

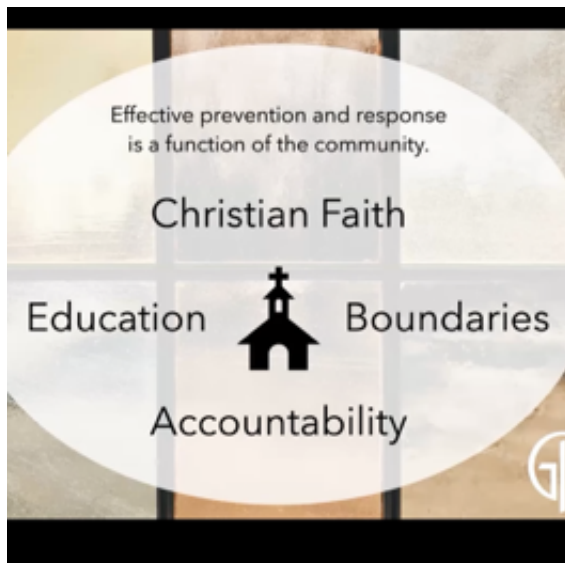


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News and Information from the North American Division

NEWSPOINTS

December 14, 2022



On Sunday, Nov. 13, the NAD hosted its annual enditnow Summit on Abuse, designed to help “create safe churches and communities.” The virtual summit was streamed onto the NADAdventist YouTube channel in English, with French and Spanish subtitles available. [MORE](#)



This season I pray that we don't all get so wrapped up in our gift-giving that we forget the One that this season is all about, Jesus Christ. He needs to be at the top of our Christmas gift-giving list. He wants every one of His children to give Him all of their hearts. [READ MORE](#)

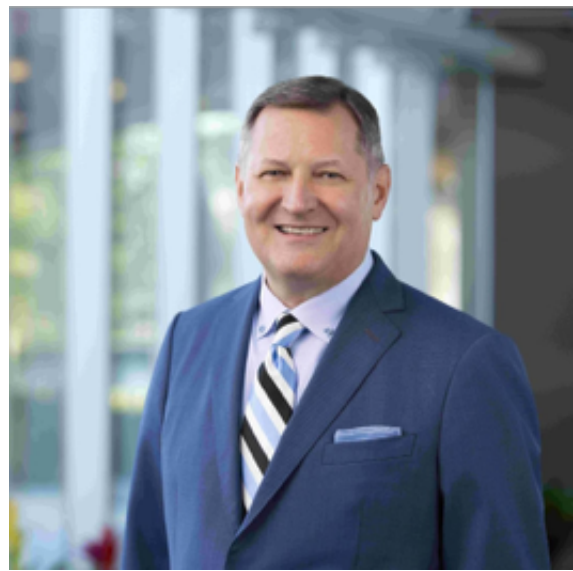


On Monday, Nov. 14, leaders of La Sierra University and the U.S. Navy's Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC), Corona Division signed a memorandum of understanding that officially establishes an educational partnership between the institutions that has been several years in the making.

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On a Friday afternoon after flying home from a week of meetings, I discovered that my laptop was missing. Panic hit. The last time I'd backed up my computer was two and a



AdventHealth president/CEO Terry Shaw has been recognized by *Modern Healthcare* as one of the "100 Most Influential People in Healthcare of 2022." This prestigious recognition program acknowledges and honors individuals who are deemed by their peers and the senior editors of *Modern Healthcare* to be the most influential figures in the industry. [MORE](#)



Carl Bernstein, one of the reporters who helped uncover the Watergate scandal leading to the resignation of President Richard Nixon in

half months ago. So much work had happened since then. Committees, emails, documents, all were gone. My mind turned heavenward. [READ MORE](#)

1974, recently spoke on Southern Adventist University's campus. More than 1,500 students, employees, alumni, and community members attended the event. [MORE](#)

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[Chilling Partnership: Dairy Max Gives Adventist Church Coolers \(Texas\)](#)

[Gone But Not Forgotten: Reflecting on Jefferson Avenue Seventh-Day Adventist Church \(N.Y.\)](#)

[Adventist Bermudians Take Center Stage on Television \(Ill.\)](#)

[Adventist Church Hosts Benefit Concert for Food Bank \(British Columbia, Canada\)](#)

[Reedley Hospital Named 2022 Top Teaching Hospital \(Calif.\)](#)

[Owensboro Seventh Day Adventist Church Opens Thrift Store \(Ky.\)](#)

[Infectious Disease Specialist with AdventHealth Expects Flu to be More Significant than COVID-19 \(Fla.\)](#)

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NAD NewsPoints will be not be published for the next two weeks. Please check out the NAD's social media ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#)) for new content, or visit the [NAD Homepage](#) for news and much more. And [click here](#) to read/watch *Adventist Journey* magazine stories and videos. Happy holidays! We will see you in 2023!

It's not too late to send a Christmas greeting. Use FREE digital sharing cards from LifeTalk Radio. Messages on cards include special Bible texts,



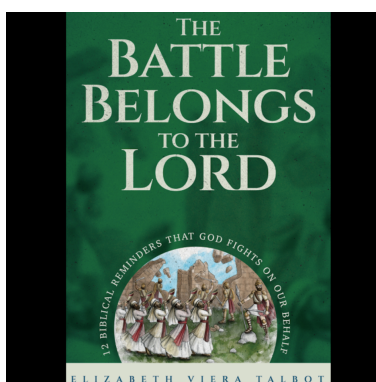
or "God Loves You" or "You Matter to God." Share some Christmas cheer with everyone you know. It's easy to do and just a click away. Discover the many beautiful sharing cards available free at: LifeTalk.net/ecards



The Southwest Region Conference, in collaboration with the Southwestern Union and the Texas Conference, recently live recorded the ABC Television Christmas special "Come Adore Him." Featured guests include Carlton P. Byrd, Southwest Region Conference president; Grammy Award Winner Jonathan McReynolds; Naomi Raines of the award-winning Maverick Music City; Southwestern Adventist University singers and orchestra; and a 500-voice children's mass choir from Adventist schools directed by Gale Jones Murphy. The program will air on ABC television affiliates on Dec. 24 and 25. [CLICK HERE](#) for more info/broadcast times.



Join us at the 2023 NAD Adventist Ministries Convention, held on Jan. 8-11. Register today! We want to see all our ministries leaders at the "Replenish" Adventist Ministries Convention! [Click here](#) to learn more and register! And check out our posts on social media with these hashtags: [#nadreplenish](#) [#nadadventist](#) [#AMC2023](#)



[Jesus 101](#) has released the new book ***The Battle Belongs to the Lord*** by Dr. Elizabeth Talbot, published by Pacific Press. The book is about 12 biblical warfare narratives that remind us that God fights on our behalf. This book has powerful insights for facing life's persistent traumas, while showing that God is willing and able to fight for you. For your free copy, download the Jesus 101 mobile app, click on "Book

Offers”, and enter code “NAD-BBL”. Jesus 101 will send this completely free (US and Canada, one per household). Code valid thru December 15.



Season 4 of Authentic Debuts Nationwide – Join Shawn Boonstra of the Voice of Prophecy this Sabbath for *The Prince*, as he discusses what led Jesus and his followers to give their lives for an wildly unpopular message. This episode serves as the debut episode of season 4 of Authentic which can be viewed on Hope Channel, 3ABN, and at vop.com/authentic.



Give donations for Ukraine through AdventistGiving. The NAD has made it possible for you to provide financial support through the website or app. After first clicking on donate and selecting your local church, you can find the "Ukraine" offering button in the listings under the "World" offering tab. The offering category is a clickable field under "More Offering Categories."

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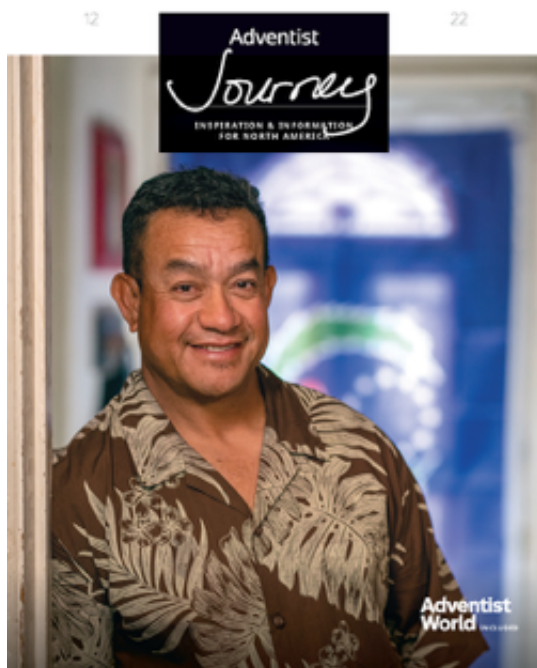
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VIEWPOINTS



Wonder, and Be Astonished

"Heaven and earth are no wider apart today than when shepherds listened to the angels' song. Humanity is still as much the object of heaven's solicitude as when common men of common occupations met angels at noonday, and talked with the heavenly messengers in the vineyards and the fields. To us in the common walks of life, heaven may be very near. Angels from the courts above will attend the steps of those who come and go at God's command. ... God gave His only-begotten Son, that the path of life might be made sure for our little ones. ... Wonder, O heavens! and be astonished, O earth!"

— *Ellen G. White, The Desire of Ages, pp. 48, 49*

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