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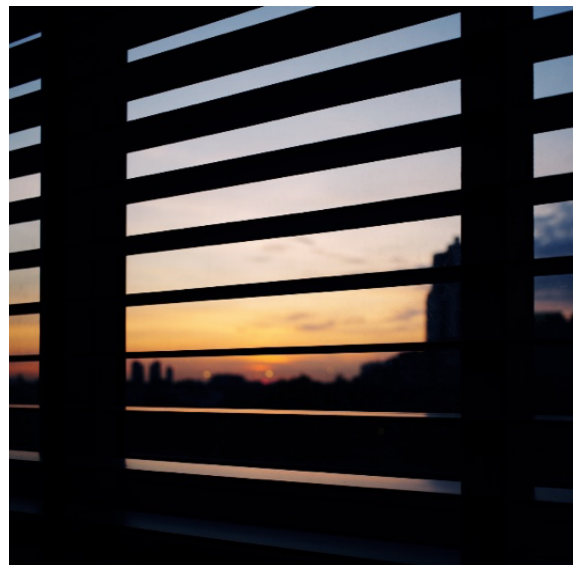
NEWSPOINTS

March 5, 2025



On Feb. 7-8, more than 900 Sabbath School teachers, ministry leaders, and Bible students

gathered to livestream the North American Division Do It Together Sabbath School Conference. The event aimed to discuss new and innovative ways to connect to the Sabbath School lesson while engaging students of every age. [MORE](#)



One day in February 2024 an assortment of North American Division leaders walked into the

president's office. After prayer, the leaders looked to NAD president G. Alexander Bryant. "What do you all remember about Pentecost?" he asked. "What if we were to do something like that at the NAD? What if we could get all our churches involved? What if we focused on prayer, outreach, and proclaiming the gospel message?"

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On Jan. 22, about 80 people from diverse faith traditions gathered for the sixth Religious Freedom Prayer Breakfast hosted by the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America and organized by its Public Affairs and Religious Liberty department. The event included prayer for religious freedom, elected officials, the community, the nation, peace, and for unity of spirit.

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“Color of Threads,” a film produced by Walla Walla University’s Center for Media

Ministry, continues to make waves after its strong start in the independent film circuit. London Director Awards, a film festival based in London, England, named Richard L. Ramsay, the director of “Color of Threads,” the best U.S.A. Director of 2025. The short film also won the title of Best Western 2025 at the Los Angeles Short Film Awards. [MORE](#)



Pacific Union College Flight Center director Nathan Tasker had the idea to build a type-specific



Southern Adventist University commends Fred Hutagaol,

aircraft simulator for his students. Since flight training devices in general aviation tend to be generic, limiting their usefulness, Tasker questioned how he and the program could obtain a simulator to teach basic skills, such as visual ground reference maneuvers and landing techniques. This would allow students to progress efficiently. [MORE](#)



On Jan. 28, La Sierra University celebrated the opening of a new center at the Zapara School of Business where students, educators, business and community leaders can explore various worldviews and their effect on informed decision-making, leadership development, and academic and professional growth. [MORE](#)

sophomore business administration major with a focus on health services and senior living, as the recipient of the Morning Pointe Scholars Endowment for the 2025-2026 school year. He grew up assisting his grandparents with household chores and lived with and assisted a family member who was passing due to cancer, leading to his interest in the healthcare field. [MORE](#)



On Jan. 30, Adventist Risk Management, Inc. announced a company-wide realignment of executive roles to better meet the needs of clients and subsidiary offices. ARM president/CEO James Winegardner said, "This realignment shifts existing departments between executive leadership without reductions in force. ARM is making the changes to increase efficiency and balance workloads among the officers." [MORE](#)



Ramadan began on February 28, 2025. As we pray in North America for the Pentecost 2025 initiative, for the Holy Spirit to transform and empower us, added prayer for this month of Ramadan is a natural fit. This year, members are encouraged to sign up for “Peace for the Cities” part of the Pray for Cities initiative — 30 cities with large Muslim populations, 30 days. Once you sign up, you will be able to access the daily prayer diary. There is still time join thousands of Adventists who are participating. [MORE](#)



Hope Channel International announces the transition of Chanmin Chung, vice president of global media and engagement, to a new leadership role as Global Mission Centers director under the Office of Adventist Mission. [MORE](#)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



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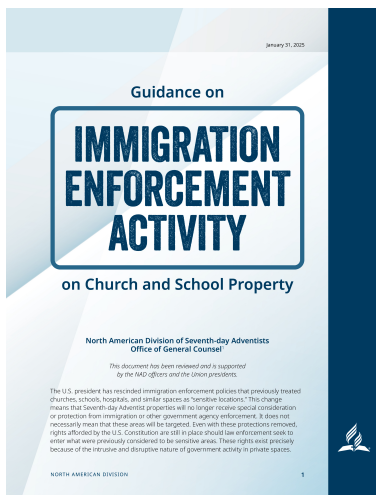


LAST DAY TO REGISTER! tHRive 2025 on April 27-30 in Miami, Florida. Our 20th HR Conference is planned for all conference/union human resources directors, secretaries, treasurers, academy treasurers, college and university directors, and university VPs of finance. Register [here](#) by March 6. Questions? Email HRS@nadadventist.org.

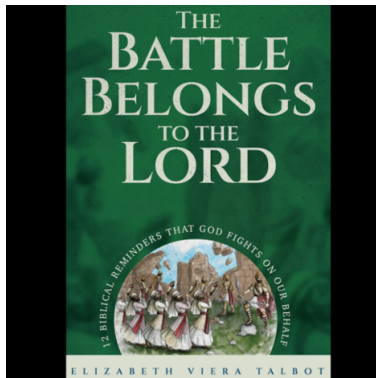


Sonscreen Film Festival is April 3-5, at the Loma Linda University Church Complex! The festival is an annual event for students (primarily college and university) and young creatives with a passion for film. Since its first festival in October 2002, Sonscreen has become a connection hub where students and young professionals can mix with peers and established filmmakers. Join us at the festival to share your creative work, watch short films, and meet with film students and professionals. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more.

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 in English. [Spanish](#)- and [French](#)-language versions have been published and all are available under the [NAD website "Guidelines"](#) tab.



Jesus 101 has released a television series “The Battle is the Lord’s” with an accompanying study book by Dr. Elizabeth Talbot. [The series covers twelve biblical warfare narratives](#) that remind us that God fights on our behalf. This book has powerful insights for facing life’s traumas, while showing that God is willing and able to fight for you in your battles for understanding, perception, and reassurance. For your free copy, download the Jesus 101 mobile app, click on “Book Offers”, and enter code “NAD-BBL” (US and Canada, one per household). Code valid thru March 31.



Discover practical ways to live a healthy, happy and vibrant life. Listen to *Healthy By Choice* on LifeTalk Radio. This talk show features interviews with health professionals and doctors who recommend excellent methods to improve your health. Based on the popular and proven CHIP program (Coronary Health Improvement Project), *Healthy By Choice* is broadcast weekly on LifeTalk Radio and available on demand as a podcast, available at: LifeTalk.net/podcast-lineup.

Join us April 3-6 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

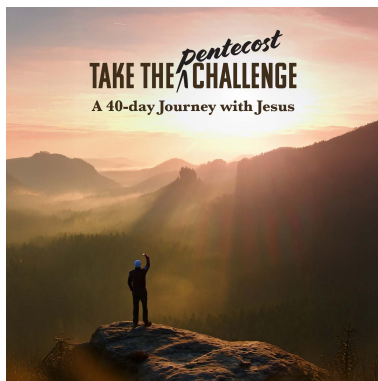


wellbeing. Earn contact hours, elevate your calling, and be empowered to make an impact. Sponsored by AAFCN and AdventistNurse.org, this conference is designed to inspire and equip you for the changing demands of nursing. Don't miss this transformative opportunity—[register](#) today!



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.



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.



Discovery Mountain has resources to help your school run a Pentecost 2025 event! Grow the faith of your students with our plug-and-play Week of Prayer program, Flyover Faith, and immerse them in the Word of God with our fun-filled Expedition Bible Guides, beautifully illustrated NKJV Bible, and easy-to-use study aids. [Click here to learn more and view our resources.](#)



“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 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.



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.



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.



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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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"Our ideas of education take too narrow and too low a range. ... True education means more than the pursual of a certain course of study. It means more than a preparation for the life that now is. ... It is the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers. It prepares the student for the joy of service in this world and for the higher joy of wider service in the world to come."

— *Ellen G. White, Education, p. 13*

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