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Effective Sunday, Sept. 17, Joy Fehr, La Sierra University president, resigned her duties as president of the university following discussions last week with the board of trustees. April Summitt, provost for the university, will assume duties as acting president while the La Sierra University Board of Trustees initiates the process of appointing an interim president. [MORE](#)



Each September, in recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month in the U.S., the *El Centinela* team at Pacific Press Publishing Association prepares a special bilingual issue of the magazine for distribution across the NAD. On Sabbath, Sept. 16, the Houston Spanish Spring Branch church in Texas distributed more than 27,000 copies of the special edition. [MORE](#)



Students who have difficulty in school are no longer written off as “problem students.” Through evaluation, students are finally given the tools to encourage comprehension and regulation, prompting a more efficient education. This approach is desperately needed in our schools, and teachers such as Martha Muñoz have risen to the challenge. [MORE](#)



Pacific Union College has again ranked high among the region’s top institutions in the *U.S. News & World Report* 2023-24 Best College list released today. *U.S. News & World Report* heralded PUC as the No. 2 Best Value School among colleges in the larger Western region, a jump from No. 6 last year. In California alone, PUC is first. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Oakwood University Partners With Healthier Campus Initiative \(Ala.\)](#)

[St. Helena Hospital Recognizes National Hereditary Cancer Week \(Calif.\)](#)

[North Bay Seventh-day Adventist Church Plant Giveaway \(Fla.\)](#)

[Sonora Church Hosts Free Health Care Clinic Saturday and Sunday \(Calif.\)](#)

[Marriage of 2 Hospital Systems Ends 27-Year Run \(Colo.\)](#)

[Local Credit Union Supports Hospital and College With Multi-Year Commitment \(Oreg.\)](#)

[Guest Column: Gift of Transplant Brings People Together \(Colo.\)](#)

[Nonprofit Organization Celebrates Completion of Free Mobile Laundromat for Tuolumne County’s Homeless \(Calif.\)](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



International Day of Peace is September 21! In 1981, the United Nations General Assembly declared Sept. 21 as the International Day of Peace. It's designed to commemorate and strengthen the ideals of peace. LifeTalk Radio encourages everyone to pray for peace, not only on Sept. 21, but on every day of the year. Take a moment right now and send a beautiful digital greeting card to someone special and remind them of the importance of peace and praying for peace. To honor this special day, LifeTalk Radio has created several special free digital greeting cards at:

lifetalk.net/ecards.



Discover the remarkable contributions of women in Seventh-day Adventist history, Oct. 12-14. Hosted by NAD Office of Archives, Statistics, and Research, this inaugural event will feature renowned researchers and keynote speakers like Ella Simmons and Anneke Stasson. From missionaries to educators, their inspiring stories will showcase God's guiding hand in spreading the Adventist message. Join us at Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church, on the campus of Washington Adventist University, Takoma, Park, Md., for devotionals, papers, and plenary sessions. To register, [CLICK HERE](#).



The Society of Adventist Communicators Convention is in Springfield, Mass., on Oct. 19-21, join us 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 registration price is now \$399. [CLICK HERE](#) for more info and/or to register.



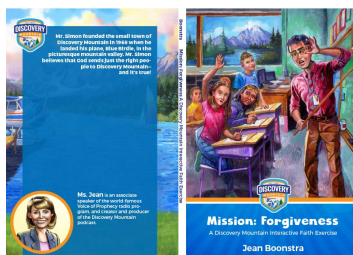
Join our friends up North for an extraordinary week of prayer and fasting dedicated to our children's spiritual revival with It Is Written Canada! Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to unite with fellow believers and experience the transformative power of prayer. Visit calltoprayer.iiv.ca to see the schedule so together, we can bring our children back to the loving embrace of God.



Jesus 101 has just released *Grace in 8*, a new short video series available on demand. These eight-minute videos are excellent for family devotionals or small-group discussions. New episodes will be released each week, beginning with the series, "After God's Heart", a deeper look into the life of David. For more information on Jesus 101 or to access these free videos, [click here](#).



Do you or someone you know deal with the effects of psoriasis or eczema? This week's guest on *Lifestyle* is Dr. Gene Rubinstein, a dermatologist, researcher, and clinical instructor at UCLA, who has written numerous articles for medical journals and a mentor of other physicians on laser, filler, and other cosmetic procedures. He talks about new treatments to attack these diseases. He's joined by patients, Paula Elder, and actor model, Dustin Sheetz, who share their journeys with psoriasis and eczema and how it's caused insecurities and self-consciousness. [WATCH IT HERE!](#)



Delight young readers with a *Discovery Mountain* reading adventure this new school year! In the book *Mission: Forgiveness* join the residents of Discovery Mountain as they lead readers on a faith exercise adventure. The story begins in Chaplain Jake's Bible classroom, but where will it end? That's up to the reader! Learn more [here](#).



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VIEWPOINTS



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"Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart."

— *Psalm 37:5, ESV*

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