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NEWSPOINTS

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The OneTeam Playbook 2020 Leaders Convention (#oneteamNAD) shifted gears from an onsite meeting that was planned in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to an all-digital platform conference. The convention was also extended to include four Sunday afternoons in September and October. The last session will occur this Sunday, Oct. 25, concluding the "convention" phase of this event. MORE



"My mother and her six children knelt down that Sunday afternoon to pray when suddenly our prayer was interrupted by a knock. Just the day before we had gone to church on Sabbath morning, and my mom, a new Adventist, had felt strongly impressed to leave all her money in the offering plate to support a mission project. By the next afternoon, however, we discovered that we were out of food until Dad's next pay day." MORE



This past Thanksgiving, Seventhday Adventists in Ontario, Canada, had a lot to be thankful for, despite a challenging 2020. One of the biggest blessings is that a Cessna 185 aircraft was obtained in collaboration with Adventist World Aviation. MORE



Each year a short film is produced for Creation Sabbath, designed to draw viewers' minds to the wonder of God's creation. These films are for personal viewing and reflection, sharing on social media, and sharing together as a

group of worshipers during Creation Sabbath celebrations. This year, Creation Sabbath occurs on October 24. The subject of 2020's Creation Sabbath film,



On Oct.13, the Seventh-day Adventist Church and ADRA announced the second phase of the "Every Child. Everywhere. In School." campaign during this year's global church leadership meetings. The joint initiative will now mobilize government support in countries around the world through the Adventist Church 22-million-plus membership. MORE



Adventist Health announced on Oct. 20 the launch of its Well-Being Division. With this change, Adventist Health is demonstrating its commitment to inspire health, wholeness, and hope within the communities it serves. In keeping with its goals, Adventist "God's Enduring Song of Love" is the murmurating of grackles. <u>MORE</u>

Health acquired Blue Zones® in early 2020, marking the first step in the creation of its Well-Being Division. <u>MORE</u>

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

Pandemic Hits Worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church with Estimated \$25M Decline in <u>Tithes, Offerings</u>

<u>CMA CGM Collaborates with Adventist Community Services to Provide Support for</u> <u>Families Impacted by California Wildfires</u>

Andrews University Releases Enrollment Numbers, Rankings (Mich.)

Adventist Health St. Helena Lays Out Plans for Hospital Reopening (Calif.)

<u>Chattanooga First Seventh-day Adventist Church Has New Community Seminar Starting</u> (Tenn.)

<u>Major Residential Expansion at Hebron Seventh-day Adventist School in Crown Heights,</u> <u>Brooklyn (N.Y.)</u>

Galt Adventist School Welcomes Students Back to the Classroom (Calif.)

Adventist Health Castle Offers Drive-Thru Flu Shot (Hawaii)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



Third episode of the new podcast NAD NewsPoints ON THE AIR is now available! In

this episode host Mylon Medley interviews Kevin Wilson, an associate pastor of the Oceanside Adventist church in San Diego, Calif. Wilson became a TikTok viral sensation this summer for making authentic chai and delightfully encouraging others to attempt his recipe. His popularity continues on the social media platform. NAD NewsPoints ON THE AIR is available on popular podcast platforms, including <u>Apple Podcasts</u> and <u>Spotify</u>. We're also on <u>Facebook</u>; and soon to be available on Google.



Moving from "What is Wrong with You?" to "What Happened to You?" This free webinar will discuss how to create an environment of support for traumatized individuals in faith-based organizations. Join on Oct. 22 at 7 p.m. EST for insight into the effects of trauma and to learn the skills needed to address its farreaching impact. 1.0 contact hours provided for nurses. Sponsored by the Adventist Association of Faith Community Nursing. <u>CLICK HERE</u> for more info and to register.





It's a sticker!



The Annual George T. Harding IV Conference on Mental Health and the Faith Community will be held VIRTUALLY on Nov. 9-10, from 1-3 p.m. EST. Sessions will cover topics related to leading in times of disruption, including caring for one's self and one's faith community. Pastors, chaplains, religious leaders, and their spouses are specially invited to this event cosponsored by the NAD Ministerial Department! LEARN MORE

Register now for the NAD Ministerial Association Volunteer Lay Pastors Bootcamp,

to be held virtually on Nov. 6-7. This two-day experience has been designed exclusively for volunteer lay pastors, senior/supervising pastors, and conference/union leaders in the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists. <u>CLICK HERE</u> to register.

FREE TREATS for YOU to SHARE! (No tricks!)

When kids knock on your door looking for a treat, hand them LifeTalk sharing cards and stickers so they can enjoy adventure and Bible stories for kids on <u>LifeTalkKIDS.net</u>. <u>ORDER</u> your FREE sharing cards and be ready to share your faith with your Halloween visitors, and order extras for your family, friends, church, and community. Also available as <u>eCards</u> to send by email. Watch for new stickers coming this Friday!



Jesus 101 has just launched a new exciting resource for children! 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 coodinating 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



Take our survey: The October editions of theAdventist Journey and Adventist World

magazines will not be distributed in print and will only be available <u>digitally</u>. Please take advantage of our opportunity to <u>survey</u> you, our reader, by clicking on the link on p. 3). <u>CLICK HERE</u> to read both magazines in a page-thru format on the *Adventist World* platform. Thank you for being a vital part of these magazines!

EVENTS CALENDAR

October

- 24 Offering: Local Conference Advance
- 24 Creation Sabbath
- 31 Offering: Union Designated

November

- 1-30 Native Heritage Month
- 7 <u>Stewardship Sabbath</u>
- 7 <u>Offering: Local Church Budget</u>
- 14 Human Relations Sabbath
- 14 <u>Offering:</u> World Budget (Emphasis: Annual Sacrifice for Global Mission)
- 15 <u>National Philanthropy Day</u>
- 21 <u>Welcome Home Sabbath</u>

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November Focus: Prayer

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NAD Update: "In New York City, ACS Receives First Weekly Delivery of Pallets of Food From New Partner," by W. Derrick Lea, pp. 08-09

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NAD News Briefs: "Adventist Health Appoints New Leaders to Advance Vision," "NAD Votes \$10 Million COVID-19 Stimulus Package," "The 2020 enditnow Virtual Summit on Abuse Aims to Equip Leaders With Tools to Help Spot and End Domestic Violence," "Kid's Sabbath School Magazines Temporarily Available Free," pp. 14-16

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VIEWPOINTS



God Is At Work

"Just as God formed us and shaped us, God is at work in [our] lives. If we chose to see God with all our hearts, we will see God working in our lives. ... All we have to do is look to Him, all we have to do is look to Scripture ... God speaks to us. We can trust the hands of God because He is One who has good in store for us."

 M. Gilda Roddy, NAD Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries assistant director, during virtual NAD staff worship on Oct. 21, 2020

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