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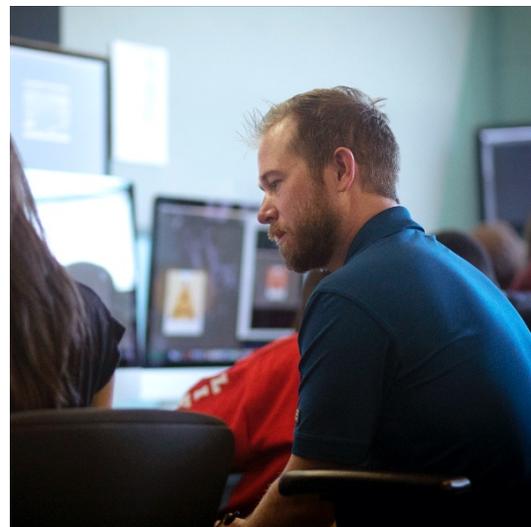
News and Information from the North American Division

NEWSPOINTS

August 11, 2021



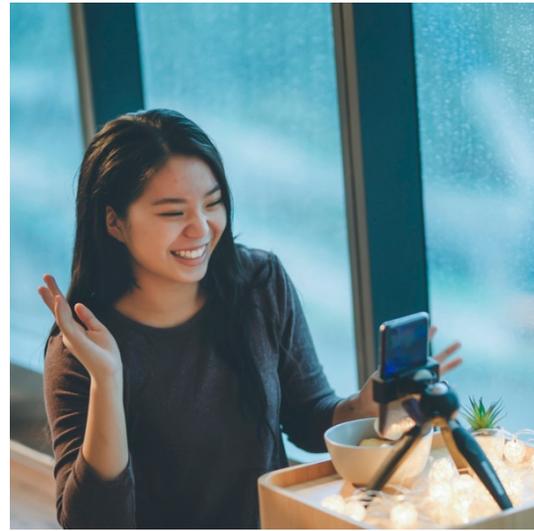
On July 21, Ted N.C. Wilson, GC president, and G. Alexander Bryant, NAD president, led out in the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Northeastern Towers Annex, a 158-unit affordable housing complex located in Queens, New York, sponsored by the Northeastern Conference. [MORE](#)



Southern Adventist University has expanded the academic options offered in digital fields such as web design and cyber security. Two new degrees and several additional concentrations will be available beginning this fall. [MORE](#)



When Lori Futcher, *Guide's* editor, and Laura Samano, managing editor, met teenager Charis McRoy at the 2019 Pathfinder Camporee, they knew they'd found someone special. They prayed with McRoy then and there about her potential future work with the magazine. Eventually McRoy became a columnist for *Guide*. [MORE](#)



The most important thing we can do for our kids is to let them know we are safe to talk with — about *anything!* Instead of acting like the behavioral police of their world, or trying to be an ever-present moral authority, we need to be caring confidants who understand how to be active listeners and humble counselors. [READ MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[A Look Inside Loma Linda's Big New Hospital \(Calif.\)](#)

[As Delta Variant Spreads, Florida Hospitals Race To Find Open Beds](#)

[Adventist's AHEAD Program Screens for Cancer and Saves Lives \(H.I.\)](#)

[Orlando's Holy Land Theme Park Sold by TBN to Health Care Company \(Fla.\)](#)

[Rio Linda Teen To Compete in Waterskiing with Team USA at World Championship \(Calif.\)](#)

[Improving Vaccination Rates in Vulnerable Communities: Rutgers Community Outreach Programs Focus on Hard-Hit Populations \(N.J.\)](#)

[Former AUC Biblical Studies Professor Pens Book on the Original Interpretation of the Bible \(Mass.\)](#)

[Garden City Residents, Law Enforcement Gather for Block Parties on 38th National Night Out \(Kan.\)](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



On Aug. 9, It Is Written began airing "Connect," a new online series on the subject of effective prayer. Presented by John Bradshaw, "Connect" will livestream on It Is Written TV, Facebook, and YouTube at 7 p.m. EDT. "Connect" will also air on LifeTalk Radio at 8 p.m. EDT. Viewers are encouraged to register for "Connect" at iiwconnect.com to get access to exclusive giveaways. [CLICK HERE](#) for promotional material.



THIS SABBATH, August 14, celebrate Christian Record Services for the Blind (CRS) with a special offering at your church! CRS empowers people who are blind to engage their communities and embrace the Blessed Hope. Headquartered in Lincoln, Nebraska, CRS has nearly 18,000 members throughout the United States and in countries around the world. Membership and services are free to anyone who is legally blind. [LEARN MORE](#) and [DONATE](#).



STARTING TOMORROW! The 2021 "Go Do It!" Youth Congress, sponsored by NAD Youth and Young Adult Ministries, will be held virtually on Aug. 12-14. This is the first annual event of its kind. Sessions will include mental health, social media, relationships, music, and much more. Random backpack giveaways during the event will include a MacBook or iPhone. [CLICK HERE](#) for schedule and to register for this FREE event.

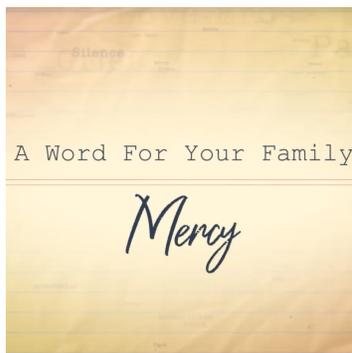
National Radio Day, Aug. 20, celebrates the great invention of the radio. SHARE the inspiration, music, and stories on LifeTalk Radio with this 60-second [VIDEO](#), and send [free e-Cards](#) to friends and family. LifeTalk, the radio network of the North American



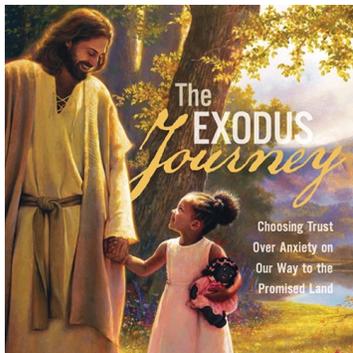
Division of Seventh-day Adventists, is available 24/7 on the free mobile app, on 200+ affiliate stations, Amazon Echo, Google Home, Roku, on satellite, and www.LifeTalk.net.



"Indestructible Love" is a new and FREE evangelism resource for local churches, featuring Dr. Elizabeth Talbot and Pastor Roy Ice. This plug-and-play five-part interactive video series, with accompanying discussion questions and downloadable resources, presents the whole plan of salvation from the perspective of God as a parent who died to recover his lost children. Also, *Signs of the Times* has released a coordinating "Indestructible Love" special edition issue! Jesus 101 is offering 100 copies to the first 50 churches that register for the series. [CLICK HERE](#) to register.



A Word for Your Family from NAD Family Ministries: King Solomon wrote, “A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver” (Prov. 25:11, ESV). [CLICK HERE](#) for 104 words and accompanying videos that will encourage you, inspire you, and make you think. Words we often use without a second thought, and words about which we must think carefully — share with friends or show them in your church!



Get *The Exodus Journey*, a new book by Jesus 101's Dr. Elizabeth Talbot, for free! [The Exodus Journey](#), published by Pacific Press, is about choosing trust over anxiety, and dives into Israel's journey to the Promised Land, inviting readers to consider their own daily walk towards the heavenly Canaan, trusting God to be the Redeemer, Provider and Guide. Get your FREE copy (US and Canada, one per household) by downloading the Jesus 101 mobile app on your device, click on “Book Offers”, and enter code “NAD-EJ”. Code valid through Aug. 15.

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Health Care Connections: "The Sun Still



Cover: Charis McRoy, author and *Guide* columnist; [WATCH](#) the interview.

Rises," by Ingrid Hernández, pp. 08-09

NAD Update: "2021 Elections Bring Leadership Changes for NAD Administration, Departments, and Guam-Micronesia Mission," by Mylon Medley, pp. 10-11

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VIEWPOINTS



Willing Vessels

"The way we see ourselves can determine our success. If we consider ourselves inadequate, then we'll do an inadequate job, or may not even do the job at all. On the other

hand, if we recognize our weakness but accept that God can work through us and in us, there's no limit to what God can do through willing vessels."

— Paul H. Douglas, treasurer of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, during NAD staff worship on Aug. 11, 2021

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