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NEWSPOINTS

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Each morning of the 2023 NAD Year-End Meeting , delegates started their day with worship. A different speaker presented every day, and the group participated in worship through song as well. Those watching the meetings online, as well as executive committee members and guests, were able to worship together as the four speakers addressed the general theme of how we share the gospel in the world. [MORE](#)



Following worship on Tuesday, Oct. 31, the sixth and final day of the 2023 NAD Year-End Meeting business session, during which many ministry departments gave their reports, began with a passionate presentation by Dwain Esmond, associate director and editor of the Ellen G. White Estate. He shared with the group his latest evangelism initiative, Back to the Altar. A variety of other ministry department reports followed. [MORE](#)



After more than 40 years, the theology department at Pacific Union College moved this summer from the basement of Graf Hall to the church offices. The change intends to highlight the central role of PUC's faith, be more present with the students, and collaborate better with the pastors and chaplain. [MORE](#)



The NAD Year-End Meeting breakout session on Oct. 27, allowed each union to report on their discussions during the past year on the points raised during the 2022 year-end meeting. Topics included online church, educator remuneration, and membership data collection. A new breakout on pastoral ministry commenced on Oct. 30, with recommendations coming from the groups. [MORE](#)



On Nov. 1, a luncheon was held in honor of the 2023 recipients of the Adventist HealthCare Lucy Byard Scholarship for nursing. AHC leadership, along with church leaders, friends, family



An initiative that distributes diapers twice a month in San Bernardino recently celebrated a

and colleagues, came to celebrate the four deserving students who received a total of \$60,000 to complete their studies. [MORE](#)

milestone of 1 million diapers distributed since the program launched 15 months ago. The initiative is coordinated by Loma Linda University Health in partnership with several community groups. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Discover How Seventh-Day Adventists Achieve Longer Lives Through Plant-Based Eating and a Strong Community Focus \(Pa.\)](#)

[Road Rally Scavenger Hunt to Support New Haven Food Pantry for Kids \(Conn.\)](#)

[A Mobile Pantry Provided Meals for Hundreds of Veterans. \(Mich.\)](#)

[Adventist Health Tillamook Presents a 50th Anniversary Celebration and Worship Event \(Ore.\)](#)

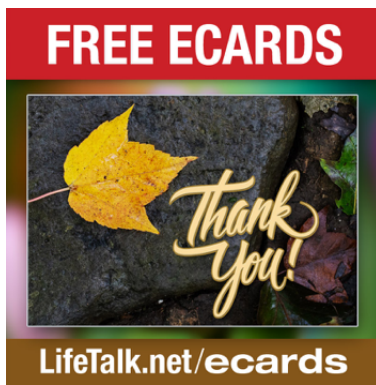
[101-Year-Old Adventist WWII Veteran Honored by Mayor Glenn Jacobs and Rep. Tim Burchett \(Tex.\)](#)

[Fraser Valley Companies Team Up to Create Unique New Church Office in Abbotsford \(Canada\)](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



Do you wish you were more bold and capable of doing things you've never done before? Our guest this week has not only boldly gone to countless places around the world, but is also the oldest man to go to space. Join us with your favorite captain of the starship Enterprise, the legendary William Shatner and get ready to go boldly where you've never gone before into the rich destiny that you've always known is yours to live. [WATCH IT HERE!](#)



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Exciting news for social media users! If you've ever wanted to share your faith in practical and meaningful ways on social media, but weren't sure how to do it effectively, check out the NAD resources [HERE](#). It's not just about sharing faith online; it's about fostering faith-based communities. The NAD training resources are the place to help you become a successful digital disciple.

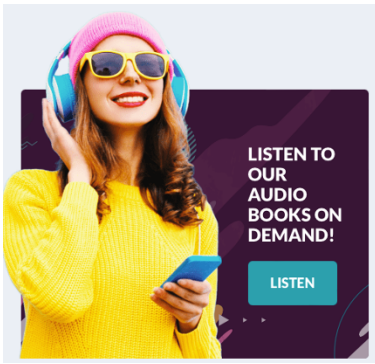


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Breath of Life: Fresh Start Sundays now airing

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



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VIEWPOINTS



Choosing God's Way

"Faith is trusting God—believing that He loves us and knows best what is for our good. Thus, instead of our own, it leads us to choose His way."

— *Ellen G. White, Education, p. 253*

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