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# NEWSPOINTS

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Anyone who works in law enforcement, or has a loved one who does, dreads the kind of

news we heard on Feb. 2, 2021. As the news agencies reported, two FBI agents were killed and three others were injured in a shooting as authorities were executing a search warrant at a home in Sunrise, Fla. I am a Seventh-day Adventist pastor, and a volunteer chaplain with the Federal Bureau of Investigation — and I was contacted to help. <u>READ</u> <u>MORE</u>



It Is Written has won 10 Telly Awards this year for five different programs: one gold, seven silver, and two bronze. Four awards, including the gold, were given to "The Trail of Tears," the first It Is Written program examining the forced relocation of Native Americans. Additionally, "Every Word," the It Is Written one-minute daily devotional, was recognized for the first time. <u>MORE</u>





Merely 12 months ago, the Carolina Conference Ministerial Department had hosted more than

According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, about one in five adults in the U.S. — 43.8 million — experiences mental illness in any given year. Despite the prevalence of mental health concerns, there is still a stigma attached to mental illness in many of our churches. MORE 1,000 attendees at the fourth annual Evangelism Impact at the Landmark Resort in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. In this uncertain year, the event went virtual, with a similar number of attendees joining online. <u>MORE</u>

### **ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS**

Adventist Health Glendale Hospital Treating Zero COVID-19 Patients for First Time Since March 2020 (Calif.)

Faith Lessons Learned by Doctor/Chaplain Who Ministered to Pulse Shooting Survivors and Victims' Families (Fla.)

14 Graduate from Paradise Adventist Academy (Calif.)

U.S. Senate Chaplain to Address Adventist Business Community

Adventist Health Recognizes and Celebrates Cancer Survivors (Calif.)

God's Grocery Store providing food to hundreds of families throughout pandemic (Conn.)

Adventist Health/Rideout holds COVID observance (Calif.)

Former UM Western Women's Basketball Assistant Coach Lands Head Job at Walla Walla University (Wash.)

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES**





You're invited to join "Gardening My Way to Better Health," the upcoming AAFCN InTouch, TOMORROW, June 10, at 12 noon ET. From presenter Philip Riley: "Through the years, God has placed me in professional health environments and called me to make better lifestyle changes. While I haven't always made changes readily, it has been a worthwhile journey. This week I share my personal health journey, my love of gardening, and how well the two work together." <u>CLICK</u> <u>HERE</u> to join.

Show love to your kids with quality time this summer! Listen to LifeTalk KIDS radio together. Now available on the new FREE LifeTalk mobile app, and online at: LifeTalkKIDS.net. You can tell friends about it by emailing the free LifeTalk KIDS sharing eCards or post them on your Facebook page. Choose from e-card designs at LifeTalk.net/eCards. Also check out the printed LifeTalkKIDS.net sharing cards; and the kids stickers at <u>https://lifetalk.net/stickers/</u>. More gifts from LifeTalk Radio to help you to share God's love!



#### Register for the FREE 2021 Adventist Conference on Family Research and Practice

conference! This event, held July 22-24, will be facilitated virtually; this year's theme is "Forgiveness." This annual conference, held at Andrews University, is designed to provide professionals and Family Ministries leaders alike the opportunity to be exposed to best practice strategies and research in the area of Family Therapy, Family Studies, Family Ministry, Social Work, and Psychology in order to enhance ministry to families. <u>CLICK HERE</u> for info/to register.



#### Based on research and personal experience, *Helping Write the Final Chapter* is a primer on

death, grief, and ministering to those going through these experiences. This book, written by Drs. Claudio and Pamela Consuegra, is for anyone who is supporting a loved one with a terminal illness, and anyone who has recently lost a loved one. It is also for pastors, teachers, and church members who are a support system for those grieving. <u>CLICK HERE</u> for more info.



# Do It Together — Sabbath School Convention 2021 is the first annual event of its kind!

Sponsored by the NAD Adult, Children's and Youth ministries, the convention will focus on doing Sabbath School *together*. This event is designed to train leaders for in service, and to update teaching techniques and connection with student and teacher. Join us on Sept. 9-11! Fee is only \$20; register by Aug. 9 to receive a free swag bag.

# **EVENTS CALENDAR**

## June

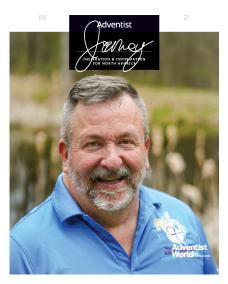
- 12 <u>Women's Ministries Emphasis Day</u>
- 12 Offering: Women's Ministries (NAD)
- 19 <u>Refugee Sabbath</u>
- 19 Offering: Local Church Budget
- 26 <u>Thirteenth Sabbath Offering: Inter-American</u> <u>Division (IAD)</u>
- 26 Offering: Local Conference Advance

June Focus: Church Growth & Evangelism

Camp Meeting Calendar

Adventist Mission

# **ADVENTIST JOURNEY**



**Cover:** Glen Milam, Mount Aetna Retreat Center director; <u>WATCH</u> the interview.

**Feature:** "Nurturing Relationships Through the Generations," by Kimberly Luste Maran, pp. 04-06

NAD Update: "2021 eHuddle Redefines Adventist Evangelism in North America, Examines Church Growth Patterns," by Mylon Medley, pp. 08-09

NAD News Briefs: "Adventist Biography Series Project Changes Editors;" "Young Adults in Texas Show Gratitude for Health-Care Workers," p. 10

Faces From the Front Line: "Do Not Panic," interview with Jason Inanga, p. 12

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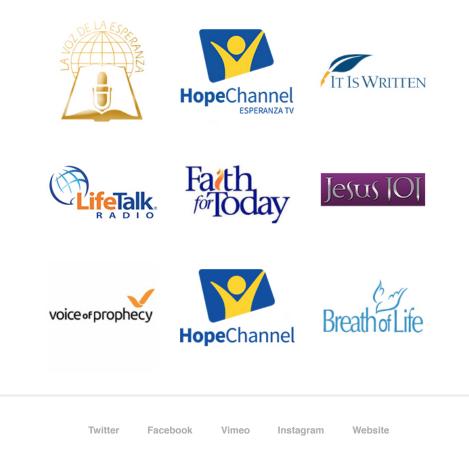


Together

"If we're going to be a winning team, we must continue to study the Word of God, we must come together to fellowship with kindness. ... And we must pray!"

- Helvis Moody, Southwestern Union Youth director, during NAD virtual staff worship on June 9, 2021

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