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News and Information from the North American Division

NEWSPOINTS

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Heather Thompson Day is returning this fall to Andrews University as an associate professor in the department of Visual Arts, Communication & Design. Thompson Day, who recently published her seventh book, *It's Not Your Turn*, will teach graduate and undergraduate communication courses, including ethics and interpersonal communication. <u>MORE</u>



It Is Written welcomes Wes Peppers as the ministry's new evangelism director. Peppers replaces Yves Monnier, who accepted a call to serve as the ministerial and evangelism director for the Pennsylvania Conference. Peppers began his new position in August. <u>MORE</u>



Daniel Weber, who most recently served as the North American Division communication director since 2014, is joining the Andrews University communication program. He will teach photography, film, and general communication classes. <u>MORE</u>



"The church needs to be willing to go wherever people are. And where are people? They're in the cities," declared Frank Bondurant, vice president for ministry development of the Columbia Union Conference, at the grand opening ceremony for the new Urban Life Center in Baltimore on Aug. 13. MORE



Southern Adventist University has launched a partnership with Equal Chance for Education (ECE), a Tennessee-based scholarship program that helps provide Hispanic individuals with an equal opportunity to achieve the American dream by completing college. Incoming college students may qualify for an ECE scholarship of up to \$6,000 per year. <u>MORE</u>



A six-member Adventist Health team traveled to Baja Mexico in July to assist with plans for the launch of a health system for the North Mexican Union Conference of Seventhday Adventists. <u>MORE</u>

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

World's First COVID-Conscious Skyscraper and Medical Center Unveiled by Miami Mayor, Adventist Health, and Royal Palm Companies (Fla.)

Riverview Community Seventh-day Adventist Church "Total Loss" After Fire (Tenn.)

"I Breathe Loma Linda": How Seventh-day Adventists in Southern California Are Living Longer

More Florida Private Schools Making Switch to Content-Rich Curriculum

Some Caldor Fire Evacuees Left With Nowhere To Go: Placerville Seventh-day Adventist Church Opens Lot for Campers (Calif.)

Adventist Health Tillamook pauses elective surgeries to accommodate COVID-19 surge (Ore.)

AdventHealth Doctor Says, "Make the Patient, not Technology, the Focus Again"

In Guam, TakeCare Signs In-Network Provider Contract with Adventist Clinic

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES





August 28 is enditnow emphasis day! This year, educate your church on the issues of youth violence and pornography with a special worship service program, "<u>Bringing Peace Home</u>," developed by NAD Women's Ministries. #enditnowNAD aims to educate church leaders and communities on how to identify and prevent abuse. Break the silence and #enditnow. LEARN MORE

Interested in radio evangelism? Attend a FREE webinar on "How to Apply with the FCC

for a FULL-POWER Radio Station" online on Sunday, Aug. 29, at 4 p.m. ET. Don Martin, broadcast and media attorney, will present FCC requirements to apply — FM frequency, finances, and more. If you're interested in learning about this ministry opportunity, request a link to attend the webinar by <u>emailing Don Martin</u>. Already have a radio station and want free programming assistance? <u>Contact LifeTalk Radio</u>.









The Made to Move Virtual 5k Run/Walk is September 19! Or you can participate any day between Sept. 19-Sept. 26 and submit your time for a chance to enter the Winner's Circle. You choose the time and location, just make sure it is 5k (3.1 miles)! Bring along your church, your friends, or go solo. Register by Sept. 5 to get your shirt by Race Day, valid U.S. mailing address required (includes Guam/Micronesia). LEARN MORE

Join Youth Week of Prayer each night from the North American Division Youth and Young

Adult Ministries on Sept. 5-8, 7:30 p.m. ET, and Sabbath, Sept. 11, at 9:30 a.m. ET. Pastor Daniel Ortega is the main speaker; the #Built4This event will also include connect opportunities and amazing music! Watch on <u>Facebook Live</u> and the #OneTeamNAD <u>YouTube channel.</u>

Register for the Foundations of Faith Community Nursing Course by Sept. 8! This virtual course, held twice a week, Sept. 15-Oct. 24, will help Faith Community Nurses (FCNs) provide intentional care to the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual needs of individuals and communities. Nurses of all faiths will be equipped to educate others on wellness, healing, health promotion, and disease prevention and

lifestyle management. Cost: \$335 per person. <u>LEARN</u> <u>MORE</u>

Hurry! Register now for the Do It Together -Sabbath School Convention 2021! Sponsored

by the NAD Adult, Children's and Youth ministries, the virtual 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. WATCH the video to learn more





Oct. 2-3, attend Addiction Recovery Facilitator

Training, either in person in Glendale, Calif. or via ZOOM! This training event fulfills a portion of the threepart training course to become a "Journey to Wholeness" Facilitator. As a Facilitator for the Journey to Wholeness (JTW) program, you will be empowered with the skills, understanding, and compassion needed to help individuals who are walking the path to freedom from addictions, hurts, and habits. LEARN MORE

"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. <u>CLICK HERE</u> to register.

EVENTS CALENDAR

August

- 28 enditnow Emphasis Day
- 28 Offering: Local Conference Advance

September

- 1-30 Hispanic Heritage Month
- 4 Men's Ministries Prayer Sabbath
- 4 Offering: Local Church Budget
- 5–11 <u>Nurture Periodicals (Adventist Review,</u> <u>Guide, Primary Treasure, Little Friend)</u>
- 5–11 Family Togetherness Week
- 5–11 Youth Week of Prayer
- 11 Super Youth Day Sabbath

August Focus: Spiritual Gifts

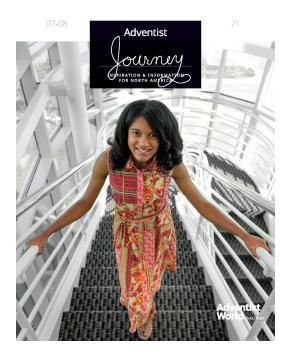
September Focus: <u>Health</u>

> Camp Meeting Calendar

Adventist Mission

- 11 Family Togetherness Sabbath
- 11 Offering: World Budget (GC).
- 18 Made to Move Day
- 18 Grandparents Sabbath
- 18 Offering: Local Church Budget
- 19-25 Made to Move Week
- 25 Deaf Ministries Awareness Sabbath
- 25 <u>Offering:</u> Thirteenth Sabbath Offering: North American Division (NAD)
- 25 Offering: Local Church Budget

ADVENTIST JOURNEY



Cover: Charis McRoy, author and *Guide* columnist; <u>WATCH</u> the interview.

Feature Interview: "Beware of the Wolves: Practical ways to avoid ministry scams," by Bill Knott with Karnik Doukmetzian, pp. 04-07

Health Care Connections: "The Sun Still 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

Perspective: "Widen My Lens," by Randy Robinson, p. 13

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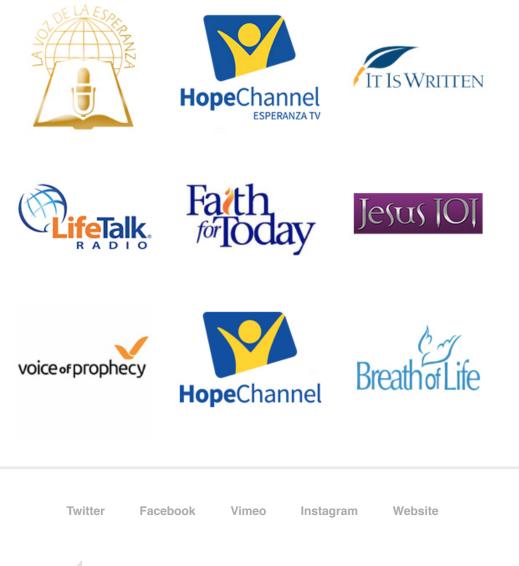


How Often?

"How often do we forget what our greatest possession is? How often do we forget the wonders that Jesus performs for us? How often do we forget about the wonder of being loved by Jesus? ... Jesus loves us ... And I wonder how often do we cherish that relationship with Jesus — and share Him with wonder and excitement? How often do we share Jesus with other people?"

- Wendy Eberhardt, NAD vice president for ministries, during NAD staff worship on Aug. 25, 2021

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