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# NEWSPOINTS

November 10, 2021



**On Nov. 1, Randy Robinson, NAD treasurer, commenced his annual treasurer's report** at the North American Division Year-End Meeting with introducing new GC treasurer Paul Douglas. Before diving into the specifics, Robinson shared his amazement with how God has worked through His church members as he portrayed the financial backdrop undergirding his report. [MORE](#)



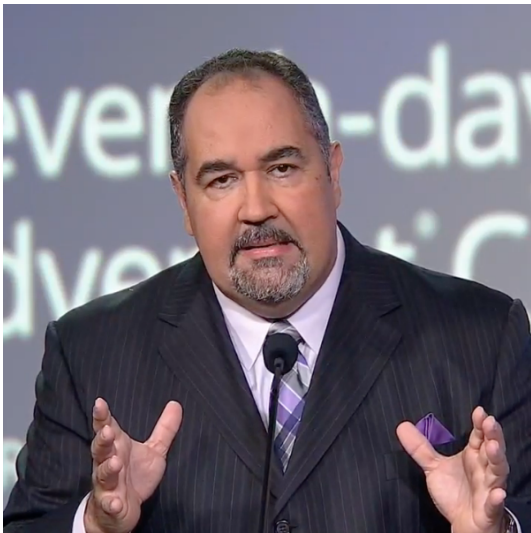
**Friday evening vespers at the 2021 North American Division Year-End Meeting, hosted by Jose Cortes Jr., NAD associate ministerial director, and Calvin Watkins, NAD vice president for evangelism, featured** missional stories of compassion and multiplication from around the division. [MORE](#)



**Day four of the North American Division Year-End Meeting began with a powerful devotional by Wendy Eberhardt, NAD vice president for ministries, whose message, entitled “In All Your Ways,” focused on Proverbs 3:3-6. “We’ve gotten used to our routine, our [busy] calendars, and we forget Who we depend on,” Eberhardt said. [MORE](#)**



**The fifth day of the NAD Year-End Meeting on Nov. 1, 2021, opened with an inspiring rendition of “Victory Belongs to Jesus” presented by the students of G.E. Peters Elementary School in Md., and worship with Maurice Valentine, NAD vice president for media. The treasurer’s report followed, and delegates also had the opportunity to join breakout sessions — this time talking about the strategic focus on media. [MORE](#)**



**Carolyn R. Forrest, associate secretary-director of human relations for the North American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, opened the sixth and final day of the NAD year-end meetings on Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2021, with a reading of Psalm 100:2. A devotional by Minervino “Minner”**



**Isaiah Long was appointed pastor of an Apostolic church in Washington, D.C., in 2014. Throughout his life he’d seen other pastors leading their churches in various ways, but he didn’t want to just mimic others; he wanted**

Labrador, Jr., vice president for multilingual ministries for the NAD, followed. [MORE](#)



**During the sixth and final day of the NAD Year-End Meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 2, the meeting** moved into executive session to review policy edits and vote. NAD president G. Alexander Bryant reminded the group that these motions and votes can only take place during the year-end meetings. [MORE](#)

to fulfill God's calling. He began to pray that God would show him how to lead. In 2016, a question from a congregant started him on a journey that would lead him somewhere very unexpected: The Seventh-day Adventist Church. [MORE](#)



**Adventist Information Ministry, the North American Division's contact center, welcomed a new director** on Nov. 1, 2021. Brent Hardinge, previously the assistant communication director at the General Conference, is poised to help lead AIM into its next era of ministry. [MORE](#)

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## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Southern Adventist University Student Hit by Vehicle in School Zone \(Tenn.\)](#)

[Adventist Church Hosts Plant-Based Cooking Demonstration \(Ga.\)](#)

[Great Bend Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School Fruit Sales Begin \(Kan.\)](#)

[Lake County Joins Groundbreaking Well-Being Movement Through Blue Zones Project \(Calif.\)](#)

[Great American Smokeout Encourages Smokers To Quit \(Md.\)](#)



## ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



**Ends today! The NAD Church Planters BootCamp West registration is \$119 until Nov. 10!** Join the three-day experience at Sunset Lake Camp in Wilkeson, Wa., to learn practical tools for church planting, how to fund a plant in the North American context, and do it all alongside other practitioners. Two tracks will be offered: English and Español. Register today at [nadministerial.com](http://nadministerial.com). Se ofrecerán todos los seminarios en Inglés y Español. Registración Regular (Octubre 21 - Noviembre 10 ): \$119.00. El programa completo se publicará en [nadministerial.com](http://nadministerial.com)



**Are you madly in love, or just plain mad?** That's the question seminar presenter Mike Tucker will be asking couples at the [Mad About Marriage](#) seminar on Nov. 12-13 at the Loma Linda University Church in Loma Linda, CA. Registration fee is \$50 per couple or \$25 per person. [Mad About Marriage](#) is designed to enhance the quality of marriages in the church and provide an evangelistic outreach by inviting couples from the community. [LEARN MORE](#)



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**It Is Written Canada, in collaboration with local Adventist pastors** in Ontario, Canada, presents a unique evangelistic series entitled, "Finding Hope Together." These pastors vulnerably share their personal struggles and practical journeys as they serve



God. Tune in on [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#) every Friday, Sunday, and Wednesday evening, 7 p.m. ET, Nov. 5–24. Learn more at [FindingHopeTogether.ca](#), and [WATCH](#) the trailer.



**Is your church engaging with Muslim Afghans as they resettle in your community?** Adventist Muslim Relations is happy to present five webinars to prepare and assist pastors reaching this group. Check out: "[Refugee: Who? What? Safe?](#)" "[The Church as a Healing Community](#)," "[Islam 101: Faith, Culture, and Engagement](#)," "[Logistics: What Is the Next Step? What Are We Expected to Do?](#)" and "[God's Perspective on Refugees \(E. G. White\)](#)."



**Brighten someone's day with free sharing cards from LifeTalk Radio.** Celebrate Veterans Day, World Kindness Day (Nov. 13), Thanksgiving, or any day with “Thanks for Making a Difference,” “You Matter to God,” and Bible verse cards. Order [printed cards](#) for FREE, or send [e-cards](#) by email! LifeTalk has lots of [resources](#) for listeners young and old. Listen on the free mobile app or at [LifeTalk.net](#).



**The enditnow Virtual Summit on Abuse on Nov. 14 (English) and Nov. 15 (Spanish)** will provide a greater emphasis on providing church leaders, pastors, seminary students, and schools administrators and teachers with practical tools to help victims of domestic violence, or intimate partner violence, receive the help they need in a safe, effective, and non-judgmental manner. [LEARN MORE](#).

**"Happy birthday, Jesus" is a free, downloadable 25-day activity devotional** for the entire family created by the North American Division, Children's Ministries department. This devotional, available in English and Spanish, guides readers



through the first 25 days of December, celebrating and remembering Jesus, the real reason for the season.

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**Do you have a prison ministry? Do you personally visit those who are incarcerated?**

Jesus 101 offers free resources for this purpose— you can request these FREE materials to minister to inmates during the upcoming Christmas season. Jesus 101 will provide devotional booklets, pamphlets, and DVDs at no charge for prison outreach. Materials may be sent to prison ministry leaders or directly to prisons. Email your request to [office@jesus101.tv](mailto:office@jesus101.tv). For more information about Jesus 101, visit [www.Jesus101.tv](http://www.Jesus101.tv).



**NAD Ministerial is delighted to announce that registration for the CALLED Pastors' Family**

Convention is now open. Pastoral families are encouraged to take advantage of the early bird rates through Jan. 31, 2022. The convention will be held June 19-22, 2022, in Lexington, Kentucky. This event is designed for all pastors and their families in the North American Division. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more/register.

## EVENTS CALENDAR

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- 13 [Offering: World Budget \(Emphasis: Radio Ministries\) \(GC\)](#)
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## ADVENTIST JOURNEY



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## VIEWPOINTS

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## Move With God

"Maybe it's time to not ask God to bless our personal preferences or plans. Rather, [we should] ask for God to open up our spiritual eyes, our spiritual ears, to see where He's working — and instead of asking God to bless our plans we watch, listen. We see God moving. Let's move with Him."

— *Dave Gemmell, NAD Ministerial Association associate director, during NAD staff worship on Nov. 10, 2021*

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