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News and Information from the North American Division

# NEWSPOINTS

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**From April 2-8, more than 150 attendees were inspired to emulate Jesus' healing ministry at the NAD's "Power to Heal" Health Summit in Lexington, Kentucky. The summit's theme came from Luke 5:17 (KJV): "And the power of the Lord was present to heal them." Angeline Brauer, Health Ministries director and summit organizer, explained: "Where Jesus is [present], His power to heal is [also] present. Christ is waiting to pour out His healing power upon us, His**



**More than 150 teams participated in the 2023 Pathfinder Bible Experience in Tampa Bay, Fla., on April 21-22. This is the second year the event is back in person after the COVID-19 pandemic forced the event online in 2020 and 2021. This will also mark the second year that teams unable to travel could participate remotely in real time with those gathered in Florida. [MORE](#)**

people, and through us to the communities around us.” [MORE](#)



**Responding to the call of local churches for training and guidance in developing young adult ministry, Young Adult LIFE Tour aims to equip and empower local churches across the North American Division. The tour’s first stop was this spring in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, hosted by the Arlington Seventh-day Adventist Church. [MORE](#)**



**For the past three years, Patmos Chapel church members in Apopka, Fla., have taken steps of faith and sacrifice on a journey to construct a sanctuary – a tabernacle – a “worship hub.” In March, the congregation crossed the finish line and celebrated with a two-day grand-opening festival. The location has basketball courts, a kid’s gymnasium, volleyball courts, batting cages, and much more. The hub, a multi-purpose space, is also useful for wedding receptions, banquets, conferences, and other events. [MORE](#)**

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## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Anger Management Workshops at Berean Seventh-Day Adventist Church \(Calif.\)](#)

[2024 Pathfinder Camporee Granted Exclusive Use of Energy Capital Sports Complex \(Wyo.\)](#)

[Pickleball Pandemonium Invades Kent County With Smiles and Backhands \(Md.\)](#)

[Adventist Health Tillamook Celebrates 50 Years of Health, Wholeness and Hope \(Ore.\)](#)

[Pacific Union College and Adventist Health Expand Nursing Program to Lake and Mendocino Counties \(Calif.\)](#)

[Adventist Hospitals Earn Patient Safety Awards \(Calif.\)](#)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



**No NAD NewsPoints next week. We hope you enjoy the holiday weekend** — and please feel free to check out [Adventist Journey magazine](#), which includes, in each edition, a video cover story; and list our [NAD news page](#) for new content each week. Also, as we get into camp meeting season, [CLICK HERE](#) for our calendar listings of camp meetings in the NAD.



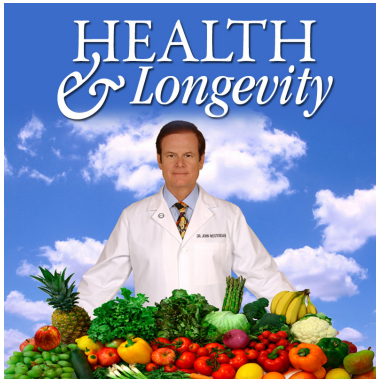
**LifeTalk Radio pays tribute to those who, during times of war, gave the ultimate sacrifice.** More than 75 years ago, our grandparents and great-grandparents were saying a prayer of thanks as World War II was ending. Many lives were lost during that epic struggle for freedom. Today you and I are blessed because others were willing to give their lives. Watch our 1-minute Memorial Day video at: [lifetalk.net/videos](http://lifetalk.net/videos). Then say a prayer of thanks.



**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](http://LifeTalk.net) or check out the on-demand podcasts at: [LifeTalk.net/podcast-lineup](http://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.**

**The 2023 Society of Adventist Communicators Convention registration is**



**now open!** Join us in Springfield, Mass., on Oct. 19-21, as professional communicators attend workshops, meet for worship, and network. We also welcome Adventist college and university students. And after a hiatus, we are planning to bring back our communication awards program and area media tours. Hurry! The early-bird price of \$349 runs until July 10, 2023. [CLICK HERE](#) for more info and/or to register.



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## VIEWPOINTS



## **Holding Our Hand**

“Remind us every day that we must surrender all to You. We know that You are holding our hand tight, tight, tight. And let us just remember that Your will is what will be done ultimately in the end and You will provide healing, and provide happiness and hope for those of us who need it.”

— *Stephanie Portugal, Adventist Retirement SHARP assistant, during closing prayer at NAD staff meeting on May 24, 2023*

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