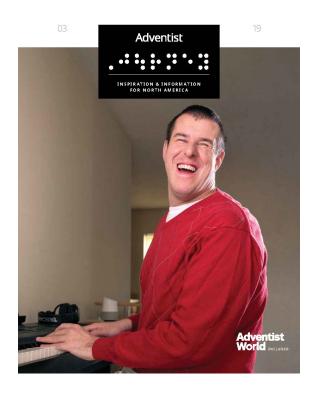
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Camp Meeting Calendar

ADVENTIST JOURNEY

Feature: "More Screentime Needed," by

Kimberly Luste Maran, pp. 04-08

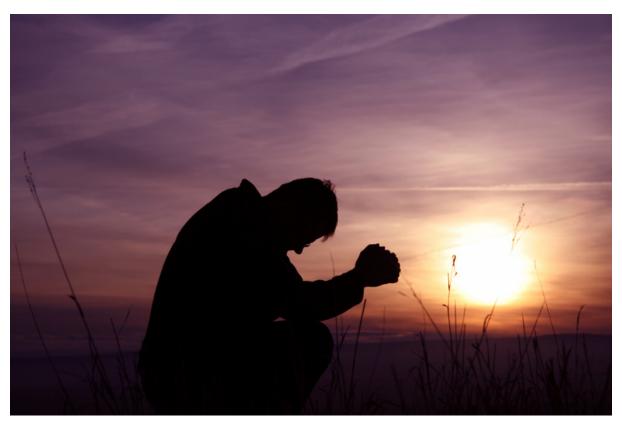


NAD News Briefs: "Three Loma Linda University Health Pioneers Remembered," "Physicians Conduct Wholeness Screenings for Better Mental and Spiritual Health," "Texas Church Plant Connects with Community," pp. 10-12

Perspective: "Our Plans Versus God's Plans," by Melissa Reid, p. 13

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VIEWPOINTS



The Power Within

"Romans 8 vividly portrays what Christ can do for the Christian. God's forgiveness releases

the sinner not only from future punishment, but from guilt and condemnation now! ... The person in Christ is a law keeper because the Holy Spirit is a driving, motivating power within."

— Daniel R. Guild, author, former general manager of the Voice of Prophecy (1972-1985), from the 2001 daily devotional book, The Best News Ever, p. 241

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