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# NEWSPOINTS

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**“I conduct around 14 evangelism meetings every year; however, I’ll remember this one,”** said Roger Hernandez, ministerial and evangelism director for the Southern Union Conference. Hernandez was talking about the successful “Revive” evangelism meeting that took place on the Oakwood University campus on February 17-25, 2023, an event sponsored and directed by Hernandez in collaboration with the university and two local conferences.



**Central Florida is becoming a destination for world-class medical training as AdventHealth and the Loma Linda University School of Medicine announce a new medical school regional campus located in Orlando.** The Loma Linda University School of Medicine - AdventHealth Orlando campus is expected to welcome up to 100 future students annually for third- and fourth-year clerkships. [MORE](#)

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**Southern Adventist University's School of Education and Psychology recently hosted two**

distinguished delegates from Ukraine. The campus welcomed Valeriia Palii, Ph.D., president of the National Psychological Association of Ukraine (NPAU), and Olena Vladovska, chief operating officer of Angelia Medical Center, a Ukrainian Seventh-day Adventist clinic. [MORE](#)



**On March 7, the executive session of the Andrews University Board of Trustees elected John Wesley**

Taylor V to serve as the seventh president of Andrews University (and 25th president overall since Andrews University first began as Battle Creek College in 1874). Taylor will continue to fulfill the "Legacy of Leadership" that is a hallmark of the university and is the inscription on the J.N. Andrews sculpture on the Berrien Springs campus. [MORE](#)

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## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[God's Storehouse Food Pantry Set to Reopen March 14 \(Calif.\)](#)

[Southern Adventist University Offering Flexible Courses for Adults Returning to College \(Tenn.\)](#)

[AdventHealth Gordon To Host Living Well Class \(Ga.\)](#)

[Newburyport Elks, Amesbury Church Organize Auction to Benefit Ukraine \(Mass.\)](#)

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[Battle Creek Academy Launches 'Buckets for Blessings' Fundraising Campaign in Pursuit of New Roof \(Mich.\)](#)

[Infectious Disease Expert from AdventHealth Shares How To Make Your Own COVID-19 Risk Assessment \(Fla.\)](#)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



### **The NAD is conducting [a brief survey](#) to gain insights into the attitudes and practices of**

Adventist church members towards tithing. Your opinions on this topic are important to us, and we would appreciate your participation. We understand that discussing personal giving choices can be a sensitive topic, and we want to assure you that all the information you provide will remain confidential and anonymous and can in no way be tied back to you. Your privacy is our top priority! By sharing your valuable insights, you will be contributing to a better understanding of the current thoughts and behaviors surrounding tithing and giving by church members. We thank you in advance for your time and effort in completing [this survey](#).



**Know a young filmmaker? The 21st annual Sonscreen Film Festival will be April 13-15** at the Loma Linda University Church. [Students can enter their films](#) for a chance to be screened at the festival, and can also pitch future film ideas for a cash prize to help fund the project. But hurry! Film submission deadline is March 22; pitch competition deadline is March 29. Professional filmmakers are also invited to attend and meet the talented future of film. [Learn More](#)

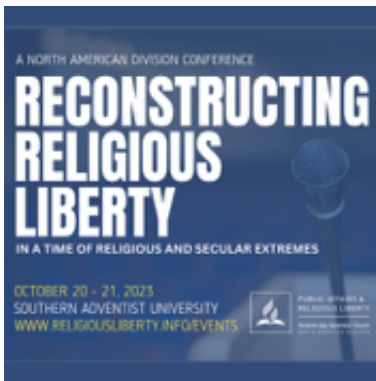
**The 2023 NAD Human Resources Conference will be held on April 23-25 in Chantilly, VA.** The conference is planned for all conference/union human resources directors, secretaries, treasurers, academy



treasurers, college and university directors, and university VPs of finance. Register [here](#) by March 24. Click [here](#) for hotel reservations by April 3.



**Bring your leadership team to the Propel Conference May 7–10, and experience** inspiring presentations by growth-minded Adventist leaders, powerful worship, and profound fellowship. With 7 training tracks to choose from, you'll learn proven methods to grow in areas like church revitalization, evangelistic innovation, reaping meetings, member discipleship, and more. It's the perfect environment to get inspired and cultivate God-sized dreams. Early bird registration ends March 15, so [register now to get early bird single and group rates!](#)



**The NAD's Public Affairs and Religious Liberty ministry is excited to announce its** upcoming Oct. 20-21 conference Reconstructing Religious Liberty in a Time of Religious and Secular Extremes. Hosted by the Collegedale Seventh-Day Adventist Church in partnership with Southern Adventist University, this two-day event will explore new ways to talk about religious freedom within American society.



**AdventHealth's Annual Spiritual Renewal Series is quickly approaching!** Every Monday from March 13 - April 7, AdventHealth will share a special video message presenting a question about wholeness in which the answer is "Yes, absolutely!" — in keeping with this year's series themed "Feel Whole? Yes Absolutely!" Join in the spiritual renewal by [signing up](#) to receive the video messages with speakers Randy Haffner, Chris Oberg, David Banks, and Carla Park.



**A new season is on the way as winter gives way to spring. Now is a great time to take** a moment to send an eCard to someone special in your life. Discover beautiful FREE digital sharing cards from LifeTalk Radio. Check out the many stellar eCards at: [lifetalk.net/ecards](http://lifetalk.net/ecards). Sending eCards is easy, fun, and fast. You can also order free printed sharing cards at: [lifetalk.net/sharing-cards](http://lifetalk.net/sharing-cards). Let family, friends and co-workers know you're thinking of them. Remind others: God Loves You.



**Download the Adventist World Radio offering packet (in English, Spanish or French) to use this Sabbath, March 11.** A new video is also available, and includes the story of a former rebel general and assassin who recently returned to a village where she used to recruit soldiers . . . only this time, she was preaching about the love of Jesus! Download these resources at [awr.org/offering](http://awr.org/offering).



**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 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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## VIEWPOINTS



### The Prize

"After a long life spent trying to figure out what this time on earth — so beautiful, so cruel, so wonderful, so ugly — is all about, I reckon that the poet Robert Browning got it right. Life, he said, 'is just the chance of the prize of learning love.' ... [L]ive in love. Cast yourself on the side of love. Every day seek to relieve someone's pain. That is the Prize."

— William G. "Bill" Johnsson, former editor of Adventist Review/Adventist World, in his recent book, *Living in Love*, published a few months ago — and before Johnsson passed to his rest on March 11, 2023

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