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NEWSPOINTS

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When the COVID-19 pandemic caused the cancelation of the in-person NAD Pathfinder Bible Experience event 13 months ago,

organizers quickly mobilized to hold the event online. In anticipation of the potential need to have another virtual event in 2021, planning started after the April 18, 2020 experience. This April, the PBE event was indeed held virtually.

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The La Soufrière volcano on St. Vincent began a series of explosive eruptions on April 9,

blanketing much of the island in ash and causing water and electricity outages. With a couple more explosions since, approximately 20,000 people were forced from their homes on St. Vincent. [ADRA is working](#) with local churches and government agencies in St. Vincent to provide help, reports ACS Disaster Response director W. Derrick Lea.

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The Prayer Ministries department of the North American Division



It has been a year since we were

organized a virtual, two-day event that facilitated continual prayer and highlighted testimonies from church leaders and members. The 2021 World Prayer Convention took place April 9-10 on Facebook Live. [MORE](#)



Alex Ulrich began college as a kinesiology major. She intended to practice physical therapy with her degree, but when a physical therapist visited her class to help the students understand more about what is involved in the position, Ulrich found herself disappointed. ... While doing research on different colleges and their programs, Ulrich came across the Union College Occupational Therapy Assistant program. [MORE](#)

deeply impacted by the dreadful coronavirus pandemic. We can recall what it felt like as we watched the country shut down. We've experienced an economic downturn, and social injustice and inequality. ... What sense have you made of it as a Seventh-day Adventist? Is God concerned about this world? What is He saying to us? [MORE](#)



NAD treasurer Randy Robinson shares his experience getting a COVID-19 vaccine at Adventist HealthCare Shady Grove Medical Center in Rockville, Md., on [video](#). "I feel so strongly that we should be responsible in getting our vaccines. I think we protect ourselves, we protect those around us and our loved ones and those in our community," said Robinson. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Little Debbie Park Coming to Collegedale \(Tenn.\)](#)

[Washington Adventist University to Hold In-Person Commencement May 2 \(Md.\)](#)

[Adventist Health Clear Lake to Receive \\$11 Million in Funds for Behavioral Health Projects in Lake County \(Calif.\)](#)

[SWAU Launches Partnership with Cleburne, Keene \(Tex.\)](#)

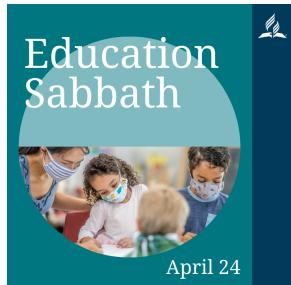
[Frontline Heroes: Adventist Health Sonora ER Doctor Reflects on a Year Battling the COVID-19 Pandemic \(Calif.\)](#)

[At Brooklyn Center Food Giveaway, Kindness and Humanity Come First \(Minn.\)](#)

[Paul Starkebaum Named Walla Walla Athletic Director \(Wash.\)](#)

[Good Neighbor Center Food Pantry Announces New Distribution Schedule \[part of a news round-up\] \(Ga.\)](#)

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THIS SABBATH, April 24, is Education

Sabbath in the North American Division! Use this opportunity to re-emphasize the importance of life-long learning and Educating for Eternity. Find sermons, bulletin inserts, and a wide variety of videos for Sabbath School and the Divine service at bit.ly/educationsabbath. In search of a school? Visit find.adventisteducation.org/



Adventist Muslim Relations invites you to a free webinar, "The Word: Qur'anic Christology & Witnessing," on April 30 at 8 p.m. EDT. "The angels said, 'Mary, God gives you news of a *Word* from Him, whose name will be the Messiah, Jesus, son of Mary, who will be held in honour in this world and the next, who will be one of those brought near to God,' (Al Imran 3:45). Dr. Petras Bahadur, director of the Global Center of Adventist-Muslim Relations, will present.

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Jesus 101 has just launched “The Exodus Journey,” a new television series airing on Hope Channel beginning April 2021. In this twelve-part series, special guest Ty Gibson joins Dr. Elizabeth Talbot, Jesus 101 speaker/director. This series, based on the book of Exodus, is about learning to choose trust over anxiety on our way to the Promised Land. For more information visit: www.Jesus101.tv.



Tune in to NAD Adventist Community Services' FREE risk management webinar on May 6, at 2 p.m. EST. Learn about potential risks to humans or property that your ministry may face, and how to implement effective risk management to minimize or eliminate unintentional harm. Robert Smith, ACS director of Allegheny East Conference, will present.

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Sabbath, May 8, 2021 is the Disaster and Famine Relief Offering. ACS works with local conferences and disaster response agencies to equip volunteers to serve and assist the community, providing disaster assessments, sheltering services, donation management, home reconstruction, and emotional and spiritual care. Your gifts make it possible for us to help survivors of hurricanes, fires, floods, earthquakes,

famine, and other crises. Donate at your local church or online [HERE](#).



Boost your health to the NEXT level! Join LifeTalk Radio each night, April 23–29 at 8 p.m. EDT, to learn how to boost your immune system, increase energy, reach peak mental performance, and improve relationships. Pastor John Bradshaw will speak with a variety of medical experts to learn how you can improve your health. Listen with the free LifeTalk Radio mobile app, on Amazon Echo speaker (Alexa), Google Home speaker, Roku, satellite (Glorystar galaxy 19, channel 1004), or [ONLINE](#).



The Bible Lab Online is back! Roy Ice, speaker/director of Faith For Today, is leading a study on the gospel of Luke titled “The Least, Last and Lost”. Dr. Elizabeth Talbot, speaker/director of Jesus 101, joins the team. Adding her to these discussions increases the fun and depth of discovery as the loving characteristics of God are investigated. These programs are streamed live each Sabbath from 10:30-11:30 a.m. PDT. For information and to join the discussion go to [TheBibleLab.com](#).



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VIEWPOINTS



Send Jesus to the Door

“One of the big themes that popped out at me as I looked through the books of the Bible that you’re studying is temptation. Tonight, I hope you [remember] to give God a chance to

answer the next temptation that comes your way. ... The next time temptation knocks I challenge you, Pathfinders, to send Jesus to the door.””

— Pedro Perez, Pathfinder director for the Florida Conference, during Pathfinder Bible Experience vespers, as he spoke about temptation and the Bible books of Hebrews, James, 1 and 2 Peter, on April 16, 2021

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