

# NEWSPOINTS

March 3, 2021



**On Feb. 25, the NAD executive committee voted a quinquennial strategic focus** and date for elections. The Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America moves ahead with “Together in Mission” focus, sets date for quinquennial elections, and refers “A Call to Live in Harmony with God and Others” document back to the writing committee. [MORE](#)



**During the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists Executive Committee** meeting on Feb. 25, G. Alexander Bryant, NAD president, shared an outline of the division’s quinquennial strategic focus “Together in Mission.” This focus, which the committee voted to accept, will incorporate the General Conference theme “I Will Go,” with special divisional emphasis on media, multiplying, and mentorship. [MORE](#)



**With phase 1 of Healthy Campus 2020® completed and now in its maintenance and sustainability**



**A year of COVID-19 was also a**

stage, Oakwood University is looking toward phase 2, Healthy Campus, Healthy Community®, where the university intends to promote health beyond its campus and address the needs of community members — one neighborhood at a time — through its Mobile Market. [MORE](#)



**Southwestern Adventist University president Ken Shaw has announced his departure** from the Keene, Texas, school; the administrator will become the 27th president of Southern Adventist University, starting June 1. Both [Southwestern Adventist University](#) and [Southern Adventist University](#) have issued press releases, and both are available by clicking on the above links.

**year in which Adventist churches and ministries responded to local needs created and deepened by the pandemic** — including many of the 1,358 centers supported by Adventist Community Services. These centers sprung to action to serve the needs of their communities since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic; here is just a small sampling, by month, of assistance provided. [MORE](#)



**In February, Eyes for India held its annual eye camp in Barabanki district, India. At this year's camp,** the It Is Written project was able to restore sight to thousands of people. [MORE](#)

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## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Caring for Others; Southwestern Adventist University Helps Others in the Midst of a Storm \(Tex.\)](#)

[Atlantic Union: Campus Fixes Needed Before Sale in September \(Mass.\)](#)

[South Sacramento Church to Open Warming Center to Support Unhoused Community \(Calif.\)](#)

[Templeton Hills Community Farm Impacting Their Community One Seed at a Time \(Calif.\)](#)

[EEOC \\$50,000 Settlement Highlights Importance of Proper Religious Accommodation Review Procedures](#)

[EEOC Sues Solé Miami for Religious Discrimination \(Fla.\)](#)

[LINPEX 2021 Stamp Show Set for Sunday at College View Adventist Church \(Neb.\)](#)

[Adventist Health Tehachapi Valley Named Large Business of the Year for 2021 \(Calif.\)](#)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES

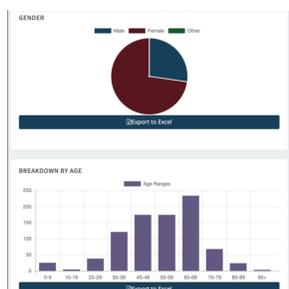


### The NAD All-Night Prayer Call starts

**Thursday, Mar. 4-5, from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Eastern.** 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#).



**Share joy with free Bible promise sharing cards from LifeTalk Radio.** It's a fast and easy way to show someone you care. It only takes a minute to choose from the beautiful [eCard designs](#), or order printed cards at [lifetalk.net/sharing-cards](http://lifetalk.net/sharing-cards). Great for birthdays, anniversaries, Easter, thank you's, and get-well wishes, too. Another gift from LifeTalk Radio to help you to share the joy of the Lord!



### Need help tracking your Adventist

**Community Service outreach activities?** You can create reports with the click of a button with ACS's e-reporting system. Tune in March 4, at 2 p.m. EST, for a FREE Zoom webinar on how the web-based e-reporting system will replace the ACS quarterly paper reports. It is designed to construct reports on demographic information for both volunteers and service recipients, and quantified service activities at local ACS centers, churches, conferences, and unions. [LEARN MORE](#)



**Registered Nurses, professional nursing skills built on a foundation of faith can** make a difference in your house of worship and community. Successful completion of the Foundations of Faith Community Nursing online course provides 36.5 contact hours. This course, beginning March 7, is sponsored by NAD Health Ministries and Adventist HealthCare. [REGISTER](#) for the March-April session.



**Join the NAD Ministerial Association's ehuddle on March 8 and 9 as church leaders, local pastors,** and institutional leaders discuss best practices on relevant topics such as: loving our communities, post-pandemic church growth trends, and how to deal with conspiracy theories in the context of evangelism and witnessing. Join the livestream on the [NAD Facebook page](#), and be challenged as we continue to find ways to love, serve, and reach North America! [LEARN MORE](#)



**Our churches should be places of safety and support for those facing all types of abuse.**

**This church self-assessment tool** allows churches to review areas in which they can become increasingly proactive in the prevention of abuse and more effective when intervention is necessary. The chart is available as a [FREE DOWNLOAD](#) from enditnow North America.



**The Bible Lab Online is back!** Roy Ice, Speaker-Director of Faith For Today will begin new research within the gospel of Luke titled “The Least, Last and Lost.” Dr. Elizabeth Talbot, Speaker-Director of Jesus 101, will join the team, increasing the fun and depth of discovery as they investigate the loving characteristics of God. These programs will be streaming live beginning March 27, 10:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m. PDT. LEARN MORE at [TheBibleLab.com](http://TheBibleLab.com).



**Safety Sabbath is March 27, 2021!** This year the focus is on helping churches protect against cybercrime, avoiding liabilities from streaming services online, and adapting child protection policies to an online environment. Sign up today to receive tips on how to prepare for Safety Sabbath and a valuable resource kit to help you protect your congregation. [CLICK HERE to learn more.](#)



**Faith for Today and SermonView Evangelism Marketing have joined together to create** an all-new online bridge event, INDESTRUCTIBLE, coming April 9-13. Roy Ice, Faith for Today speaker/director, will deliver biblically sound, real-world tactics for helping people in your community grow in their relationships and start living a life of purpose. SermonView’s interactive video player will help you build relationships with your guests throughout the series. Learn more and sign up as a host church at [IndestructibleYou.org/host](http://IndestructibleYou.org/host).

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### March

- 6-13 [Adventist Youth Week of Prayer](#)
- 6 [Women's Day of Prayer](#)
- 6 [Offering: Local Church Budget](#)
- 13 [Offering: Adventist World Radio \(GC\)](#)
- 20 [Weekend of Compassion](#)
- 20 [Disabilities Awareness Sabbath](#)

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- 20 [Global Youth Day](#)
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- 27 [Thirteenth Sabbath Offering: Euro-Asia Division \(ESD\)](#)
- 27 [Offering: Local Conference Advance](#)

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## ADVENTIST JOURNEY



**Cover:** Raquel Villa, sophomore at Southwestern Adventist University in Keene, Texas; [WATCH](#) the interview.

**Feature:** "Kindness? Or Set Them Straight?," by Leonard Brand, pp. 04-06

**NAD News Briefs:** "Washington Adventist University Welcomes New Adventists During On-Campus Baptisms," "Southwestern Adventist University Professors Publish Research Paper in Peer-reviewed Journal," "La Vida Mission Provides Outreach to Navajo Nation," "Historic Promotion Makes Andrew Harewood First Adventist and African American Chaplain to Reach General Rank in U.S. Army Reserve," pp. 08-10

**Faces From the Frontline:** "All About 'Us,'" p. 12

**Perspective:** "Of Hallelujahs and Hope Vendors," by Don Jacobsen, p. 13

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## VIEWPOINTS



## Strong, Firm and Steadfast

"And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast."

— 1 Peter 5:10, NIV

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