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NEWSPOINTS

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On Monday, Oct. 30, day five of the 2023 NAD Year-End Meeting, delegates applauded as

treasurer/CFO Judy R. Glass, the first woman elected to the role, took the stage for her inaugural report. Glass began with a heartfelt testimony. “[What] helped me on this journey was the reminder that I have a Friend. And my Friend walks on water,” she said. [MORE](#)



At the North American Division headquarters in Columbia, Md., the 2023 NAD Year-End Meeting

started day two of business on Oct. 27, with the president's report. “God had called us to lead and our assignment is to serve in a very interesting time in history,” said G. Alexander Bryant, NAD president, as he began his 2023 report. [MORE](#)



On Friday, Oct. 27, day two of the 2023 NAD Year-End Meeting, the NAD executive committee received names for three new appointments recommended by the North American Division's standing committee with an overwhelming majority vote. [MORE](#)



The NAD has been working with a dedicated group of Adventist educators, professional programmers, and designers to create a cutting-edge student information system that will specifically meet the needs of Adventist educators. The system, called



On Oct. 11, the Department of Sustainable Agriculture at Andrews University achieved Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) certification for its livestock system at the Agriculture Education Center. The education center is now among five percent of farms in Michigan to have earned this certification. [MORE](#)



The AdventHealth Neuroscience Institute will lead first-of-its-kind research on exercise and brain health as part of a national, multisite effort

AE-Connect, includes an enrollment/registration module, a standards-based assessment module, scheduling and messaging capabilities, and much more. [MORE](#)

funded with \$11 million from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the largest source of medical research funding worldwide. [MORE](#)

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[Long-Lived Loma Linda \[Adventist "Blue Zone"\] \(Calif.\)](#)

[25th Anniversary of Burman University's One-Of-A-Kind Pipe Organ \(Alberta, Canada\)](#)

[Bancroft Seventh-day Adventists Offer Health Classes \(Ontario, Canada\)](#)

[Life and Health Celebrates 100 Years \(Trans-European Division\)](#)

[CommSummit Encourages Communicators To Use Cinematography As A Valuable Evangelistic Tool \(Inter-American Division\)](#)

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Christian Heroes presents exciting, challenging, and deeply touching true stories that chronicle the lives of ordinary men and women whose trust in God accomplished extraordinary exploits for His kingdom and glory. Written specifically to challenge listeners with the powerful lives of missionaries who have profoundly shaped history, the books in the *Christian Heroes: Then & Now* series answer today's call for positive role models and for opportunities to see how God works through the lives of those who follow Him. Listeners of all ages love these fast-paced adventures. The program airs daily on LifeTalk Kids. Check the kids program schedule for your

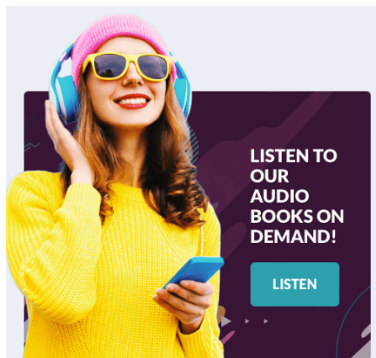
time zone at: lifetalkkids.net/kids-program-schedule



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.



View the 2018-2023 NAD Adventist Education Progress Report by clicking [HERE](#). The purpose of this report is to describe the status of education in the North American Division, including early childhood through higher education programs. View the full report at [this link](#).



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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



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.](#)



Discovery Mountain listeners, did you know that there are even more programs to help you exercise your faith? Join the Discovery Mountain Club and become a Mountaineer! Listen to Jake's Take, Creation Nuggets, Bedtime Bible Stories and more! Learn more [here](#).



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VIEWPOINTS



Choosing God's Way

"We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to His name, He forgets not His own."

— *Ellen G. White, Education, p. 253*

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