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# NEWSPOINTS

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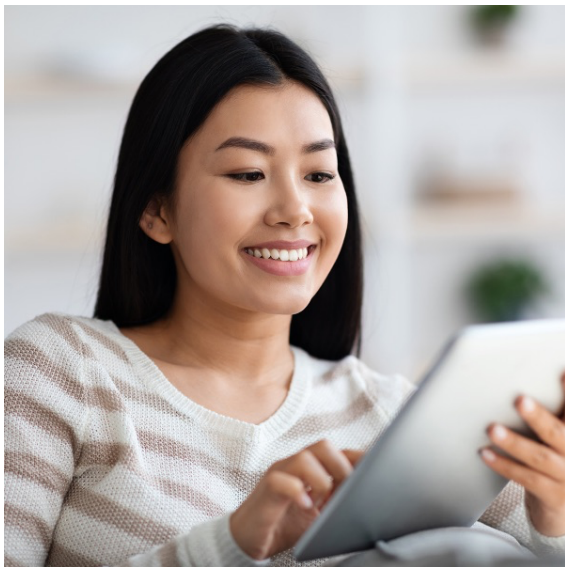
**For most of the twentieth century the work in North America was led by one of the vice presidents of the** General Conference. Then in 1985, with growing missional needs, the North American Division was reformulated once again as one of the 13 divisions of the world church. Charles Edward Bradford (1925-2021) would serve as the first president of this newly reformulated North American Division, beginning in 1985. This is his story — and our story. [MORE](#)



**Unity among believers is essential within the realm of Christianity. When we commit ourselves to love** and not hate, we follow the command of Jesus to His disciples: “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this, everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another” (John 13:34, 35). Martin Luther King, Jr., reiterated this principle in this famous quote: “Darkness cannot drive out



**The Pastoral Evangelism and Leadership Council was held at Oakwood University in Huntsville, Ala., from Dec. 8-11.** With the theme “Jesus: Praise Him, Practice Him, Preach Him,” PELC organizers emphasized a focus on Christ and the urgency of spreading the gospel amid political and social turmoil. [MORE](#)



**On Jan. 30, the Adventist Information Ministry board voted to rename the ministry Adventist Connect,** reflecting its expansion from an evangelism contact center for media

darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.” [READ MORE](#)



**The Pastoral Evangelism Leadership Council offers spiritual renewal, inspiration, and fellowship and equips pastors, chaplains, and other ministry leaders for their roles.** While the main English track was held this past December in the newly renovated Oakwood University Church, PELC in Spanish was hosted at the Office for Regional Conference Ministries in Huntsville, Ala. Planned by the Hispanic Caucus, this specialized program provided resources and training for pastors serving Hispanic communities. [MORE](#)



ministries into a hub supporting local churches across North America in digital outreach. This change will be implemented in stages over the coming months. [MORE](#)



**The Adventist Church communication community, Global Adventist Internet Network (GAIN) Europe**, in coordination with Hope Media Europe, has unveiled its latest film and media productions, and written content, under the theme "My Greatest Purpose." This new global network project focuses on the theme of life purposes, bringing together the collaboration, efforts, and teamwork of numerous media centers and divisions of the Adventist Church worldwide. The work presented highlights the results of more than two years of work: three documentary series, a narrative film, an upcoming book on "Purpose," and new free-to-view streaming website J+. [MORE](#)



**More patients have been helped by an innovative device for stroke survivors at AdventHealth than any other health system in the country.** AdventHealth Orlando is the first hospital to use the Vivistim® Paired VNS™ System to help 50 patients. This transformative device, designed to aid stroke survivors in their rehabilitation journey, has shown remarkable success in improving hand and arm function. [MORE](#)



**A group of 17 AdventHealth CEOs recently had the opportunity to learn this lesson firsthand in Battle**

Creek, Mich., where, beginning in 1866, the Seventh-day Adventist Church began its commitment to extending the healing ministry of Christ through health care services to the public. [MORE](#)

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## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Monday Night Fire Damages Fellowship Hall at Walla Walla Eastgate Adventist Church \(Wash.\)](#)

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[Faith, Leadership, Legacy: Recognizing Black Trailblazers at Adventhealth \(Fla.\)](#)

[Seventh-Day Adventist Church Opens as Red Cross Shelter for Flood Victims \(Tenn.\)](#)

[La Sierra Starts New Year With Healing, Renewal-Focused Worship Circle \(Calif.\)](#)

[Forbes Recognizes Adventist Health Among Oregon's Best Employers \(Ore.\)](#)

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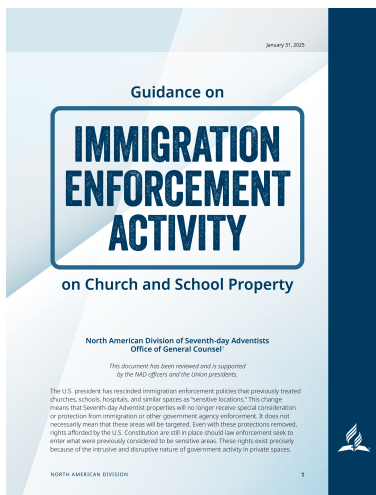
## ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



**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.

**The North American Division has 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.



**This compelling family radio drama is designed for today's kids and families** to draw them into a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ. Follow the Morrison family as they navigate life's trials and triumphs, using the Bible to guide them through the situations of life. Though humorous and far from perfect, the characters show us the need for God's amazing grace in our daily lives. *Down Gilead Lane* airs every Sunday on LifeTalk Radio. Check the program schedule for your time zone at: [lifetalk.net/program-schedule](http://lifetalk.net/program-schedule). Plus it's available on [LifeTalkKids.net](http://LifeTalkKids.net). See the kids' programs schedule at: [lifetalkkids.net/kids-program-schedule](http://lifetalkkids.net/kids-program-schedule).

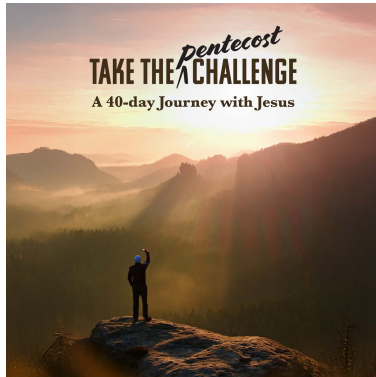


**Join us April 3-6, 2025, at the North American Division Headquarters** in Columbia, MD, for the Adventist Nurses Conference. With the theme “empowered for impact.” This event offers nurses of all backgrounds the chance to grow professionally, connect with fellow nurses, and renew their spiritual and 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](#) 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.



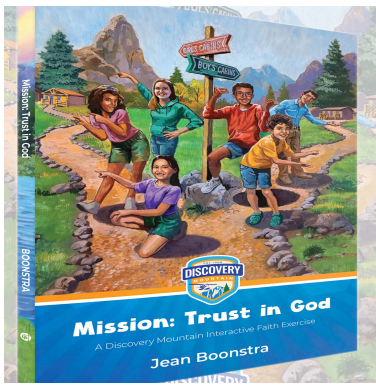
**Ready to strengthen your faith and grow in confidence in God's promises?** Embark on a 40-day journey with Jesus, designed not for mere fasting or prayer, but for intentional, daily time with Him. This challenge, starting now, is all about personal spiritual growth and transformation — a journey to 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 \(Spanish\)](#).

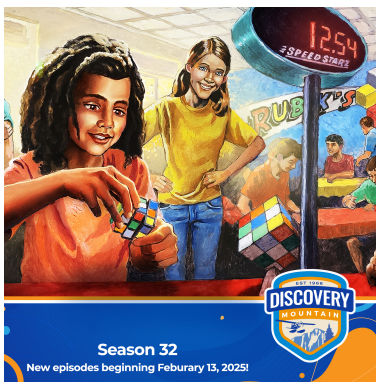


**Join John Bradshaw for another season of It Is Written.** The spring schedule features popular reruns from previous years, new episodes on health and US history, and the release of three new programs in the Daniel the Prophet series. In February, be sure to watch “The Rescue: Fugitives and Freedom,” 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, is here!

Keziah’s discovery of a very famous—and endlessly intriguing—puzzle sparks twists and turns. Listen along each week and exercise your faith. [Click here to listen to the latest episodes from Discovery Mountain.](#) [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 Arnglim, 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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## VIEWPOINTS



## Fully Commit

"One thing Satan cannot take away from [us] is a relationship with Jesus. We need to fully commit, we need to go to our knees and pray. We need to belong so fully to Jesus that Satan cannot come in."

— *Andrea Jakobsons, senior pastor, Kettering Seventh-day Adventist Church in Ohio, during the NAD Feb. 19, 2025 Week of Prayer sermon*

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