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# NEWSPOINTS

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**"As a Christian denomination in the U.S., the Seventh-day Adventist Church supports the**

rights of all persons, no matter their country of origin — the equal rights provided in the U.S. Constitution and fair treatment as immigrants and refugees in this country. As members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, we believe that "we are all equal in Christ, who by one Spirit has bonded us into one fellowship with Him and with one another; we are to serve



**Ken Norton, president of the Montana Conference, has accepted the Voice of Prophecy's**

invitation to serve as the Discover Bible School director. He will begin his service at the ministry on March 2. Norton will replace Bill Payne, who recently became the Sabbath School and Personal Ministries director at the NAD. [MORE](#)

and be served without partiality or reservation' (Fundamental Belief No. 14).” [READ MORE](#)

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**As the calendar has turned the page from December to January, the light has effectively turned green for Pentecost 2025, a comprehensive, all-hands-on-deck revival and evangelism initiative of the NAD.** Winston Taylor, pastor of the Cedar Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church, with a core team of about 15 members, has already established significant connections with the community through multiple outreach efforts. A first fruit of this goal is scheduled for March 9-29 in Shreveport, La. [MORE](#)



**In partnership with the Israel Antiquities Authority and The Israel Museum, Southern Adventist University** is the only scheduled location in the United States where visitors can see the first complete alphabetic sentence in human history ever found. This oldest deciphered sentence is inscribed on an ivory lice comb, which was excavated by Southern archaeologists and dates to 1700 B.C. The rare artifact is on display at the Lynn H. Wood Archaeological Museum on Southern’s campus on loan from the Israel Antiquities Authority. The current exhibit, “The Ivory Comb: Lice and Literacy at Lachish,” is open to the public through May 2. [MORE](#)



**Walla Walla University believes Adventist education is more important than ever. To train** even more Adventist educators who ensure the Christ-focused development of the whole student, WWU is offering job-embedded North American Division Adventist Education Certification courses that do not require summer classes. [MORE](#)



**When Patmos Chapel Church in Apopka celebrated Community Guest Day on Oct. 5, 2025,** the congregation was in for a surprise. Along with the six special guests being awarded for their service to the community, a video crew from the ABC television network showed up. The film crew was taping a news report on Florida's voting rights movement, spearheaded by one of Patmos's honorees, Desmond Meade, president of the Florida Restoration Rights Coalition (FRRC). [MORE](#)

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## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Comprehensive Cancer Care Comes to AdventHealth Winter Park \(Fla.\)](#)

[AdventHealth Palm Coast Physicians Named 2024 Humanitarians of the Year \(Fla.\)](#)

[Scientists and Doctors Reveal How Genes Are Mapping Cures for Cancer \(Fla.\)](#)

[Adventist Health and Rideout's Senior Campus Keeps 'Senior Cup' for Alzheimer's Fundraising Efforts \(Calif.\)](#)

[Wachusett Hills Christian School in Westminster Looks to Triple Enrollment: What to Know](#)

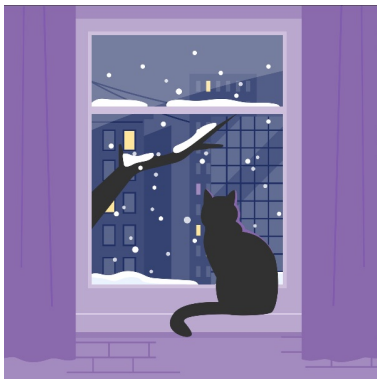


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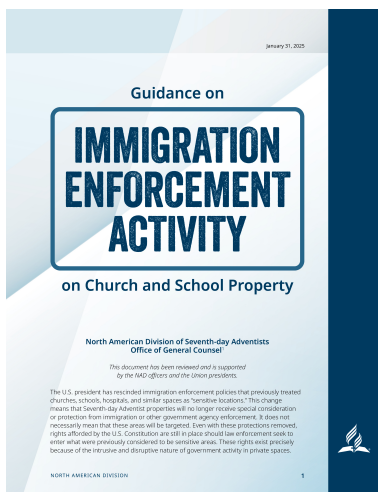
ADRA International President Michael Kruger to Depart After More Than a Decade of Service

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



**Our regularly scheduled NAD NewsPoints will be not be published next week.** Please check out the NAD's social media ([Facebook](#), Twitter (X), [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.

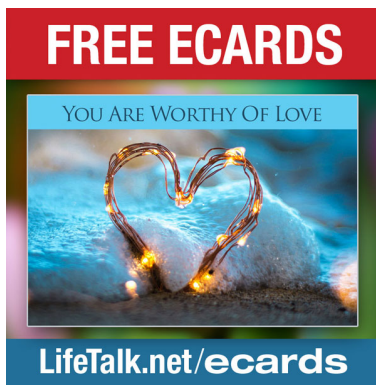


**Last Friday, the North American Division provided for churches and schools the** document entitled "Guidance on Immigration Enforcement Activity on Church and School Property." These guidelines, prepared by the NAD Office of General Counsel, have been reviewed — and is supported by — the NAD officers and union presidents. [CLICK HERE](#) for the guidelines. Spanish- and French-language versions will be published soon and available under the [NAD website "Guidelines"](#) tab.



**Join Safeguarding Peace, the training arm of enditnow North America, for a** life-changing weekend on Feb. 9-11, 2025, in Columbia, MD. This event equips you to recognize, respond to, and prevent abuse with expert-led sessions and practical tools. Led by professionals in social work, pastoral ministry, and academia, this training empowers you to create safer communities and support survivors. Together, we can reflect Christ's love by taking a stand against abuse. [Register today](#) and help safeguard peace!





**February is the month when love is celebrated and LifeTalk Radio** makes it easy to share some love. Let your friends and family know they are loved. Encourage them today by sending a FREE digital eCard. Let others know God loves them and that you're thinking of them. LifeTalk Radio has many beautiful digital eCards ([lifetalk.net/ecards](http://lifetalk.net/ecards)) which include powerful Scriptures and Bible promises, awesome pictures and encouraging words. Sending eCards is fast, easy and just a click away. Cards can be texted or posted on social media. Share some love on Valentine's Day or on every day.

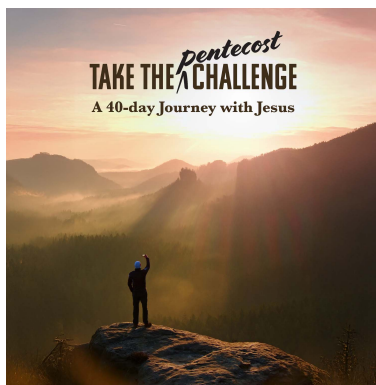


**Join us April 3–6, 2025, at the North American Division Headquarters** in Columbia, MD, for the Adventist Nurses Conference. With the theme “empowered for impact.” This event offers nurses of all backgrounds the chance to grow professionally, connect with fellow nurses, and renew their spiritual and personal wellbeing. Earn contact hours, elevate your calling, and be empowered to make an impact. Sponsored by AAFCN and AdventistNurse.org, this conference is designed to inspire and equip you for the changing demands of nursing. Don't miss this transformative opportunity—[register](http://register) today!



**Jesus 101 has the perfect daily devotional podcast to help you connect to God daily.** *Jesus Wins!* is an audio devotional that revisits the stories of Jesus, touches on His graceful ways, and shares applicable truths found in His simple yet profound messages. Listeners can see His tender, loving care for those around Him. No element of His life is too small to provide insight, and these insights will revitalize your life! Click [here](#) for access to these free daily devotionals.

**Ready to strengthen your faith and grow in confidence in God's promises?** Embark on a 40-



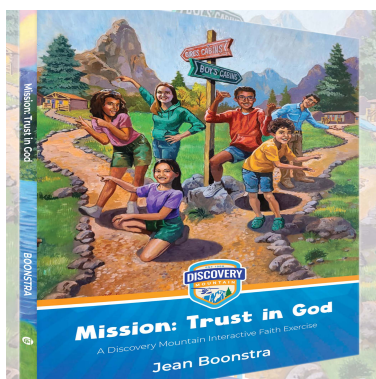
day journey with Jesus, designed not for mere fasting or prayer, but for intentional, daily time with Him. This challenge, starting now, is all about personal spiritual growth and transformation — a journey to be inspired, empowered, and changed from the inside out. Over these 40 days, deepen your relationship with Jesus and experience the life-changing power of consistent time in His presence. Embrace the challenge and be transformed! Click [here](#) to learn more.



**Share Christ with the children in your community through our My Place With Jesus resources.** Our notes and bookmarks are perfect for school giveaways, birthday parties, Halloween, and stocking stuffers! Check out our [Sunshine Notes](#), [Journey Through the Bible Bookmarks \(Spanish\)](#), and [My Place With Jesus Bookmarks \(Spanish\)](#).

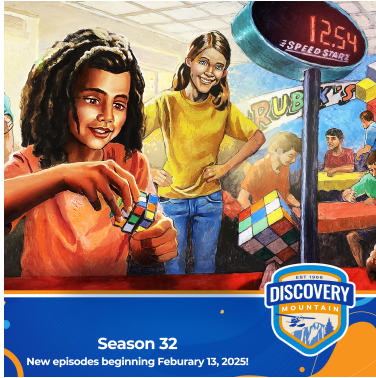


**Join John Bradshaw for another season of It Is Written.** The spring schedule features popular reruns from previous years, new episodes on health and US history, and the release of three new programs in the Daniel the Prophet series. In February, be sure to watch “The Rescue: Fugitives and Freedom,” which focuses on the story of the daring Oberlin-Wellington rescue. Episodes of *It Is Written* are released every Friday at 6 p.m. EST on [itiswritten.tv](#).



**Are you ready for a faith exercise mission?** Ms. Jean has written a fun interactive story with *Mission: Trust in God*, a brand-new *Discovery Mountain* book published by our friends at Pacific Press. Your journey begins at Lookout Ledge, where you lose something important and begin to panic . . . As you choose different story paths in your search across town, you’ll meet Jake, Natasha, Cyrus, Carson, Sam, and other friendly faces. They’ll help you ultimately learn how to calm your anxieties and place your trust in

God. [Click here to visit vop.com/store](http://vop.com/store) and pick up copies for you and your friends



**Scrambled Faith,” an all-new season of Discovery Mountain, begins February 13!** Keziah’s discovery of a puzzle sparks twists and turns. Listen along and exercise your faith. [Click here to explore the latest episodes and stories from Discovery Mountain.](#)



**Lifestyle with Roy Ice has just released a new season of episodes.** This award-winning talk show focuses on living your best life; featuring discussions, interviews, and demonstrations centered around whole life health. Some of the guests from this season include: Alison Arngrim, Dean Butler, Nikki DeLoach, Billy Gardell, J. Scott Reed, Lara Love Hardin, Josh and Lauren Swickard, and many more. To watch the latest shows, visit: [www.lifestyle.org](http://www.lifestyle.org).



**This quarter on *It Is Written Sabbath School*, join host Eric Flickinger and study author John C. Peckham** as they discuss God’s love and justice. A new half-hour program is released every Sabbath that coordinates with the lesson study. Watch on [YouTube](#) or [It Is Written TV](#).



**Don’t miss some of Authentic’s most-watched episodes!** Join host Shawn Boonstra in this winter best-of season as he cuts to the core of our fallen human nature and heaven’s radical remedy. Using Scripture as his guide, he confronts tough topics like the truth about hell, slavery in the Bible, and the mystery of sin and temptation. Episodes rerun every Friday on [3ABN](#) (6 p.m. ET) and our [Facebook](#) channel (7 p.m. ET). View our entire back catalog of episodes on our





[YouTube](#) channel and at [vop.com/authentic](http://vop.com/authentic).

**It Is Written continues to provide Pentecost 2025 resources and training.** Learn proven evangelism principles from John Bradshaw, Wes Peppers, Eric Flickinger, Robert Costa, and other seasoned evangelists through our online and live training events held around the country. Find Bible studies, sharing books, and more to aid your preparation in our online store. Explore all Pentecost 2025 resources at [itiswritten.com/pc25training](http://itiswritten.com/pc25training).



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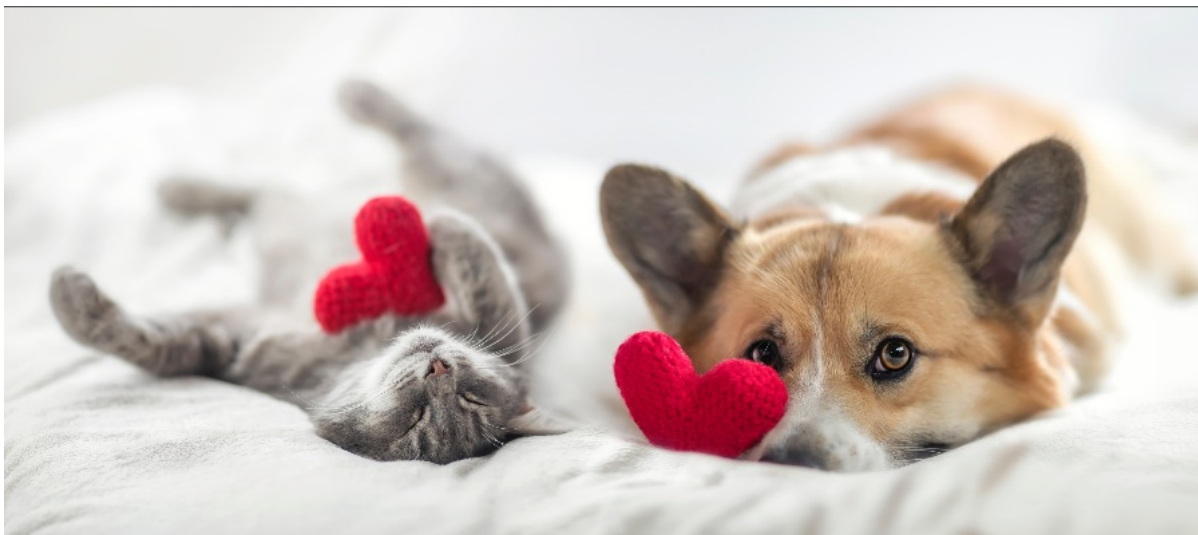
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## VIEWPOINTS



## The Warmth of True Friendship

"The warmth of true friendship, the love that binds heart to heart, is a foretaste of the joys of heaven."

— *Ellen G. White*, *The Ministry of Healing*, p. 360

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