

NEWSPOINTS

January 27, 2022



On Jan. 13, more than 40 people from diverse faith traditions gathered for the third Religious Freedom Prayer Breakfast hosted by the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America (NAD). The event recognized Jan. 16 as National Religious Freedom Day in the U.S., and included prayer for elected officials, the community, the nation, global health and healing, for peace, religious freedom, and for unity of spirit. [MORE](#)



Back when I was operating a college radio station, a caller said he appreciated the music and message on the radio station one particular evening. He went on to describe how he had been contemplating suicide, even coming to the point of deciding to end his life that evening. But as he listened to the radio, the power of the music and message spoke to his heart and altered his decision. He called the radio station — that was a life-changing experience for me. [READ MORE](#)



The Adventist Community Service team from the Rocky Mountain Conference has set up a distribution center in Denver, Colorado, to assist residents affected by the recent Colorado Marshall fire. The 6,000-acre wildfire damaged or destroyed 1,270 homes and businesses and is considered the most destructive fire in Colorado history, with estimates on damage exceeding a half-billion dollars. [MORE](#)



Three senior animation majors in the School of Visual Art and Design at Southern Adventist University received the Windrider Best Undergraduate Student Film Award during the Windrider Summit & the Sundance Film Festival Experience 2022. The Windrider Summit, which was held virtually this year, is an official partner of the Sundance Institute. [MORE](#)

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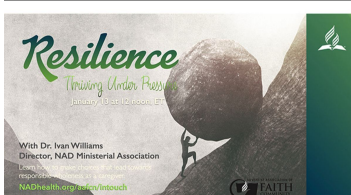
NAD Ministerial is delighted to announce that registration for the **CALLED Pastors' Family** Convention is now open. Pastoral families are encouraged to take advantage of the early bird rates through Jan. 31, 2022. The convention will be held June 19-22, 2022, in Lexington, Kentucky. This event is designed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



Oakwood University launches "**Windows on the Word: Social Justice in the Word of God**" on February 4, 2022, 7:30 CDT. This 4-part series for Black History Month is the first in the weekly broadcast "Windows on the Word" hosted by University President, Dr. Leslie Pollard. "Windows on the Word" is designed to highlight contributions to the Adventist mission and faith worldwide. The daily lesson plan used in this series is [available in PDF](#) or [hard copy](#). [LEARN MORE](#)



Thriving churches grow together, engaging all generations. All local churches across the North American Division are invited on a transformation journey equipping leaders to reach, love, and empower their members better. This January, join the *Growing Together Cohort*, a year-long digital experience alongside other local Adventist churches. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more and/or register.



Caregiving professionals carry a tremendous load in our world today. The pressure health care workers, social service providers and clergy face can be relieved when resilience is the focus and conscious choices are made that lead towards responsible wholeness. Join Health Ministries and AAFCN on Feb. 13, 2022, to discover how to thrive under the pressures of caregiving. [LEARN MORE](#)

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If you are a high school student who makes movies, check out the Southwestern Adventist University South by Southwestern Film Festival offered through the communication department this spring. The online film festival is available to all high school students, you can enter as an organization or individual, and the deadline is March 1, 2022. For more specifications and details, or to register, [CLICK HERE](#).



What is a religious exemption from an employment vaccine requirement, and what is the Seventh-day Adventist Church's position on these type of requests? The Public Affairs and Religious Liberty team at the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America answer these and other FAQs related to employment vaccine mandates and religious liberty exemptions. [CLICK HERE](#).



SHARE HOPE! Overcome depression. Tell your neighbors to tune in to "Message of Hope" on LifeTalk Radio for hope-filled, Christ-centered Bible messages from Mark Finley, John Bradshaw, Doug Batchelor, Brian McMahon, Dwight Nelson, and others on weeknights at 9 p.m. ET. [Listen live](#) on LifeTalk Radio mobile app or on [podcasts](#). Invite others to listen with a free [LifeTalk sharing card](#) or an [eCard](#).



Make your church a center of compassion in your community by offering the Grief Sessions seminar. [Faith For Today](#) helps your church meet the needs of the community as Christ did. The Grief Sessions seminar is a small group, Bible-based six-

session course. Host Mike Tucker of [Lifestyle Magazine](#) shares grief principles and interviews guests about their grief journey. [CLICK HERE](#) to order your copy; or call 888-940-0062 to learn more.

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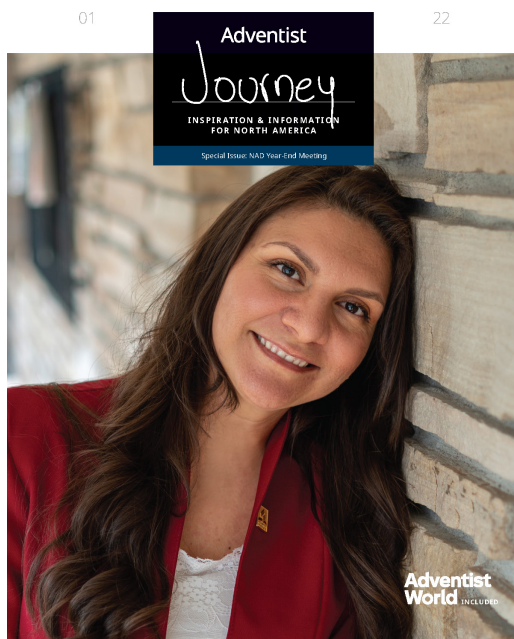
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Compassion Without Limit

"The Saviour's work was not restricted to any time or place. His compassion knew no limit. ... In every city, every town, every village, through which He passed, He laid His hands upon the afflicted ones and healed them. Wherever there were hearts ready to receive His message, He comforted them with the assurance of their heavenly Father's love."

— *Ellen G. White, A Call to Stand Apart, p. 59*

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