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NEWSPOINTS

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Adventist higher education is facing many challenges, including lack of affordability, mounting student debt, and emerging college alternatives. These are just some of the unprecedented difficulties colleges and universities nationwide — not just Adventist ones — have been grappling with in the past few years. But leaders at Adventist colleges and universities are working to change that, setting aside their competitive differences to further the mission of



Newsweek, in collaboration with market research partner Statista, has named AdventHealth to its list of Most Trustworthy Companies in America 2023. Based on an analysis of 95,000 evaluations from U.S. consumers, this research-based ranking recognizes organizations with the highest levels of customer trust, investor trust, and employee trust. [MORE](#)

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Walla Walla University has appointed Darren Wilkins as its new vice president for student life. Wilkins, who will step into this position in July, comes to WWU after nearly 29 years of experience in Adventist education. [MORE](#)



Breath of Life Ministries is hosting its office dedication and open house on April 9. The brand new 8,000 sq. foot space, located on the first floor of the Charles E. Dudley Sr. Center for Regional Conference Ministries, includes a studio, podcast room, green room, collaboration room, and numerous offices. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Once Behind Bars, a Pastor Advocates for Giving Released Prisoners a Clean Slate \(N.Y.\)](#)

[Adventist Health Sonora Welcomes Four New Doctors Through Family Medicine Residency Program \(Calif.\)](#)

[For Seventh-day Adventists, Godliness Often Means Going Meat-free \(N.Y.\)](#)

[Unique Partnership Pays Off at Community Baby Shower \(Colo.\)](#)

[The Secrets to Longevity That Help Residents of America's Only Blue Zone City Live Healthier and Longer Lives \(Calif.\)](#)

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NAD NewsPoints will be not be published next week. 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.



On April 9, Breath of Life Television Ministries (BOL), in conjunction with the Interfaith

Broadcasting Commission (IBC), will air an Easter special on NBC affiliate stations across the United States. The theme for the special is “A Living Hope.” The one-hour program will feature an Easter message from Pastor Debleaire Snell, BOL speaker/director. Musical guests will be Grammy Award-winning recording artist Cece Winans, the GMA Dove Award-winning group, Selah, and violinist Patrick Bogui. [MORE](#)



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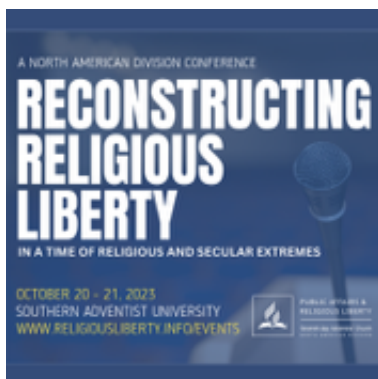
Know a young filmmaker? The 21st annual Sonscreen Film Festival will be April 13-15 at the Loma Linda University Church. Students enter their films for a chance to be screened at the festival, and can also pitch future film ideas for a cash prize to help fund the project. Professional filmmakers are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



On April 27-29, in Columbia, Maryland, North American Division Prison Ministries is hosting a conference for prison ministry leaders and volunteers across the division. The purpose is to inspire current prison ministry leaders and to equip those who are interested in starting a prison ministry by sharing resources to enhance their growth in Christ and "Ministry to the Marginalized." [CLICK HERE](#) for more info and to register.



Are you looking for an exciting event to bring your church together this fall? Then look no further than [Upheaval](#), the all-new event presented by Pastor Shawn Boonstra, speaker/director of Voice of Prophecy. This is a free event with features that will help individuals and churches alike grow in their knowledge, faith, and passion for God. Upheaval is set to be launched this Fall and promises to become an invaluable tool for churches and individuals in their spiritual journey.



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. [Learn more/register now](#) to explore new ways to talk about religious freedom within a culturally and politically polarized America.



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.

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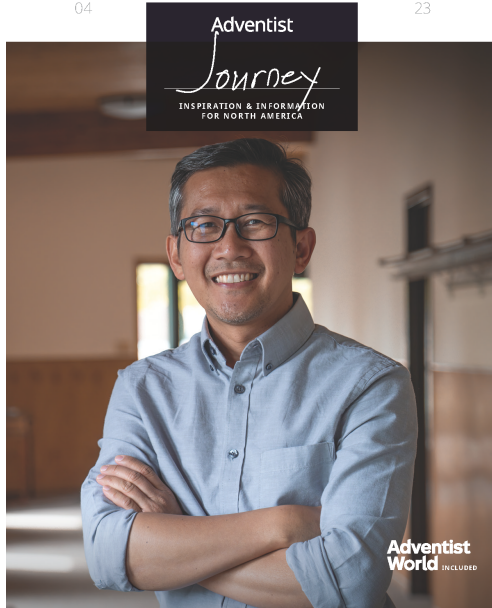
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Cover: Gem Castor, ASAP Ministries ambassador and prayer coordinator, living in Michigan.

NAD News Briefs: "NAD Adventist Education Team Visits Guam-Micronesia Mission, Community Faith Leaders Gather as North American Division Hosts Fourth Religious Freedom Prayer Breakfast" by NAD Office of Communication, pp. 12-13

Perspective: "Because He Cares" by Tracy Wood, p. 15

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"The more you trust your Redeemer, the more you will love Him. He is your Friend in life or death. He is the Crown of your rejoicing. He is worthy of your fullest faith."

— *Ellen G. White, Signs of the Times, Feb. 28, 1906*

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