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News and Information from the North American Division

NEWSPOINTS

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This spring, It Is Written will conduct a mission trip and evangelistic campaign in Alaska, culminating in the Revelation Today: Hope for Humanity series. At the end of March, a mission team of 70 volunteers are serving in Anchorage, the largest city in Alaska, and Bethel, the largest rural community. The evangelistic series begins April 5. [MORE](#)



The Union College board of trustees has invited Yamileth Bazan to take the reins as Union's 30th president. Her term will begin on July 1, 2024, soon after the official transition to the new name of Union Adventist University. "Yami," as she prefers to be called, brings with her a passion for education and ministry combined with a long legacy of supporting and mentoring students, university leaders, and local church constituents. [MORE](#)



Adventist Risk Management, Inc. has named Hunter Pettis, new manager for risk control. Hunter joined ARM in January 2016 as an account executive in client care. After leaving in 2019, Hunter returned to ARM in 2021 serving as senior risk manager for risk control. [MORE](#)



Pacific Union College recently announced that it received state approval for a new nursing training partnership with Adventist Health Sonora. The PUC education center will further the college's goals of growing its nursing program and help meet the rising need for highly qualified healthcare professionals in the Tuolumne County area. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Anchorage Church Hosts Free Health Clinic Through Thursday \(Alaska\)](#)

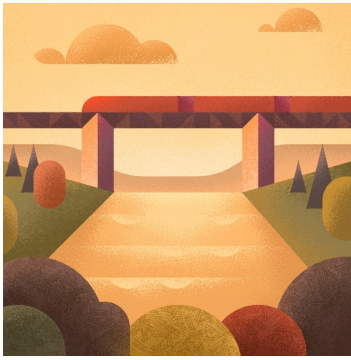
[Adventist Healthcare Expands Food Waste Digester Program to Shady Grove Medical Center \(Calif.\)](#)

[Commissioners not Happy with High Hotel Room Prices for International Pathfinder Camporee \(Wyo.\)](#)

[Adventhealth Buys 25 Acres in Weaverville to Build a New Hospital \(N.C.\)](#)

[Adventhealth and Construction Manager Top Out New Medical Plaza at SR100 Campus \(Fla.\)](#)

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NAD NewsPoints will be not be published next week.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



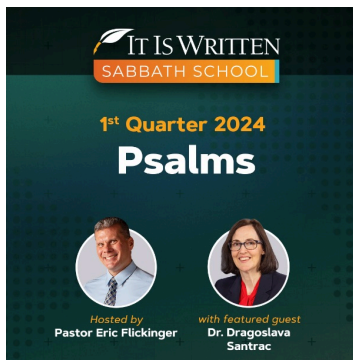
2024 NAD tHRive Conference on April 21-24 in San Diego, Calif. The conference is planned for all conference/union human resources directors, secretaries, treasurers, academy treasurers, college and university directors, and university VPs of finance. Register [here](#) by March 10. Questions? HRS@nadadventist.org.



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](#).



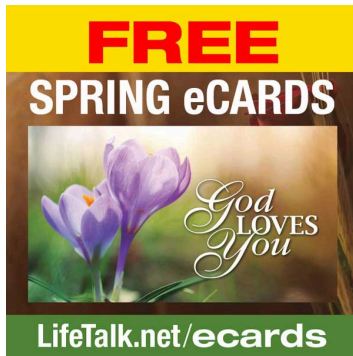
Would your Pathfinder like a free Camporee pin? It's all theirs when they complete the Pathfinder Bible Study Challenge and personally attend the 2024 International Pathfinder Camporee! [Learn more](#) about this opportunity to grow a Pathfinder's faith ... and pin collection!



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](#).



A new season is on the way as winter

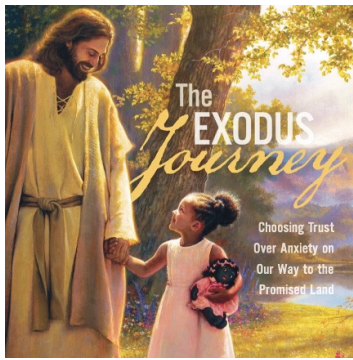
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Three Decades of Understanding Adventist

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



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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



By Faith

"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. ... And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."

— *Hebrews 11:1,2, and 6,NIV*

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