

NEWSPOINTS

November 9, 2022



Randy Robinson, NAD treasurer, as he began his report on Oct.31 at the NAD Year-End Meeting, he referred to the song, “Goodness of God.” Robinson said, “That sentiment is the underpinning upon which my report rests today, along with the fact that God is in control. As we look back on 2021, and so far in 2022, there’s no doubt God is leading His church.” [MORE](#)



Though the theme for the 2022 NAD Year-End Meeting is “Together in Mission,” the church leaders gathered were also together in worship each morning. These worship sessions began with hymns, Scripture, and special music before the sermon, each day presented by a different speaker. [MORE](#)



The fourth day of the NAD 2022 Year-End Meeting themed “Together in Mission: I Will Go” balanced thankfulness for the leaders who came before and the work of many of the ministries within the division with heartfelt discussion and debate on some of the major issues of the day. [MORE](#)



The diversity and breadth of the ministries of the NAD were on full display during the fifth day of the 2022 Year-End Meeting, themed “Together in Mission: I Will Go.” The keynote event of the day featured the presentation of the treasurer’s report; and there were also some unexpectedly emotional moments during the day. [MORE](#)



At the NAD’s Year-End Meeting on Tuesday morning, Nov. 1, Bettina Krause, associate director of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty and editor of Liberty magazine, shed light on the Doctrine of Discovery, an 11th-century



On Sept. 28, Florida’s Gulf Coast was devastated by Hurricane Ian, a category 4 storm. With a death toll of at least 119, Ian is Florida’s deadliest hurricane since 1935. Fierce

doctrine with present-day implications.

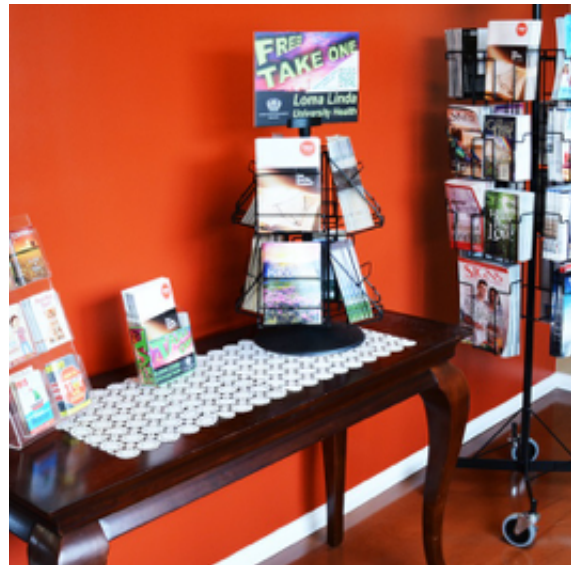
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On Nov. 20, the NAD will give away 10,000 lbs. of fresh fruit and vegetables. “During this Thanksgiving season, we want to help our neighbors and express our gratitude for being a part of the local Howard County community,” says Orlan Johnson, Director of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Ministries for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America. Area residents are encouraged to visit the NAD headquarters starting at 10 a.m. ET. [MORE](#)



winds, torrential rain, and a storm surge left homes, businesses, roads, bridges, and other infrastructure in shambles. ACS Disaster Response has stepped in to help. [MORE](#)



One of the most innovative lay evangelism programs in Adventist history moved into its permanent home when Loma Linda University Church formally dedicated the Literature Ministry Distribution and Training Center on the campus of Loma Linda Elementary School on Oct. 15. The center represents the culmination of years of vision, faith, prayer, and hard work on the part of a dedicated lay group eager to share the gospel. [MORE](#)

Pacific Union College is pleased to announce Joy Hirdler as its new vice president for financial

administration. Hirdler, a PUC alum, has served in various finance roles for more than 15 years at Seventh-day Adventist institutions across the nation, including nearly five years at PUC. Most recently, she worked in financial administration for Union College. Hirdler, who assumed her new role on Oct. 30, said she is excited to work with familiar friends and new colleagues as part of the PUC team.

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“The opportunity of a lifetime,” “unforgettable memories,” and “the highlight of my university years” were just some of the remarks from members of Southwestern Adventist University's group The University Singers after their recent concert tour to the United Kingdom. From Aug. 11-18, the group, along with British composer Philip W. Stopford, were invited to perform at Westminster Abbey, Quarr Abbey on the Isle of Wight, and Portsmouth Cathedral.

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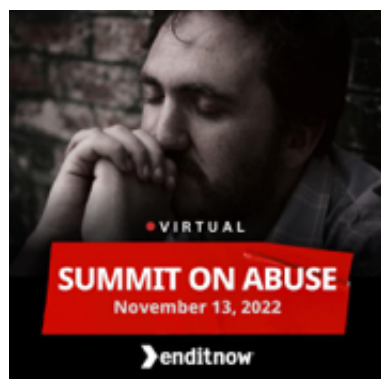
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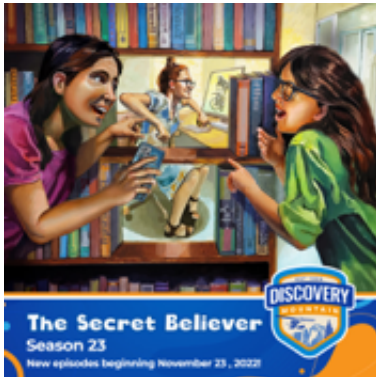


The annual NAD enditnow Summit on Abuse is free and virtual. Tune in on Nov. 13 to the enditnow summit for North America for practical presentations from industry experts, and learn about tools you can use to help create safe churches and communities (subtitulado en español / sous-titré en français). Learn more at enditnownorthamerica.org/2022summit.

Join us at the 2023 NAD Adventist Ministries Convention, held on Jan. 8-11. Register is open!



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The Perfect Place for God

"Wherever you are, with your nothingness, [it] is the best canvas for God — who can put something there for you. Where there are no traces, where there are no glimpses of God's presence, or His sight or His providence, you're in the perfect place for God to take nothingness and make it something."

— *Anastacia Ferguson-Bansie, an associate pastor at the Atholton Seventh-day Adventist Church in Columbia, Maryland, during the Nov. 9, 2022, NAD staff worship*

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