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During Jan. 2 through 20, the visiting team for accreditation from the NAD Education department spent time with students and faculty at four of the nine schools in Guam-Micronesia Mission. One of 13 divisions for the Seventh-Day Adventist World Church, NAD operates a system of more than 900 early childhood centers, elementary, and secondary schools and universities, including the ones in the Guam-Micronesia Mission. [MORE](#)



Seventeen students from Highland View Academy, Pine Forge Academy, Spencerville Adventist Academy and Takoma Academy recently participated at The Hague International Model United Nations (THIMUN) Conference in the Netherlands. The event, organized and supported by Washington Adventist University's Honors College, was the first in-person THIMUN conference that a Seventh-day Adventist school delegation has attended in person. [MORE](#)



AdventHealth has opened a multidisciplinary clinic to diagnose, treat and research long-haul COVID, a critical next step in the health care system's pandemic response that will help physicians better understand the puzzling syndrome caused by COVID-19. Early national research estimates that around 6 percent of people who had the disease will develop long-haul COVID. [MORE](#)

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[Kids Cooking Program in Bentley More Than Just Cooking \(Mich.\)](#)

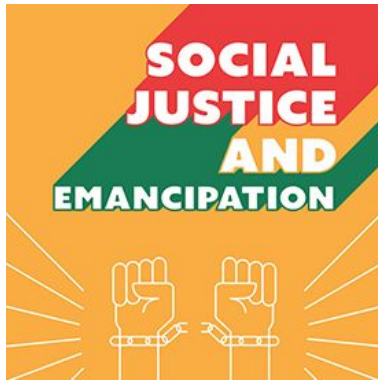
[Jacksonville Churches Come Together for 'Stand up Against the Violence' Rally \(Fla.\)](#)

[Lansing Adventist Church Celebrates Black History and the Civil Rights Movement \(Mich.\)](#)

[Morning Pointe Senior Living Presents Scholarship to Southern Adventist University Student \(Tenn.\)](#)

[12-Year-Old AdventHealth Patient Is Cancer-Free After Bone Marrow Transplant \(Fla.\)](#)

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.](#)



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.



The 2023 NAD Human Resources Conference will be held on April 23-25 in Chantilly, VA. The conference is planned for all conference/union human resources directors, secretaries, treasurers, academy treasurers, college and university directors, and university VPs of finance. Register [here](#) by March 24. Click [here](#) for hotel reservations by April 3.

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.



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](#).

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President's Day is coming up soon. This national holiday is a great time to be thankful for the freedoms we enjoy. Why not thank God right now for your freedom and ask Him to direct this country? Then take a moment to thank someone special in your life by sending them a FREE digital greeting card from LifeTalk Radio. Discover many beautiful eCards at lifetalk.net/ecards. Sending eCards is easy, fun, and fast. And remember to say "thank you" often.



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!



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 5 of *Authentic* Debuts Nationwide – Join Shawn Boonstra of the Voice of Prophecy as he starts with “The Four Witnesses,” a five-part exploration of the four gospels, their authors, and their different themes and approaches that still astonish readers today. This series and other *Authentic* episodes can be viewed on 3ABN and Hope Channel, and at vop.com/authentic.

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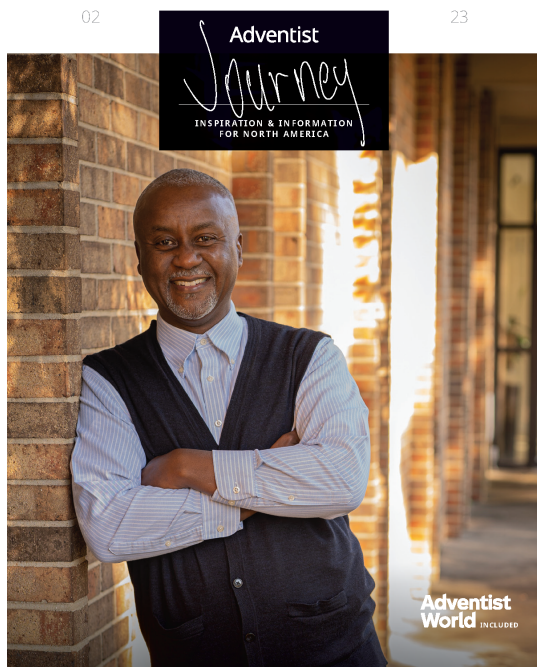
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Connected to His Voice

"The Holy Spirit works when we are calling people into an abiding relationship with Jesus Christ. Preachers, and the church, will fail humanity. We need to be sure that [we help connect] people to the clear voice of the Holy Spirit in their lives — that is the only voice that will never fail them. So the first thing you've got to do ... is ask God to make sure you're connecting them with His voice, *not* your voice, *not* your strategy, *not* your plan, *not* your answer. "

— *John C. Boston, an associate director at the North American Division Evangelism Institute, on Feb. 14, 2023, during the NAD Ministerial ehuddle evangelism training and networking event for pastors and church leaders*

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