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From the outset of the 2023 North American Division Year-End Meeting on Thursday, Oct. 26, it was clear it would not be business as usual. At times, the meeting was a reunion where friends could laugh while discussing agenda items. Other times, it was a sober call to harness our spiritual resources to minister in today's volatile context; a message reinforced by special guest Rear Admiral (Ret.) Barry Black, United States Senate chaplain. [MORE](#)



During the divine worship service on Sabbath, Oct. 28, G. Alexander Bryant, NAD president, addressed church leaders directly, saying they are called to to be relevant in our society as Jesus was in his ministry. "It was [God's] intention for His church to be engaged in the world," he said. Bryant, preaching a sermon entitled "In the World, But Not of the World," declared to the delegates, official invitees, and spouses attending the 2023 NAD Year-End Meeting Sabbath



Where are we going as the North American Division; and how are our resources allocated in order to reach those goals were the broad focus areas of the second day of the 2023 NAD Year-End Meeting, themed “Together in Mission: I Will Go.” The day included the president's annual report, a tithe analysis report, and nominating committee report. [MORE](#)



A groundbreaking held in Maskwacis, Alberta, Canada, on Oct. 20, for a multipurpose building to be constructed by the Alberta

program that God also asks us to be united and respect each other's differences. [MORE](#)



At the Women in Seventh-day Adventist History Conference, held Oct. 12-14, on the Washington Adventist University campus, attendees learned of the hidden legacy of women serving alongside men to build the church. Hosted by the North American Division Office of Archives, Statistics, and Research, headed by Michael Campbell, Ph.D., the event attracted roughly 150 attendees — men and women — from across North America, Europe, South America, and Africa. [MORE](#)

Conference heralded a dream come true for the Indigenous Adventists and community leaders who live there. Located on a rare parcel of private land in a reserve long-known in Indigenous circles for courage and innovation, the future center of influence, Mamawi Atosketan Centre, is being seen by the community and church officials at all levels as a clear path forward in working with Indigenous peoples. [MORE](#)



The La Sierra University Board of Trustees on Wednesday, Oct. 18, selected former higher education administrator and retired accrediting body leader Richard Osborn to serve as the university's interim president while the board initiates a comprehensive search for a long-term president. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

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[Deadline Extended for Evacuee Fund Backed by Yellowknife Adventist Church \(Canada\)](#)

[An Activist Ministry: Rev. Corey Johnson of the Germantown Seventh-Day Adventist \(Pa.\)](#)

[9 Lifestyle Tips to Reduce Inflammation and Protect Your Heart, From People in the Blue Zone of Loma Linda \(Calif.\)](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



enditnow® North America to host free training on Nov. 12-13 on the campus of Andrews University.

This free, in-person training will provide ministry leaders, volunteers, and safety officers with pertinent information on abuse prevention and response. Following this training, attendees will be able to define relational abuse and identify its key elements, identify the prevalence of abuse in the church, recognize the signs and dynamics of an abusive relationship, explain the barriers that prevent victim/survivors from moving toward safety, give examples of preventative strategies for adults and children, and respond appropriately to abuse disclosure. For more information, please email enditnow@nadadventist.org.



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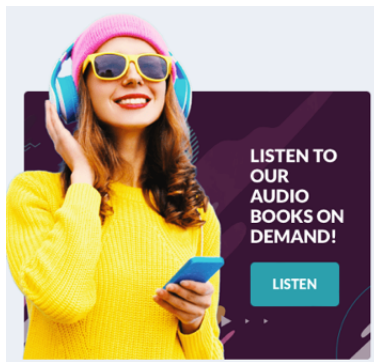
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Have you ever cracked a joke, and someone told you to never quit your day job?

This week's guest, Fritz Coleman, is not only a standup comedian but worked for almost 40 years as weather forecaster for NBC in Los Angeles, Calif. We'll be joined by the co-founder of iHeartRadio's Premiere Radio Networks and co-host of The Media Path Podcast, Louise Palanker. She and Fritz are going to fill us in on what they've been working on together, and how they are making a difference through their charity organizations. [WATCH IT HERE!](#)



Breath of Life: Fresh Start Sundays now airing on LifeTalk Radio!

Four new inspirational programs have been added to the line up from Breath of Life Ministries. The first and third Sundays of the month will feature *Scripture Lab* hosted by Pastor Debleaire Snell, speaker/director for Breath of Life. On the second Sunday of the month listen to *Point of View*, a program on marriage and family life, hosted by Snell and his wife, Gianna. The program on the fourth Sunday is called *Vision Sunday*, hosted by Snell and Kirk Nugent. On months with a fifth Sunday, Pastor Snell will host a program focusing on lifestyle and well-being called *Healthier U*. For a complete LifeTalk program schedule for your time zone visit: lifetalk.net/program-

[schedule](#)



Attention kids and adults: We're looking for a few good volunteer anchors and reporters to complete our on-camera cadre for the Discovery Mountain Broadcast Pavilion at the International Pathfinder Camporee. Are you the perfect fit to join our team in Gillette, Wyo., the summer of 2024? [Learn more and submit your audition here.](#)



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"Therefore He is able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, because He at all times lives to make intercession for them."

— *Hebrews 7:25, Modern English Version*

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