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More than 800 individuals from 78 countries registered for the NAD Family Ministries virtual conference on July 22-24. Themed “Forgiveness: Reaching Peace,” the conference featured two plenary session speakers, special panel discussion, and 18 different breakout sessions. [MORE](#)



The North American Division Youth and Young Adult Ministries department held a three-day virtual youth congress from Aug. 12-Aug. 14. This youth congress, titled “GO DO IT,” this was the first annual youth congress sponsored by the department. [MORE](#)



The Marshall Islands got a little brighter this summer with the arrival of the first Marshallese GLOW tract. These pocket-sized pamphlets attract readers by offering information on relevant topics like health, relationships, and Biblical truths. The Marshallese tract marks the first one published in the local island language. [MORE](#)



Community members are invited to sign up for free counseling sessions through the Southern Center for Counseling and Emotional Wellness at Southern Adventist University. The service is provided by graduate students in the university's Professional Counseling program, and each session is strictly supervised by licensed professionals. [MORE](#)



Adventist Health teams are inspiring the well-being transformation movement by improving well-being and longevity in communities across the nation through Blue Zones, a nationally recognized



Tim Kosaka, director of marketing and public relations at Southwestern Adventist University, never saw himself living and working in Texas. His prayer, though, was that God would lead him to a place where his faith would be strengthened, with a church

leader in well-being that Adventist Health
acquired in 2020. [MORE](#)

community in which he could serve.
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ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Joseph's Storehouse Hosts Food Giveaway Aug. 30 \(Okla.\)](#)

[Weekend Clinic Brings Hundreds of Outer East Folks Better Health \(Ore.\)](#)

[Local Organization Partners with Adventist Community Services to Prepare for Hurricane Ida \(Miss.\)](#)

[Oxford Seventh-day Adventist Church Kids Raise \\$400 for Food Pantry \(Me.\)](#)

[Napa Christian Students Embrace Life on School Farm \(Calif.\)](#)

[Gatherings 4 Main Street Opens with Community Purpose \(Me.\)](#)

[Adventist Community Services Center Overwhelmed with Donations for Afghani Refugees \(Md.\)](#)

[Willow Creek Shelter Evacuates to Seventh-day Adventist Church in McKinleyville \(Calif.\)](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



THIS FRIDAY tune in to "The Afghan War & the Church as an Agent of Healing," a webinar by NAD Adventist Muslim Relations (AMR). As 20 years of war come to a close, hundreds of Afghans are fleeing the country and now face integrating into unfamiliar cultures and societies. Dr. Farid Senzai will present insights on Afghani identity, culture, values, and religion as AMR facilitates this conversation on the role of the Church as an agent of healing. Join via [ZOOM](#) Sept. 3 at 8:30 p.m. EDT.

Enjoy quality time this holiday weekend with LifeTalk programs for the **WHOLE FAMILY!** Listen together at [LifeTalk.net](#) or at [LifeTalkKIDS.net](#), and try out the fun activities especially for kids. Traveling? You



can take [LifeTalk Radio](#) with you! Get the free LifeTalk Radio mobile app with both audio streams — [LifeTalk KIDS](#) and the main channel. Spend Labor Day together, connecting with Christ.



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. [LEARN MORE](#)



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

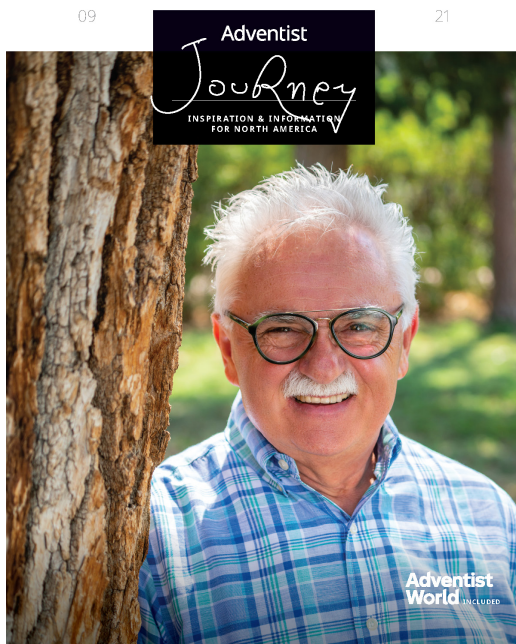


Sept. 18 is Grandparents Sabbath!
Grandparenting: Giving Our Grandchildren a GRAND View of God, by Drs. Claudio & Pamela Consuegra, is the perfect tool to help your church celebrate this special day. Filled with research, practical ideas, and discussion questions, this book may be used by individuals or small groups to explore their God-given role of grandparenting and disciple-making. Call [AdventSource](#) at (402) 486 8800 for special bulk pricing, or [ORDER ONLINE](#).

The Made to Move Virtual 5k Run/Walk is Sept. 19! Or you can participate any day between Sept. 19-Sept. 26 and submit your time for a chance to

- 5-11 [Family Togetherness Week](#)
- 5-11 [Youth Week of Prayer](#)
- 11 [Super Youth Day Sabbath](#)
- 11 [Family Togetherness Sabbath](#)
- 11 [Offering: World Budget \(GC\).](#)
- 18 [Made to Move Day.](#)
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- 18 [Offering: Local Church Budget](#)
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ADVENTIST JOURNEY



Cover: Rajmund Dabrowski, most recently Rocky Mountain Conference communication director, previously serving as director in all levels of the Church, including the General Conference; [WATCH](#) the interview.

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NAD Update: "Norm Middag, Former NAD Pathfinder, Adventurer, and Camp Ministries Director, Passes to His Rest," by Kimberly Luste Maran, Dixie Plata, and Renee Brownlow, pp. 10-11

NAD Update: "Retired La Voz de la Esperanza Speaker Milton Peverini Passes to His Rest," by the North American Division Office of Communication, p. 12

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His Assurance for Our Journey

"[To paraphrase John 10:27-28 — God] says, 'When you're My sheep, you don't have to worry because nobody can snatch you out of My hand. ... My sheep hear My voice, and I know them and they follow Me. And I give eternal life to them. And they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My hand.'

Nobody can do that. Nobody can take you out of the hand of the Shepherd."

— Elizabeth Viera Talbot, speaker/director of Jesus 101 Biblical Institute, speaking at NAD staff worship Sept. 9, 2021

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