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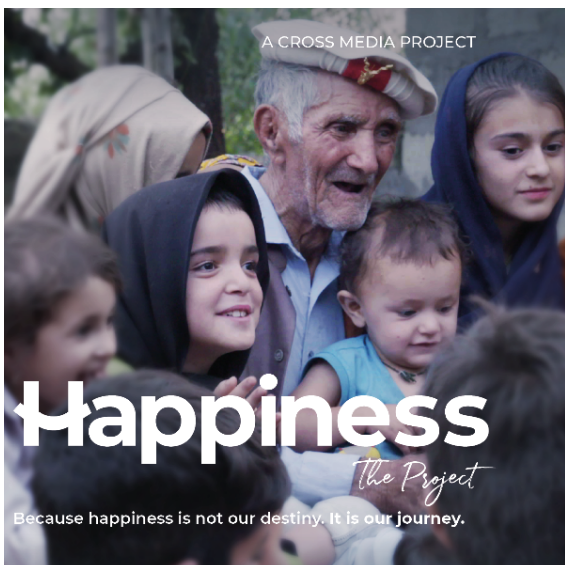
News and Information from the North American Division

# NEWSPOINTS

February 2, 2023



On Jan. 17, approximately 100 people from diverse faith traditions gathered for the fourth annual breakfast. The event, held again in person for the second year in a row, recognized Jan. 16 as National Religious Freedom Day in the U.S., and included prayer for the blessing of the meal served, elected officials, the community, the nation, global health and healing, for peace, religious freedom, and for unity of spirit. [MORE](#)



After more than a year of work and the



The North Star serves a fixed compass in the night sky, guiding the pathway to the dawning of a new day. The history of African American Seventh-day Adventists is filled with numerous “north stars” who have contributed to the betterment of society for all people. Fortunately, this growing list continues into the twenty-first century. [READ MORE](#)



On January 9 and 10, the North American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church (NAD) held its first

commitment of numerous media centers, media entities, and professionals in several communication fields from around the world, Hope Media Europe, with the Trans-European Division (TED) and Inter-European Division (EUD), will officially launch the multimedia HAPPINESS project on Feb. 3. The fifth multimedia offering of its kind stemming from GAIN Europe, Happiness is a “cross-media” project consisting of written content and audio-visual materials for TV, streaming, reading, and social media. [MORE](#)



On Jan. 7, Rose Marie Otis, first General Conference Women’s Ministries director, and first woman to serve as a North American Division vice president, passed to her rest. Widely known as a public speaker and author, she was living in Frederick, Maryland, at the time of her death. Otis was 82. [MORE](#)

counternarrative writing conference. The unique conference took place during the NAD’s Adventist Ministries Convention. Held at the International Civil Rights Center and Museum in Greensboro, N.C., it championed sharing narratives from the perspective of historically marginalized groups, i.e., counternarratives. [MORE](#)



Dr. Paulino Santos, chair of the Department of Kinesiology at Southwestern Adventist University, threw a party at the end of his Adaptive Physical Activity class for his students and their participants. Young participants with disabilities from the surrounding churches and the community came to celebrate their accomplishments with their student therapists at the end of an eight-week lab in Santos’s Adaptive Physical Activity class. [MORE](#)

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## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

['Double Tragedy' Rocks Minnesota Adventist Church Community; Church Leader Laid To Rest \(Minn.\)](#)

[Adventist Health Clear Lake Opens Rapid Care Clinic in Clearlake \(Calif.\)](#)

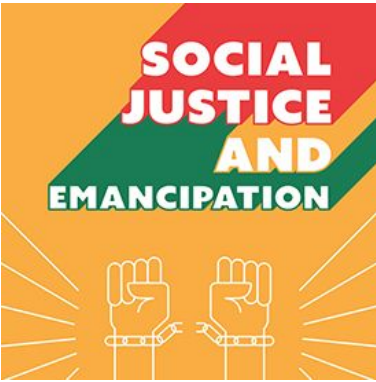
[Seventh-day Adventist College Produces Play On Early Anabaptists \(Calif.\)](#)

[Dr. Daniel Honoré Honored During Powerful Funeral Service at the Edge in Brooklyn Park \(N.Y.\)](#)

[AdventHealth Redmond Names New President and CEO \(Ga.\)](#)



## ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



**Get your church or school group ready for Black History Month with this study guide.** The 2023 Black History Month Bible Study Guide is for churches and schools who would like to study what the Word of God says about emancipation. Each week there will be different topics relating to emancipation with daily lessons following the theme. [View on AdventSource.](#)



**Watch the ehuddle live stream on Feb. 13-15 as lay pastors, elders, and institutional leaders** discuss best practices on relevant topics such as: the culture of evangelism, personal preparation, proclamation presentations, appeals, baptism, reclamation, and other vital aspects that can help your church grow and take your ministry to the next level. And invite your colleagues, pastors, church leaders, and fellow church members to the live stream on the [NAD Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) platforms. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about ehuddle.



**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. 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.

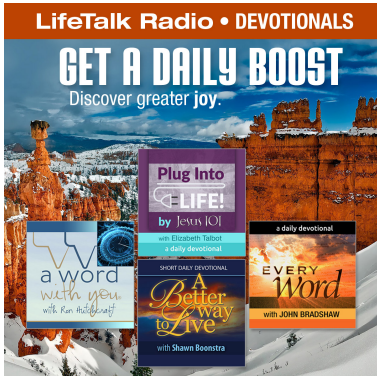


**Every church is vulnerable to fire — no matter the size of your congregation or where your church is located.** Having a plan to evacuate the church in case of fire is vital to the safety of your members. Practicing your plan is just as important as having a plan. That’s what Safety Sabbath is all 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.

**Discovery Mountain audio available for purchase — We’ve now gone fully digital!** In line with current tech and rising costs, we’ve moved



away from selling season CD sets and have started selling digital/MP3 downloads of all seasons [in our store](#). This is a great option if you're looking for a more permanent/offline way to listen to Discovery Mountain, like on road trips. To learn all about the digital download format, as well as ways for kids to listen screen-free, read our Studio Scoop post [here](#).

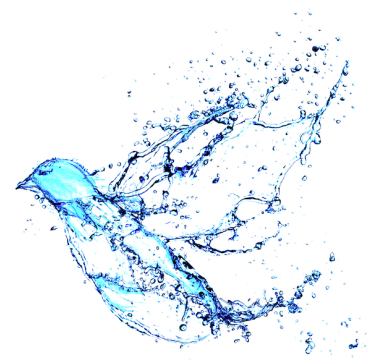


### Stay connected to God during 2023 with daily devotional programs from LifeTalk Radio.

From one minute to several minutes each day, allow your lifeline with God to be renewed through the devotionals presented by John Bradshaw, Shawn Boonstra, Elizabeth Talbot and Ron Hutchcraft. Check out the program schedule ([lifetalk.net/programs](https://lifetalk.net/programs)) or the line up of regular podcasts ([lifetalk.net/podcast-lineup](https://lifetalk.net/podcast-lineup)). Listen online at: [lifetalk.net](https://lifetalk.net) or use the handy LifeTalk Radio App, a free download at: [lifetalk.net/connect](https://lifetalk.net/connect).



**Would you like some short videos to help inspire your friends and family?** Jesus 101 has released new free downloadable inspirational videos that you can use as a valuable resource to share your faith, in both English and Spanish. These short videos cover doctrinal topics such as Creation, the Second Coming, Sabbath rest, Prayer, etc. in a Christ-centered manner. Click to access the videos in [English](#) and in [Spanish](#). Take advantage of this free resource today!



**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 [HERE](#).

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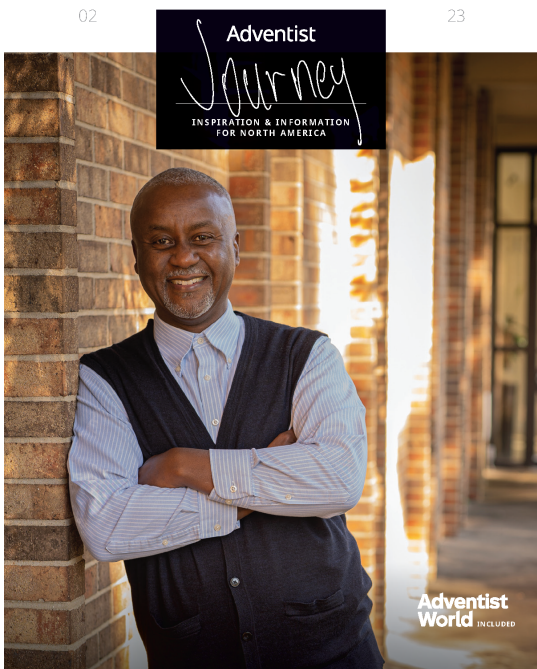
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## VIEWPOINTS



### Joy and Peace

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

— *Romans 15:13, NIV*

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## NAD MEDIA MINISTRIES





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## NAD UNION COMMUNICATION PARTNERS

**Atlantic Union Conference**

**Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada**

**Columbia Union Conference**

**Lake Union Conference**

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