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“Raise your hand if even as a child you always knew how to take charge. Maybe they called you bossy. ... Raise your hand if you asked a lot of questions. And, who got in trouble for talking?” At the Adventist Women Leaders luncheon, held Jan. 11, 2023, at the conclusion of the North American Division 2023 “Replenish” Adventist Ministries Convention (NAD AMC) in Greensboro, North Carolina, the 70 attendees met keynote speaker JM Dean’s query with laughter and several



After three years apart, ministry leaders from across the North American Division reunited at the 2023 “Replenish” NAD Adventist Ministries Convention in Greensboro, North Carolina. From January 8-11, 2023, they worshiped, laughed, and learned together. “Replenish” offered spiritual and professional development, with nearly 70 educational seminars spread out over two days. [MORE](#)

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The University of Chicago Medicine and AdventHealth have closed on a transaction to form a joint venture called UChicago Medicine AdventHealth, which will combine the expertise and resources of both organizations to bring academic medicine to the western suburbs of Chicago. [MORE](#)



Motorcycle Ministry Sabbath took place on Aug. 6, 2022. Earlier last year, when Michael Cerda, pastor of the Baton Rouge Seventh-day Church, first shared with the congregation that the Southwestern Union asked us to host “bikers” from all over the country, there was a unified laugh followed by thoughtful silence. Members weren’t sure how to host bikers. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Devos Family Foundation Donation to Adventhealth Foundation Will Help Children Access Critical Mental Health Care \(Fla.\)](#)

[Exhibition Featuring Artifacts From Ancient Israel Opening Soon in Southern Adventist University’s Archaeology Museum \(Tenn.\)](#)

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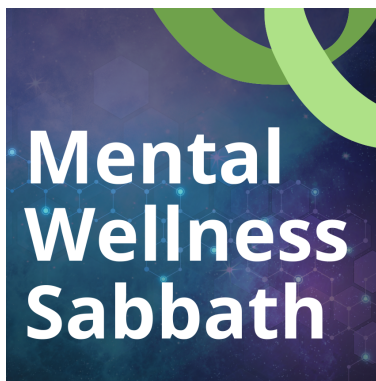
[Displaced Congregation Welcomed To Worship at Capital City Adventist Christian School \(Minn.\)](#)

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The Do It Together REFRESH is a follow-up from the NAD Do It Together Conference held in Sept. 2022.

This can't miss event is designed to train leaders for in-service and to update teaching techniques and connections with students and teachers. Join us as we Do It Together in Sabbath School! [FREE REGISTRATION](#)



Many souls are frantically searching for a “Light in the Dark.” To many of our neighbors, friends, family, and even fellow church members, the stress and strains of society can lead them down a dark and lonely pathway ... perhaps at the cost of their lives. It's time to share the light! Join the NAD and It Is Written for Mental Wellness Sabbath on Feb. 18. [CLICK HERE](#) for resources.



Every church is vulnerable to fire — no matter the size of your congregation or where your church is located. Having a plan to evacuate the church in case of fire is vital to the safety of your members. Practicing your plan is just as important as having a plan. That's what Safety Sabbath is all about. Register your church today to take part in Safety Sabbath and practice a fire drill with your congregation on March 25, 2023. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more/register.



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Join us at the 2023 "Power to Heal" NAD Health Summit to refresh your skills, gain more tools and resources for health ministry, connect



with others who are passionate about health, be inspired as you serve others, be reenergized, and so much more! [Registration](#) is open, and space is limited. Make your plans now for this live, in-person conference, to be held in Lexington, Ky., on April 2-8.



The dates for the International Pathfinder Camporee are August 5-11, 2024, in Gillette, Wyoming. The 2024 Believe the Promise Camporee will highlight the exciting story of Moses and Miriam in an exciting production each evening as well as offer various honors and activities each day that Pathfinders from around the world will enjoy. We hope to see you there! [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more.



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.

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"God of protection, please be in our midst. ... We don't know what tomorrow will bring. Help us to rest in You, relentlessly trusting in Your sovereignty and plan. May we persevere, bringing all of our anxiety to You."

— *Gilda Roddy, associate director of Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries for the NAD, during the annual Religious Freedom Prayer Breakfast, held on Jan. 17, 2023*

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