This is the time of year that the NAD would be preparing to welcome hundreds of executive committee members, their family, and other special guests for the year-end business meeting of the division. But because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and in following federal, state, and local guidelines the NAD has decided that it will be safer to hold these meetings virtually. A lot of precautions have been taken to make sure that it is safe, and works smoothly.

The realities of the COVID-19 pandemic forced organizers of the 2020 Society of Adventist Communicators convention to take the event online. What is typically a multiple-day experience featuring keynote addresses, dynamic presentations and workshops, networking opportunities, site visits to media outlets, and award ceremonies, was condensed to fit into the evenings of Oct. 14 and 15 via Zoom.
En preparación para su reunión de fin de año, la División Norteamericana explica el proceso virtual, medidas de seguridad para el personal presencial. Haga [clic aquí](#) para leer en español.

Samuel Francis is a young adult who is passionate about literature evangelism. After more than 10 years, he has taken the next step in creating a podcast. In this interview Francis shares why being a literature evangelist inspired him to start "The Next Drop Off." [MORE](#)

Sharing appreciation for our pastors! This October, North American Division president G. Alexander Bryant shares appreciation for the more than 4,000 NAD pastors in a video greeting. [WATCH VIDEO](#)

For almost 30 years Chauncey Smith has served as a producer and talent coordinator of Faith For Today's Lifestyle Magazine television broadcast. So That's Who I Am, which chronicles the story of Smith finding his biological family. [MORE](#)
ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

Flagler Hospital Chaplain Comforts Those Dealing with COVID-19 Pandemic (Fla.)

Oakwood University Students Host Breast Cancer Awareness Fundraiser (Ala.)

Adventist Health Wellness Connection Discusses Prevention, Early Detection of Breast Cancer (Calif.)

Local Adventist Church, With Others, Sponsors Divide Christmas Food Baskets (Calif.)

88.3 The Journey FM, Southwestern Adventist University's Radio Station, Hosts Successful Sharathon (Tex.)

Lecture at Hermiston Seventh-day Adventist Church Discusses Dinosaurs and the Bible (Ore.)

Napa Valley Town, Angwin, On Edge as Winds Rise (Calif.)

Needles Seventh-day Adventist Church Hosting Virtual Event titled "Revelation Now" (Ariz.)

Brockton, Now Majority Black, Is Seeing a Racial Transformation; Community Includes Two Adventist Churches (Mass.)

Coronavirus Causes Declining Membership in Chico Gleaners Food Service for Seniors (Calif.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES

The 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 Apple Podcasts and Spotify. We're also on Facebook; and soon to be available on Google.
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. ET. 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 co-sponsored by the NAD Ministerial Department! LEARN MORE

It's time for the 2020 Church Planters Bootcamp! This three-day virtual experience, held on Nov. 12-14, has been designed and created exclusively for church planters, pastors, volunteer lay pastors, church planting "core teams," and conference/union leaders currently involved in church planting or planning to plant a church between now and 2022. Click here to register.

Join NAD Youth Ministries every week on Sabbath mornings for live youth church and Sabbath School programs. This week Mark Tamalea, young adult pastor for the New Haven Seventh-day Adventist Church in Overland Park, Kansas, will speak for church, and Walter Reddick, head men's dean at Pine Forge Academy in Pine Forge, Pa., will lead Sabbath School. You won't want to miss special music with Dudbots, a trio of siblings from Huntsville, Ala.! Watch via Facebook or YouTube on Sabbath mornings at 9:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. EDT.

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 LifeTalkKIDS.net. ORDER 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 eCards to send by email. Watch for new stickers coming this Friday!
The NAD Children's Ministry and Family Ministry departments are back with more episodes of "Our Family Room," relevant information to both you and your children in these uncertain times. Mark your calendars! This November, we will begin a new series on Emotional Intelligence in children! Our first episode will be on anxiety. Join us as we delve into this ever-pressing topic at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 3! WATCH

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 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

Take our survey: The October editions of the Adventist Journey and Adventist World magazines will not be distributed in print and will only be available digitally. Please take advantage of our opportunity to survey you, our reader, by clicking on the link on p. 3). CLICK HERE 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

31  Offering: Union Designated

October Focus: Adventist Heritage

November

November Focus: Prayer
1-30 Native Heritage Month
7 Stewardship Sabbath
Offering: Local Church Budget
7 Human Relations Sabbath
Offering: World Budget (Emphasis: Annual Sacrifice for Global Mission)
14 National Philanthropy Day
14 Welcome Home Sabbath
Offering: Local Church Budget
21 Offering: Local Church Budget
28 Offering: Local Conference Advance

ADVENTIST JOURNEY

Feature: "Transitioning from Distance Learning, Planting 'Seeds for Life' for Citizens of the Navajo Nation," by Mylon Medley, pp. 04-06

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

NAD Feature Interview: "From Camps to Church: A Blind Musician Shares His Faith Journey," interview with Jordy Barnhard, pp. 10-12


VIEWPOINTS

Into Our Hearts

"And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us."

— Romans 5:5, NIV

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