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# NEWSPOINTS

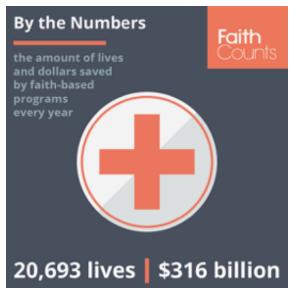
September 11, 2019



The Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary Chapel at Andrews University was full during the afternoon and early evening on Sept. 4, the first day of the NAD's 2019 enditnow Summit on Abuse. This is the division's third summit, which broadcast over two days in English and Spanish and the first to be held on a university campus. Read MORE; and watch the video report.



Buford Griffith, executive secretary and director of Family Ministries and Religious Liberty for the Southwestern Union, and Carmen Griffith, director of Southwestern Union's Women's Ministries and Ministerial Spouses Ministries, received the 2019 NAD Family Ministries Distinguished Service Award on July 20. MORE



# A new study from Faith Counts, a nonprofit, multifaith organization,

led by sociologist Dr. Brian Grim of Baylor University and published in the Journal of Religion and Health, looks at the role of religious and spiritual faith in preventing and recovering from substance use disorder. <u>MORE</u>



COMMENTARY: For my children, born after the infamous date of Sept. 11, 2011, there is no recollection, no memory. What do I teach them about this event, about life, and about faith? MORE

## **ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS**

In The Bahamas, Adventist Church Confirms Death of One Member, Relief Efforts Underway

New High School Planned for Burman University Campus in Lacombe (Ab.)

Drinking Water Misuse in Paradise (Calif.)

Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office, Littleton Adventist Hospital and Denver7 Partner to Fight Cancer (Colo.)

Hundreds Turn Out for Free Healthcare in Newport News (Va.)

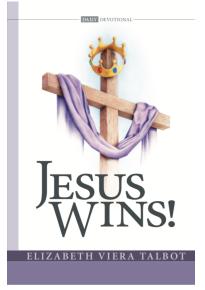
Midland Resident Enjoys Restoring, Donating Bikes (Mich.)

SWAU Inspires Pathfinders (Texas)

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES**







## The 4th annual Conscience & Justice Council (CJC) Convention tackles the theme of Faith,

Community and Justice. Speakers include Barry Black, U.S. Senate Chaplain; Raymond Santana, Central Park 5; Dedrick Blue, School of Theology, Oakwood University; Scott Ritsema, executive director, Belt of Truth Ministries; and Jo Ann Davidson, professor of Systematic Theology Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. Plan to join us in Atlanta, Ga., on Sept. 26-29. Additional information, including registration info, is available at <u>www.cjcouncil.org</u> or (800) 732-7587. Hurry! Early Bird specials are available until Sept. 19.

#### ACS presents the Nonprofit Leadership

**Certification Program**, to be held Sept. 16-19. 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. <u>MORE</u>

#### Pacific Press and Jesus 101 Release the 2020 Daily Devotional Book, *Jesus Wins!* Elizabeth

Talbot, speaker/director for the Jesus 101 Biblical Institute, has authored the newly released 2020 daily devotional book for adults entitled *Jesus Wins!* published by Pacific Press. Revisit the stories of Jesus and His followers in this life-changing daily devotional. This book helps readers to view the circumstances around them through the lenses of faith, and draws them to the foot of the cross, to see Jesus more clearly. Available now at <u>www.adventistbookcenter.com</u> and <u>www.Jesus101.tv</u>.



CHILDREN'S SABBATH CURRICULUM IS HERE!





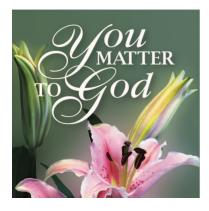
ALC's "Adventist History – Tell The World" course examines the beginnings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church as described in the movie "Tell the World," highlighting the major events that influenced our pioneers and shaped our early church. Emphasis is given to God's leading and inspiration to the founders in their earnest search for truth. This course is applicable as one of the courses required for Seventhday Adventist teacher certification and <u>EARN 1 CEU</u>.

Children's Sabbath (Oct. 5) resources are

**available now!** Check out the free downloads for the "God's Amazing Grace" program, a lesson on God's unconditional love for all of us. Find posters, order of service ideas, optional activity suggestions, and even a letter for your pastor! For more information, visit NAD Children's Ministries' <u>Children's Sabbath 2019 page</u>.

Join the Society of Adventist Communicators in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on Oct. 17-19! If you missed this super early-bird registration, don't fret! You can still catch the early-bird special. Pay just \$375 when you register before Sept. 30. Price goes up to \$400 on Sept. 30. Spouse rate is \$350. <u>Click here</u> to register/find out the special student rate; check out presenters <u>HERE</u>.

ACF is a student organization within the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, with the mission and purpose to serve our students that attend non-Adventist schools. About 70% of the youth in our church attend non-Adventist colleges and universities. This is a ministry to connect these young people to Christ through a fellowship on their campuses. As a division-wide organization, we operate with chapters on individual campuses, supported by local churches. <u>CLICK HERE</u> to learn more.



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#### **EVENTS CALENDAR**

### September

8-14	Nurture Periodicals (Adventist Review,
	Guide, Primary Treasure, Little Friend)

- 8-14 Family Togetherness Week
- 14 Family Togetherness Sabbath
- 14 InStep Day
- 14 Offering: Local Church Budget
- 15-21 Let's Move Week/Health Education Week/Vibrant Life
- 15-21 Hispanic Heritage Week
- 21 Offering: Local Church Budget
- 22-26 Deaf Christian Women's Ministry Annual Retreat
- 28 <u>Thirteenth Sabbath Offering: East-Central</u> <u>Africa Division</u>
- 28 Offering: Local Conference Advance

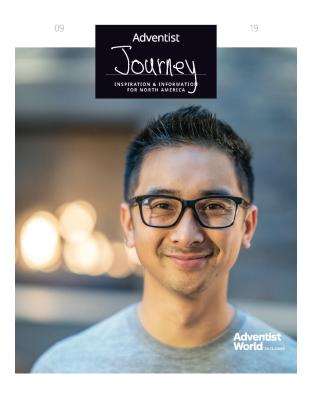
September Focus: <u>Health</u>

#### **Adventist Mission**

Camp Meeting Calendar

#### **ADVENTIST JOURNEY**

**Feature:** "Listen, Get Involved, Make a Difference" by Kimberly Luste Maran, pp. 04-07



**NAD Update:** "Using Robots to Build Kids" by Kimberly Luste Maran, pp. 08-09

NAD News Briefs: pp. 10-11 - "La Sierra University Board of Trustees Selects New President;" "Harold W. Baptiste, Former NAD Secretary, Passes Away;" "Canadian Church Transforms Homes and Lives;" "Pacific Union Conference Hosts NAD Asian-Pacific Pastors' Convention;" "A New Sabbath School Experience"

**Perspective:** "Partners in Preparing the Harvest" by Carl McRoy, p. 13

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#### **VIEWPOINTS**



**Go Forward With God** 

""I have three lessons to share: 1. Don't let fear determine your destiny. Go forward with God. 2. Courage is not the absence of fear, it's going forward in spite it. 3. We draw courage from each other. In our professional lives, and even in our personal lives, we cannot do it ourselves. God has put us in community to support us, and sometimes even to challenge us."

- Bonita J. Shields, NAD Stewardship ministries director, during NAD staff worship on Sept. 11, 2019

#### NAD MEDIA MINISTRIES

















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