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News and Information from the North American Division

NEWSPOINTS



More than 100 people from diverse faith traditions attended the second annual Religious

Freedom Prayer Breakfast hosted by NAD. The event held on Jan. 16, 2020, recognized Religious Freedom Day in the U.S., and included prayer for elected officials, the community, the nation, for peace and places of worship, and for unity of spirit. <u>MORE</u>

January 22, 2020

Speakers/directors Mike Tucker and Roy Ice get to know each other as they take some "down-time" to chat about leading the ministry of Faith For Today. The two will work together as Ice transitions to speaker/director of the Adventist media ministry in 2020. Turning 70 this year, Faith For Today is the oldest religious television broadcast in the world. WATCH the video.



Andrews University continues to expand efforts to be a blessing to those beyond its campus. The first annual Celebration of Community Engagement recently took place on campus. The program included a "poster session," musical selections, and video presentations highlighting more than a dozen university departments and clubs involved in community projects led by professors and students. <u>MORE</u>



Start 2020 off right by making the most of your digital influence. Use our checklist to help you evaluate your social media profiles and identify areas of potential change or improvement. Whether you have four friends or four thousand, as disciples we must strive to reflect Christ always. We cannot do this effectively when our words or actions send mixed or divisive messages. <u>MORE</u>

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

Waldport Seventh-day Adventist Church Hosts "Final Empire" Series (Ore.)

Southern Students Hold Clothing Street Store for Martin Luther King Day (Tenn.)

Elmira Adventist Church to be Blood Donation Site as Red Cross Faces Shortage (N.Y.)

Myrtle Beach Seventh-day Adventist Christian School Prepares for First Float Entry in MLK Day Parade (S.C.)

Adventist Community Service Center Coming to Irons with Help from Grant (Mich.)

La Porte Seventh-day Adventist Church to Consider America's Origins, Dilemmas in Final Empire Series (Ind.) Mile High Academy Student Found Dead in Suspected Murder-Suicide Identified (Colo.)

SWAU, Keene Fire Department Partner for Nursing Students (Tex.)

Denver Park Hill Adventist Church Pastor Presents Keynote at MLK Day Celebration (Colo.)

Blackberry Seventh-day Adventist Church Sponsors "Final Empire" (Minn.)

Announcements & Resources



Be Part of Safety Sabbath 2020! Safety Sabbath 2020 is just around the corner! Join churches all around the North American Division in this fifth annual church safety event. Register at <u>SafetySabbath.com</u> to get free resources and guides on emergency drills and planning. Show you care by making your church a safer place to worship.



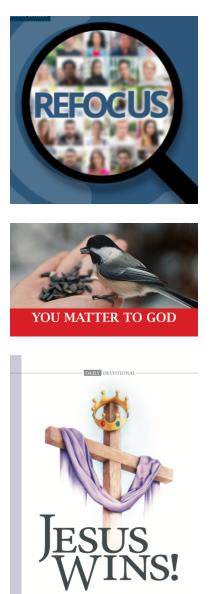
ALC's Principles of Retirement

course emphasizes the importance of a prudent retirement plan for North American Division employees. Participants will experience the unique Adventist Retirement approach to prepare for a modest, sustainable standard of living in the retirement years by utilizing the NAD Retirement Plans. The course is primarily targeted at those who are within 10 years of retirement, although younger employees can discover valuable concepts for long-term financial wellness. <u>EARN 0.5 CEUs</u>.

The 2020 EvangeLead Conference, to be held April 6-8, is a yearly training and vision casting event to help pastors and members better understand how to effectively reach their communities and to turn their churches into evangelistic powerhouses. Learn how to do evangelism that actually



works to reach real people. Presenters include active leaders who are guiding their churches to be the fastest growing churches in their conferences. LEARN MORE.



CACLED PASTORS' FAMILY CONVENTION JUNE 21-24, 2020 LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

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The 2020 NAD Human Resources Conference will be held on April 26-28, 2020. The conference is planned for all conference/union human resources directors, secretaries, treasurers, academy treasurers, education directors, and university VPs of finance. Get Early Bird registration through February 27! Reserve a hotel by March 26.

NEW FAITH-SHARING CARDS from LifeTalk Radio are now available. See the newest "You Matter to God" sharing card designs at <u>https://lifetalk.net/sharingcards/</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! Revisit the stories of Jesus and His followers in this lifechanging daily devotional. View the circumstances around you through the lenses of faith, and see Jesus more clearly. <u>WATCH</u> this video to learn more. Available now at <u>www.adventistbookcenter.com</u> and <u>www.Jesus101.tv</u>.

If you are a pastor, chaplain, volunteer lay pastor, administrator, Bible instructor,

seminarian, pastor's spouse, son or daughter of a pastor, the CALLED Pastors' Family Convention is for you! If you have experienced great highs and lows in ministry, this convention is for you! If you have ever pastored a church or district, this convention is for you! <u>CLICK HERE</u> for more info. Dates: June 21-24.

EVENTS CALENDAR

January

- 19-24 Religious Liberty Week
- 25 Religious Liberty Sabbath
- 25 <u>Offering: North American Division</u> (Emphasis: Religious Liberty)

February

- 1-29 Black History Month
- 1 <u>Offering: Local Church Budget</u>
- 8 Christian Marriage Sabbath
- 8 <u>Offering:</u> World Budget (Emphasis: Adventist Television Ministries)
- 8-15 Christian Home and Marriage Week
- 15 <u>Christian Parenting Sabbath</u>
- 15 Offering: Local Church Budget
- 22 Offering: Local Conference Advance
- 29 Offering: NAD Evangelism

January Focus: Friendship Evangelism

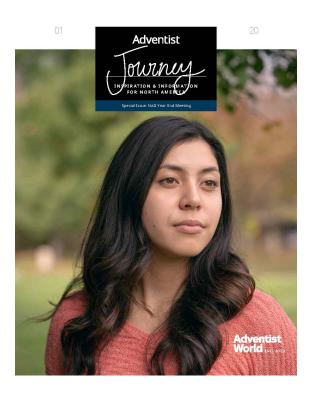
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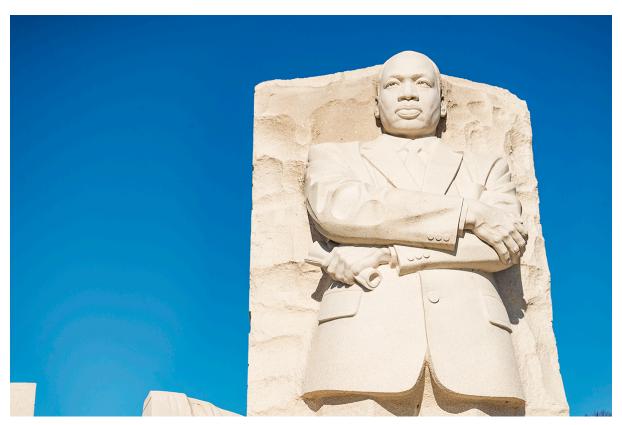
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Perspective: "Troubled Resolutions" by Angeline B. David, p. 13

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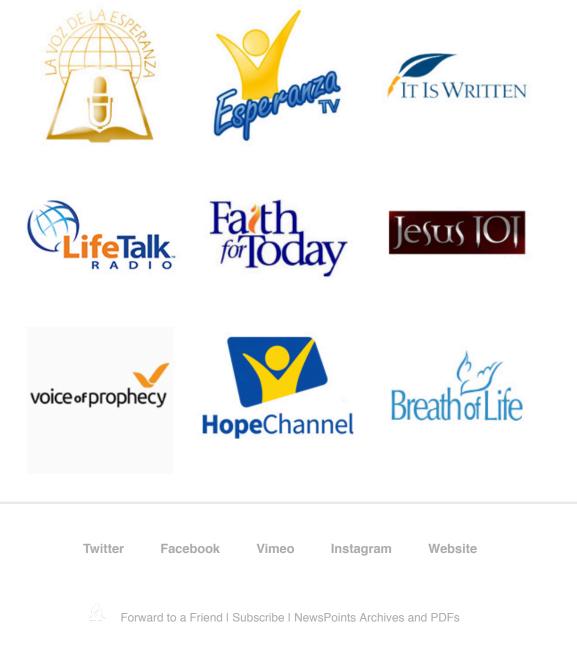
Looking to the Interests of Others

"The first question which the priest and the Levite asked was: 'If I stop to help this man,

what will happen to me?' But... the good Samaritan reversed the question: 'If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?'"

- Martin Luther King Jr. giving his "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speech in Memphis, Tennessee, April 3, 1968.

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