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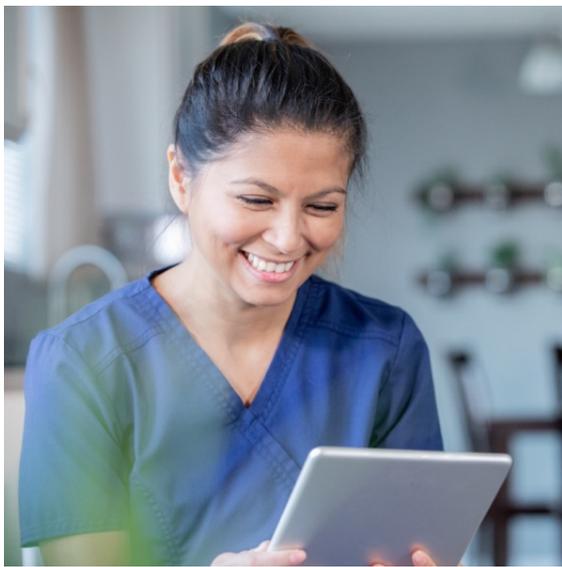
August 19, 2020



**The Executive Committee of the North American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church** voted on Aug. 18 to recommend the name of Kyoshin Ahn for the position of NAD executive secretary. Ahn's name was presented to the executive committee by the nominating committee, which met on Aug. 17. The GC Executive Committee will meet on Aug. 20 to vote the recommended name. [MORE](#)



**"After nearly 30 years of planning and discussing strategies for a full campus for Oakwood Adventist Academy, ... [the project] the is now completed!"** These were the opening words from Oakwood University Church senior pastor and OAA building project chairperson Carlton P. Byrd to the crowd of community residents, church members, and OAA employees, parents, and students gathered to witness the official opening on Aug. 9. [MORE](#)



**On Aug. 18, Synchronous Health, a behavioral health company that combines the strength of** human empathy with artificial intelligence AI, and Adventist Health, a faith-based nonprofit integrated multi-state health system serving more than 10 million people in more than 80 communities on the West Coast and Hawaii, announced a strategic partnership that provides customized behavioral healthcare and well-being solutions to key populations. [MORE](#)



**The Adventist colleges and universities in the NAD have been keeping their websites current** with the COVID-19 pandemic situation and opening/closing campuses and providing virtual courses. Several have updated their plans this week. [CLICK HERE](#) for our list of NAD higher education weblinks for the latest school updates.

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## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Adventist Health: When Family Emergencies Can't Wait \(Calif.\)](#)

[Private Schools, Including Skagit Adventist Academy, Prepare for In-Person Learning \(Wash.\)](#)

[Paradise Adventist Academy Seeks Waiver to Begin In-Person Instruction \(Calif.\)](#)

[Campion Seventh-day Adventist Church to Hear New Sermon Series \(Colo.\)](#)

[Shady Grove Adventist Hospital Participates in Maryland Department of Health COVID-19 Antibody Study](#)

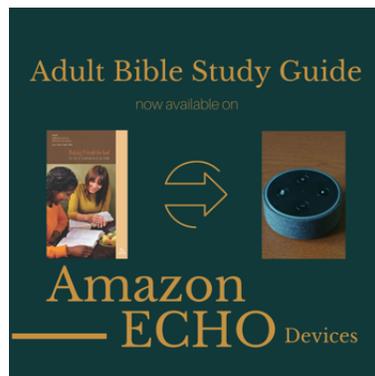
[Veterans Mobile Pantry Planned by Escanaba Seventh-day Adventist Pantry \(Mich.\)](#)

[Renewed Hope Food Pantry Sees Need for Food Aid Triple Since Start of COVID-19 Pandemic \(Mo.\)](#)

[AR Commentary: Is it Time to Close Our Churches? Maybe.](#)

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## NAD ONLINE DURING COVID-19



**The Adult Bible Study Guide is now available on Amazon Echo Devices!** Download the Amazon Alexa app and enable the skill titled *Daily Bible Study Guide* as a Flash Briefing through Alexa's Skills & Games Catalog. If you do not have an Amazon Echo device you can access audio recordings of the daily lesson on the [NAD Adult Ministries Media page](#).

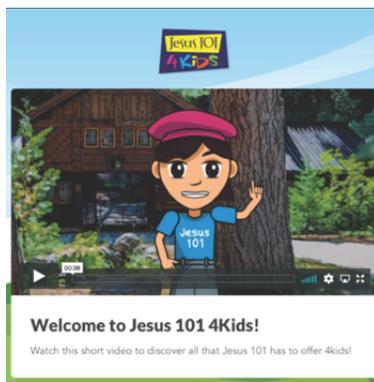


**Share encouragement with free Bible promise sharing cards from LifeTalk Radio.** It's a fast and easy way to share God's Word and show someone you care. It only takes a minute to choose from the beautiful designs at [LifeTalk.net/eCards](#), or order printed cards at [lifetalk.net/sharing-cards](#). Great for birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, thank you's, and get-well wishes, too. Another gift from LifeTalk Radio to brighten your day and help you to share God's love.

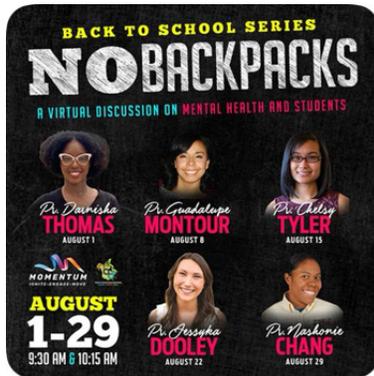


**Take the Evangelism Pledge to do something!** In the midst of a global pandemic, economic calamity and social unrest, people have questions. The Bible has answers. Will you commit to doing *something* this fall to share the everlasting Gospel in your community? Take the Evangelism Pledge today! [CLICK HERE](#).

**Jesus 101 has just launched a new exciting**



**resource for children!** [Jesus101.tv/4kids](https://Jesus101.tv/4kids) features animated videos to help kids discover Jesus in the Bible, a valuable resource for churches, schools, and families. Each 90 second video tells Bible stories in a fun and instructive manner and has a coordinating coloring page that kids can download and color at home! Continue to check back as many more will be added in the upcoming months. [LEARN MORE](#)



**NAD Youth & Young Adult Ministries streams Youth Sabbath School & Youth church every week on [Facebook LIVE!](#)** Each Sabbath features different guest presenters and speakers. Join us on Sabbath morning at NEW TIMES:

- [NAD Youth church](#) 9:30 a.m. (EDT)
- [NAD Youth Sabbath School](#) 10:15 a.m. (EDT)



**Faith For Today's new mobile app is here!** Connect on any device to a multitude of Faith For Today's resources. Watch episodes of award-winning TV series *Lifestyle Magazine*, watch sessions of "The Bible Lab," and connect with resources from "The Grief Sessions" and "Mad About Marriage." Find additional Life Tips, Marriage Tips, and Faith Tips! Download the Faith App from app stores, or [CLICK HERE](#).



**Voice of Prophecy has developed [ShareYourFaithOnline.com](https://ShareYourFaithOnline.com)** to encourage church members to share their faith, especially in this time of quarantine. Even as social distancing restrictions ease up, for evangelistic efforts to be successful going forward, they will need to include a strong online component. This website offers six tangible ways churches and their members can engage their communities online.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES

**National RADIO Day**



Celebrate & tell your friends

**AUGUST 20**

**CLICK TO SEND FREE ECARDS**

**Celebrate National RADIO Day—August 20— with free Sharing Cards from LifeTalk Radio!**

Sending e-cards from [LifeTalk.net](http://LifeTalk.net) is an easy way to show someone you care and share God's Word. It only takes a minute to [choose from the beautiful designs](#), or order [free printed cards](#)! Great for birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, thank you's, and get-well wishes. A gift from LifeTalk Radio to brighten your day and help you to share God's love. How does LifeTalk Radio make a difference in your life? [Let us know!](#)



**FaithCounts, a leading and fast-growing multi-faith online platform**, has launched its fourth Film Your Faith contest, awarding \$35,000 in prizes to films of two minutes or less showcasing the power of faith in a positive light. All filmmakers, from the amateurs to the pros, are encouraged to submit two-minute videos about faith, anytime between now and the Sept. 9 deadline. Go to [faithcounts.com/video-contest](http://faithcounts.com/video-contest) for details.



**New series on mental health for teens now available. Do you know a teen who is** struggling with mental health issues? Do you want to be prepared to minister to teens in your church? This new series developed by NAD Youth & Young Adult Ministries includes booklets on depression, anxiety, suicidal thoughts, getting help, recovery tools, brain training, and staying healthy. To purchase the complete set or individual titles, [CLICK HERE](#).

**The It Is Written *In the Word* sermon series is now available as a podcast**, making it easy to



listen to the Word of God wherever you are! Taking you deep inside the Bible, *In the Word* presents inspirational preaching on a wide range of biblical subjects. John Bradshaw, It Is Written president, presents each sermon, and a new episode is posted every Friday. Listen to *In the Word* on [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), [Google Podcasts](#), [Stitcher](#), [iHeart Radio](#), and [Castbox](#).



**Sharing Hope is an online platform for reading and sharing some of the best** Adventist books and tracts available. Sharing Hope trusts that the materials in their app will be one source of comfort, help, and encouragement to you and others. [CLICK HERE](#) to see the library of materials.

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## VIEWPOINTS



## Non-Negotiable Relationship

“Wherever you are in your life, in your career, in your marriage, and how you're living your life right now — you've got to determine some things will be non-negotiables; some things *I will not pull back on*. And usually those things have to do with God, and how you're going to live your life. If you do that ... in advance, when you hit *the moment* you'll be solid as day.”

— *Fredrick Russell, pastor, principal at True North Leadership Group, LLC., during NAD virtual staff worship on Aug. 19, 2020*

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