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News and Information from the North American Division

# NEWSPOINTS

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**For Marlene Ferreras, assistant professor of practical theology at La Sierra University, the goal of her** research trip to Yucatán, Mexico, in Nov. 2016 was straightforward — to collect data utilizing scientific research methods to shed light on the struggles of female Mayan workers at multinational maquila manufacturing plants. But through a three-month immersion into the daily life of a village family and numerous conversations with the community's *mexicana* assembly line seamstresses, the scope of her analysis deepened to ultimately offer a re-shaping of the paradigm of how pastoral

care can support marginalized peoples who are suffering. [MORE](#)



**To inspire the next generation of Adventist teachers, Southern Adventist University piloted the nation's first Aspiring Teachers Clubs for students at Georgia-Cumberland Academy and Collegedale Academy in 2022. Since then, it has continued to grow into a valuable resource for high school students throughout the Southern Union who are interested in pursuing a career in education. [MORE](#)**



**In his 2023 sabbatical report, James Foster, Walla Walla University assistant professor of computer science, published a detailed description of a new aquarium tank controller, describing the design, construction, and customization of the device. Foster helped write the software for this device, along with mathematics faculty John Foster, and several senior computer science majors. Additional contributions to the device's physical build were made by other WWU professors from the biology and engineering departments. [MORE](#)**



**Thanks to two recent grants, Pacific Union College's**

## Department of Visual Arts will

begin this spring to construct a new and innovative media center. The Tonge Media Center in Fisher Hall will house an advanced audio and video studio with state-of-the-art technology and equipment. The center will provide high-quality video and audio production access to the entire campus community. [MORE](#)

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## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Bakersfield Heart Hospital Renamed as Adventist Health Specialty Bakersfield \(Calif.\)](#)

[Adventist Health's Commitment to Women's Cardiovascular Health \(Calif.\)](#)

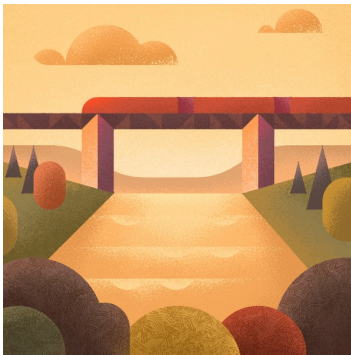
[Believe the Promise Camporee to Hold Special Night for Community the Day Before Event Starts \(Wyo.\)](#)

[International Women's Day Event in Sonora Looks at How Close Relationships Improve Health \(Calif.\)](#)

[Walla Walla University Builds XR Stage Using Unreal Engine and Scalable Display Technologies](#)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



**NAD NewsPoints will be not be published next week.** Please check out the NAD's social media ([Facebook](#), Twitter, [Instagram](#)) for new content, or visit the NAD Homepage for [news](#) and much more. And [click here](#) to read/watch *Adventist Journey* magazine stories and videos.



**Attention film students and professionals:**  
**You are invited to the Sonscreen Film Festival,** April 4-6, 2024, in Loma Linda, Calif. Come prepared to watch films and mingle with peers, potential employers, and award-winning guest filmmakers. Plus, pitch your idea for a future film and you could win \$3,500 in funding. Register or learn more at [sonscreen.com](https://sonscreen.com)



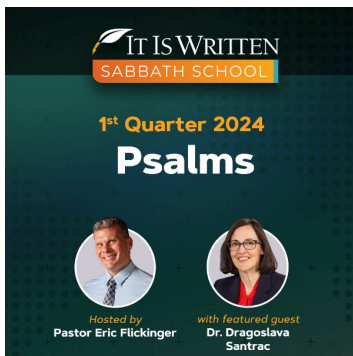
**Are the young people in your life asking questions about current events and the wars in our world?** Invite them to listen to Discovery Mountain's current season of *Under Siege* for some good news about resolving differences. Listen along with them [here](#).



**Would your Pathfinder like a free Camporee pin? It's all theirs when they complete** the Pathfinder Bible Study Challenge and personally attend the 2024 International Pathfinder Camporee! [Learn more](#) about this opportunity to grow a Pathfinder's faith ... and pin collection!



**2024 NAD tHrive Conference on April 21-24 in San Diego, Calif.** The conference is planned for all conference/union human resources directors, secretaries, treasurers, academy treasurers, college and university directors, and university VPs of finance. Register [here](#) by March 10. Questions? [HRS@nadadventist.org](mailto:HRS@nadadventist.org).



**Learn more about the weekly Sabbath School lesson by studying with its author!** This quarter on It Is Written Sabbath School, host Eric Flickinger is joined by study guide author Dr. Dragoslava Santrac as they provide insights into the Psalms each week. A new 30-minute lesson study is released every Sabbath. Watch on [It Is Written TV](#) or [YouTube](#).





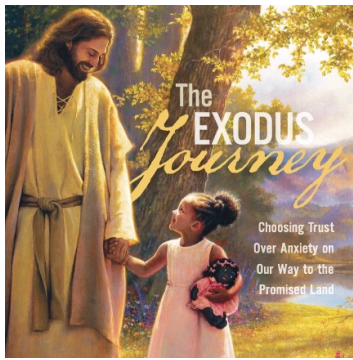
Easter is here at the end of this month. Share the joy and Good News of Easter! Take a moment to send a free eCard to someone special at: [lifetalk.net/ecards](https://lifetalk.net/ecards). Discover many free digital eCards with powerful Scriptures and Bible promises, beautiful pictures and encouraging words. Sharing your faith is easy, fun, fast and only a click away. Take a moment right now and share your faith by sending an inspirational eCard. Printed sharing cards are also available, order a selection of free cards at: [lifetalk.net/sharing-cards](https://lifetalk.net/sharing-cards). Watch our short Easter video at: [lifetalk.net/videos](https://lifetalk.net/videos)



**Jesus 101 has just released Grace in 8 – a new video devotional program that helps you connect with God in just eight minutes.** The new series is on the gospel of Luke. [Check out this program](#) to see how God can use you to fulfill His purpose. Jesus 101 is also giving away the free book, Luke: Salvation for All. For your free copy, download the Jesus 101 mobile app and enter the code GI8 into the Book Offers section. Code valid thru March 15, 2024.



**Three Decades of Understanding Adventist Youth!** The Valuegenesis (VG) Project is a research effort that has been going strong for more than 30 years, providing a unique window into the lives, beliefs, and experiences of Adventist young people. The NAD Office of Education, the John Hancock Center for Youth and Family Ministry at La Sierra University, and a dedicated team of researchers have conducted three previous studies known as VG1 (1990), VG2 (2000), and VG3 (2010). In October 2021, the project launched its fourth iteration, Valuegenesis 4 (VG4), slightly delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This latest effort continues the tradition of exploring the faith and well-being of Adventist youth. Explore the results through the newly launched website: <https://faithinstitution.org>



## Jesus 101 has just released *The Exodus Journey* audio book by Dr. Elizabeth Talbot.

The Exodus Journey is about choosing trust over anxiety, and dives into Israel's journey to the Promised Land, inviting readers to consider their own daily walk towards the heavenly Canaan, trusting God to be their Redeemer, Provider, and Guide. Jesus 101 audiobooks are completely free and available for streaming on demand. The Exodus Journey can be accessed here [<https://jesus101.tv/listen/?media=40780>].



**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: *Scripture Lab* hosted by Pastor Debleaire Snell, speaker/director for Breath of Life; *Point of View*, a program on marriage and family life, hosted by Snell and his wife, Gianna; *Vision Sunday*, hosted by Snell and Kirk Nugent; and 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](http://lifetalk.net/program-schedule)



## [Christian Record Services](#) is a ministry of the **Seventh-day Adventist Church in North**

America serving people of all faiths and walks of life who are blind worldwide. Churches, individuals, and businesses provide support for services. All who are legally blind or have physical impairments that prevent them from holding reading material or focusing on ink print are eligible for these free services: [Full-Vision Books](#); [Gift Bibles](#) and [Study Guides](#); [Naomi Chapman Turner Library for the Blind](#); [National Camps for Blind Children \(NCBC\)](#); [Subscription Magazines](#); and [Zoo Buds](#). Service may vary by region due to contractual agreements.

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## ADVENTIST JOURNEY



**Cover:** Briana Greene, pediatric resident physician at Loma Linda University Children's Hospital and founder of nonprofit From Hearts 2 Hands

<https://www.nadadventist.org/ajbrianagree>  
**neFeature:** "Tackling Abuse One Advocate at a Time" by Christelle Agboka, pp. 04-07

**NAD News Briefs** "North American Division Appoints Several New Leaders," "AdventHealth to Lead \$11 Million National Study on Exercise and Brain Health," "Church Leaders Attend "Developing Effective Teams" Inaugural Summit at Division Headquarters," pp. 08-10

**Perspective:** "A Call to Discipleship" by Adam Fenner, p. 13

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## VIEWPOINTS



## Disciple Makers

"Let's not forget the power of the Word of God. He simply said, 'Come, follow me.' And the disciples, His disciples, dropped everything and followed Him.

May God bless us because I know all of us, at one time in our life, also dropped everything; and we decided to follow Jesus. So here we are and now the question is: Are we disciple makers?"

— *Jorge Ramirez, NAD undersecretary, during NAD staff worship on March 11, 2024*

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## **NAD UNION COMMUNICATION PARTNERS**

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