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News and Information from the North American Division

NEWSPOINTS

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In a recent interview, Rockefeller "Rocky" Twyman shares some of his experiences growing up during the Civil Rights Movement, becoming an Adventist, and continuing to share the gospel in unique ways through his musical prowess, public relations firm, activism, and steadfast belief in the power of prayer. READ this interview.



A new Black History Month Bible study guide, "Social Justice and the Word of God," dedicated to the memory of former Allegheny East Conference president Henry J. Fordham III and his wife Sharon Elaine (Wright) Fordham, is available now. The format models the Sabbath School quarterly with four weekly lessons. MORE



Southern Adventist University's honors program, Southern Scholars, is pleased to welcome historian Eric Anderson, Ph.D., as the presenter for the first Benjamin McArthur Endowed Lecture. All are invited to the free talk on Feb. 17, at 7 p.m. ET in the Ackerman Auditorium of the university. MORE



On Dec. 16, 2021, Typhoon Rai, a Category 5 Super Typhoon, slammed the Philippines, triggering floods and landslides. ADRA responded immediately to the disaster. Through funding from international partners and local partners, ADRA has delivered cash assistance and food to more than 5,000 families. <u>MORE</u>

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

<u>Finding Christ Through Pain; From a Painful Experience to SWAU to a Decision for</u> <u>Baptism</u>

Eugene SDA Church Steps in to Help Community Members Infected With COVID-19 (Ore.)

Adventist Community Cancer Center in Montgomery County, Md. Receives \$1.5MM to Support Pioneering Cancer-Care Programs

Detroit Lakes' Adventist Community Services Reopens Under New Leadership (Mich.)

GC: General Conference Executive Committee Votes to Allow for Hybrid 2022 GC Session

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES

Faith Community Nurses (FCNs) provide intentional care to the physical, mental, emotional,







and spiritual needs of individuals and communities. This five-week virtual/online course begins Feb. 23, 2022, and trains nurses to promote wellness, healing, disease prevention, and lifestyle management in their congregation. <u>Click here</u> to learn more/register by Feb. 16. Nurses receive 40.5 contact hours.

Oakwood University launches "Windows on the Word: Social Justice in the Word of God"

on Feb. 4, 2022, 7:30 CT. 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 <u>available in PDF</u> or <u>hard copy</u>. Check out <u>Oakwood's</u> <u>YouTube channel</u> for streaming. <u>LEARN MORE</u>

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



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, <u>CLICK HERE</u>.

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. <u>CLICK HERE</u>.





Jesus 101TV has released new video and audio programs in Spanish. "Confianza" (La Travesia del Exodo) is a twelve-part video program featuring Dr. Elizabeth Talbot and Pastor Gustavo Squarzon. It is a companion to the newly released book of the same title. The video series and book invite viewers to face anxiety with faith in God. New audio programs include "La Travesia del Exodo, "Conectate a la Vida" series, and the audio book, *Apocalipsis: El Quinto Evangelio*. LEARN MORE.

SHARE GOD'S LOVE! Order free sharing cards for Valentine and Spring giving from LifeTalk Radio <u>here</u>. Or, email free digital <u>eCards</u>. Invite others to listen to messages of hope and healing at <u>www.LifeTalk.net</u>, on Amazon Echo, Roku, or on the free LifeTalk Radio mobile app. Brighten someone's day!



Make your church a center of compassion in your community by offering the Grief Sessions

seminar. <u>Faith For Today</u> helps your church meet the needs of the community as Christ did. The Grief Sessions seminar is a small group, Bible-based sixsession course. Host Mike Tucker of <u>Lifestyle</u> <u>Magazine</u> shares grief principles and interviews guests about their grief journey. <u>CLICK HERE</u> to order your copy; or call 888-940-0062 to learn more.

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. <u>Listen live</u> on LifeTalk Radio mobile app or on <u>podcasts</u>. Invite others to listen with a free <u>LifeTalk</u> <u>sharing card</u> or an <u>eCard</u>.

EVENTS CALENDAR

February

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Adventist Mission

ADVENTIST JOURNEY



Cover: Rockefeller "Rocky" Twyman, professional musician, public relations

Feature: "Appreciation Never Expires," by James L. Reid, pp. 04–07

Feature: "Connecting the Pastoral Family," by Dave Gemmell, pp. 08–09

NAD Update: "New Online Encyclopedia Tells the Story of Adventists," by Seventhday Adventist Church Office of Archives, Statistics, and Research, pp. 10–11

Perspective: "Perspectives on the African American Family," by Washington Johnson, pp. 13

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professional, from Rockville, Maryland. <u>WATCH</u> the interview. North America; click <u>HERE</u> to view the February issue online.

VIEWPOINTS



Come On, Jesus

"How do you want to be remembered? What will be your legacy? ... I just pray that when my time comes I will have lived a life— will have a legacy — that says, 'Come on, Jesus.'"

— James Black, NAD Prayer Ministries coordinator, during NAD staff worship on Feb. 2, 2022, when talking about serving "the least of these"

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