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NEWSPOINTS

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Adventist Church Connect and Adventist School Connect, the leading website content

management and hosting provider for Adventist churches and schools in North America, have been instrumental in assisting entities across the U.S., Canada, Bermuda, and the Guam-Micronesia Mission in utilizing the power of the Internet to connect with their communities of members and visitors. This spring, the NAD administrative committee voted to



The Enactus chapter at Southern Adventist University won third place at the 2023 Enactus United

States National Exposition, ranking in the elite 1 percent of more than 300 teams in the country. This marks the second time Southern's student team has advanced through the competition to the final round with the top four U.S. schools. [MORE](#)

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On Feb. 28, Walla Walla University's Center for Humanitarian Engagement hosted the grand opening of the new Walla Walla Tool Library. CHE is grateful to Upper Columbia Conferences Adventist Community Services for providing the trailer to house the new program. [MORE](#)



In March 2023 Versacare Foundation awarded 133 grants totaling \$2,493,872 across North America and Caribbean Island nations. These grants included \$449,772 to 58 primary, intermediate and secondary schools across the North American Division. Versacare Foundation is an independent foundation which has been serving Adventist ministries and a select few other humanitarian efforts with financial grants since 1990. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Adventist Missionary To Speak About Rwandan Genocide \(N.Y.\)](#)

[Salmon Arm Church Group, Businesses Treat Single Moms To Free Oil Change \(British Columbia, Canada\)](#)

[Adventist Health St. Helena Earns 'A' Hospital Safety Grades \(Calif.\)](#)

[Adventist Healthcare Fort Washington Medical Center Launches Certified Nursing Assistant Practicum for High School Students \(Md.\)](#)

[Adventist Health to Rent Out Portion of Roseville HQ as Many Employees Opt for Hybrid Work \(Calif.\)](#)

[Adventist Health To Renovate, Expand in Paradise \(Calif.\)](#)

[Adventist Health Executives Focus on the Leadership of Moses \(Calif.\)](#)

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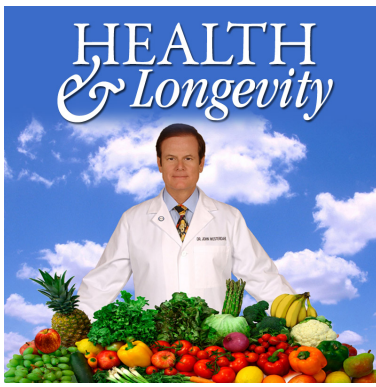


THIS WEEK! The Do It Together REFILL is a follow-up from the NAD Do It Together Conference held in Jan. 2023. This can't miss virtual event is designed to train leaders for in-service and to update teaching techniques and connections with students and teachers. Join us on May 19-20 as we Do It Together in Sabbath School! [FREE REGISTRATION](#)



GAIN is a community of Adventist communicators, technologists, and media professionals worldwide seeking to foster communication, technology, media, and the Internet to help the Adventist Church carry out its mission. GAIN Americas is a continental conference designed to allow local communication leaders to participate in the GAIN experience. The 2023 event will be held at the NAD headquarters in Columbia, Md., on June 7-11. The \$99 [registration](#) includes all conference meetings, panels, and snacks. Meals for the event can be pre-purchased for \$119. Additional fees for a variety of optional programming includes a trip to the unforgettable Sight and Sound Theatre's production of *Moses*. [LEARN MORE](#)

Want to live longer and feel better? Then don't miss *Health and Longevity*. This popular lifestyle program is hosted by Dr. John Westerdahl and dedicated to providing you with the latest cutting edge information about nutrition, health, and lifestyle



medicine. Discover how you can live a vibrant, healthy and long life! The program format includes special interviews with leading health authorities and medical professionals. This program airs twice weekly on LifeTalk Radio. Listen online at: LifeTalk.net or check out the on-demand podcasts at: LifeTalk.net/podcast-lineup



The "Something Better" [NAD Educators' Convention](#), will be held in Phoenix, Ariz., on Aug. 7-10. Current and retired Adventist educators are invited! Educators employed within the NAD EC-12 system will be registered by their local union or conference. Registration for NON-NAD EC-12 employees is now open. Questions? [Send an email](#).



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.



***Revelation: The Fifth Gospel*, written by Dr. Elizabeth Talbot and published by Pacific Press,** analyzes the portraits of Jesus in the last book of the Bible, given to us for times like these. In seasons of uncertainty, this book invites the reader to discover that JESUS WINS! For your free copy, download the Jesus 101 mobile app, click on "[Book Offers](#)", and enter code "NP-REV". Jesus 101 will mail it completely free (US and Canada, one per household). Hurry! Code valid through May 12.



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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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VIEWPOINTS



Receive the Holy Spirit

“People don't go to church to be scolded. People go to church to be lifted up, to be challenged. We could become discouraged and feel ashamed and scolded. But it doesn't have to be that way. We can be challenged and determined in our hearts to want to devote ourselves to receiving the Holy Spirit more. Open our hearts to the Holy Spirit and [we will be] strengthened.”

— *Franke Zollman, pastor of the Atholton Seventh-day Adventist Church in Maryland, during NAD staff worship on May 10, 2023*

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