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NEWSPOINTS

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On Monday, Feb. 24, a nearly nine-year journey came to an end when the U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear Patterson v. Walgreens. This case came out of Walgreens' decision to terminate Darrell Patterson because he failed to work on a single Sabbath in 2011. While disappointing that the court didn't take Patterson, the fact is his case moved the cause of religious liberty in the workplace forward. [MORE](#)



At the 2019 General Conference Spring Meeting, two world divisions of the church officially entered into a partnership with the NAD's Hope for Humanity's literacy program, Partners in Mission. From these partnerships, training is now occurring in India, with the new Hope 4 Kolkata program. In the Philippines, Partners in Mission is working with the SULADS organization to bring literacy to adults in remote areas. [MORE](#)



On Feb. 14-16, 230 youth and young adults attended the Lake Union Youth Evangelism Congress in Shipshewana, Indiana. This unique event is the only one of its kind in that it provides young people with a matching fund opportunity of \$100,000 to make creative evangelism opportunities in their local church a reality. [MORE](#)



“I thought God was done using me after teaching for 34 years,” says Belinda Ennes, “but instead He’s given me the greatest adventure of my life!” Ennes, one of a number of retirees in the mission field, is serving as principal at the Adventist school on the tropical island of Yap in the Pacific Ocean. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[\[VIDEO\] Adventist Health Castle - Therapy Dogs \(Hawaii\)](#)

[The First Black Man in Kent County to Buy Land was a Political and Religious Trailblazer \(Mich.\)](#)

[Honoring Irene: Civil Rights Activist Irene Morgan Receives Historical Marker in Gloucester Co. for Desegregating Interstate Buses \(Va.\)](#)

[\[VIDEO\] New Life Seventh-day Adventist Church Hosting Inaugural International Day of Praise Event \(Okla.\)](#)

[Weniger Society Honors Loma Linda University Health President \(Calif.\)](#)

[What Are You Doing to Help Your Heart? Adventist Health Sonora Encourages Walking \(Calif.\)](#)

[Plant-Based Diet Not Just for Lent \(Hawaii\)](#)

[Remembering William Shea: 'Through faith in God's Word, I have found peace.'](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



The NAD [All-Night Prayer Call](#) is March 5-6, 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#).



Be Part of Safety Sabbath 2020! Safety Sabbath 2020, on March 28, is just around the corner! Join churches all around the North American Division in this fifth annual church safety event. Register at SafetySabbath.com to get free resources and guides on emergency drills and planning. Show you care by making your church a safer place to worship.



Help others over their addictions and addictive behaviors by becoming a facilitator for the Journey to Wholeness addiction recovery program.

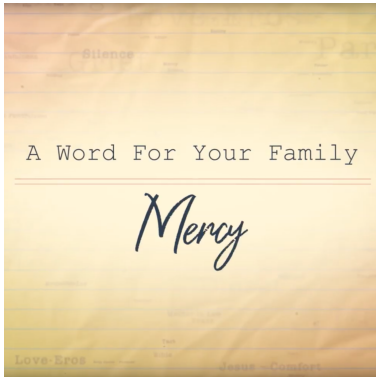
Training runs March 27-29, and complements the free online training to become a Journey to Wholeness facilitator. Through this versatile program, you can help empower individuals to live a transformed life filled with hope. This training event will be held at the Vallejo Drive Church, Glendale, California. More info:

<https://nadhealth.org/events/>.

The 2020 Sonscreen Film Festival will take place April 2-4 in Loma Linda, Calif., followed by CoLab on Sunday, April 5. Sonscreen is an annual



gathering for Christian filmmakers, artists, and all those who have a passion for film for the purpose of creating timely and relevant productions. Registration is open now! [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.



A Word for Your Family from NAD Family Ministries: King Solomon wrote, “A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver,” Proverbs 25:11 (ESV). [CLICK HERE](#) for 52 words and accompanying videos that will encourage you, inspire you, and make you think. They are words we often use without a second thought, and words about which we must think carefully. Share with friends or show them in your church!



FREE SHARING CARDS FOR YOU! Just in time to include with Valentine cards and gifts, new LifeTalk “God Loves You” cards help you to share God’s love easily. Remind someone that God loves them with a LifeTalk sharing card. You can choose from 30 different card designs and order your favorites for free at: LifeTalk.net/sharing-cards.



Build a Thriving Church for ALL Generations: The *Adventist Northwest Growing Young Cohort* offers an exclusive year-long training opportunity for churches ready to build healthy culture for all generations, while reaching, loving, and empowering younger generations more effectively. A limited number of registration spots are now available for church teams from anywhere in the North American Division. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

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](#).



The 2020 NAD Human Resources Conference will be held on April 26-28. 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 Feb. 27! [Reserve a hotel](#) by March 26.

EVENTS CALENDAR

February

February Focus:
Family Life

- 1-29 [Black History Month](#)
- 29 [Offering: NAD Evangelism](#)

March

March Focus:
Women in the Church

- 7 [Offering: Local Church Budget](#)
- 7 [Women's Day of Prayer](#)
- 7-14 [Adventist Youth Week of Prayer](#)
- 14 [Offering: World Budget \(Emphasis: Adventist World Radio\)](#)
- 21 [Disabilities Awareness Sabbath](#)
- 21 [Global Youth Day](#)
- 21 [Weekend of Compassion](#)
- 21 [Offering: Local Church Budget](#)
- 28 [ARM Safety Sabbath](#)
- 28 [Thirteenth Sabbath Offering: Inter-European](#)

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And bids us view a happier clime,
Where verdant fields in beauty rise,
Beyond the withering blight of time;
And brings the blissful moments near,
When we in glory shall appear.”

— *Annie R. Smith, Adventist poet and song/hymn writer, "Toil On"*

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