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NEWSPOINTS

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In late March, the Southwestern Union hosted preview events in anticipation of the launch of a new community outreach initiative, the Bread and Better Life Café. The development of Bread and Better Life Café has been spearheaded by Southwestern Union Health Ministries director Randall Phillips, along with leaders from the union and a partnership with the North American Division. MORE



Breath of Life Ministries is proud to announce the second annual Vision and Dreamers Conference, taking place Nov. 7-9, in Huntsville, Alabama. This dynamic three-day experience is designed for dreamers, CEOs, content creators, and entrepreneurs who are ready to turn Godgiven visions into reality. <u>MORE</u>



Washington Adventist University has been officially recognized as an Opportunity College and

University in the latest Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education, a distinction awarded to only 16 percent of more than 3,000 colleges and universities nationwide. <u>MORE</u>



On April 9, Jonathan Mamora landed among the final field of 30 pianists selected for the Van

Cliburn. The extensive selection process began in October 2024 with 340 pianists from 45 countries. Effective July 1, Jonathan will begin his new role as an assistant professor of music and director of keyboard studies at the La Sierra University Department of Music. <u>MORE</u>

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

Seventh-Day Adventist Church Launches Summer Blast to Serve Community (Ohio)

Knoxville First Seventh-Day Adventist Church Expansion Underway (Tenn.)

Studio 17: Prepping for Baby With Adventist Health (Calif.)

AdventHealth Provided Lifeline for Patient Facing Homelessness, Cancer (Fla.)

Red Vines and Remission: A Celilo Cancer Patient's Journey (Ore.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



Guidance on

Our regularly scheduled NAD NewsPoints will be not be published next week. Please check out the NAD's social media (<u>Facebook</u>, Twitter (X), <u>Instagram</u>) for new content, or visit the NAD Homepage for <u>news</u> and much more. And <u>click here</u> 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. <u>CLICK HERE</u> for the guidelines in English. <u>Spanish</u>- and <u>French</u>-language versions have been published and all are also available under the <u>NAD website "Guidelines"</u> tab.

Father's day is happening soon. Why not use our free sharing cards and let your dad know you're thinking of him. Sure, you may have a nice present and a printed greeting card. But how about adding a nice little digital eCard to that mix? Free eCards from LifeTalk can besent via email, SMS texting or even posted on social media like your Facebook page. Simply visit: LifeTalk.net/eCards. It only takes a minute, but your message will last a lifetime! Also, watch our special 60 second Father's Day video at: LifeTalk.net/videos.

Take your ministry beyond the pulpit and into the digital world. This Adventist Learning Community course empowers pastors and church leaders to harness the power of AI tools to transform sermon content into engaging, shareable social media posts. You'll learn how to optimize sermon videos, design eyecatching visuals, and use online engagement tools to grow your church's digital presence. By the end of the







course, you'll have the skills and confidence to combine AI technologies with creative strategies—amplifying your message, reaching new audiences, and spreading the gospel far beyond your local community. <u>LEARN MORE</u>.



Are you in need of encouragement, hope, or prayer? Jesus 101's prayer warriors would be honored to pray for your specific request. Our prayer team meets every Wednesday to pray over received prayer requests. Click <u>here</u> to submit your prayer request online.





Join us for an engaging discussion of religious freedom issues on our show Faith

and Politics. From laws that impact faith communities to challenges facing religious organizations and communities around the world, our experienced panel of experts will provide thoughtful insight on these fundamental questions of liberty. Visit <u>faithandpolitics.tv</u> 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 <u>here</u> for access to these free daily devotionals.

New quarter of It Is Written Sabbath

School! This quarter (starting June 28) on It Is Written Sabbath School, join host Eric Flickinger and study author Dr. Jiří Moskala as they dig into this quarter's study, "Exodus," and shed light on Moses' life and the God of the Old Testament. A new half-hour program is



released every Saturday at 3:00 p.m. EDT. Watch on YouTube or It Is Written TV. YouTube or It Is Written TV.







"Chasing Hope," an all-new season of Discovery Mountain, begins May 8! Summer camp has started—and so has a new mystery! Missing items and a new Ranger Station Camp push campers to chase something more enduring than fun: hope. Listen along and exercise your faith. <u>Click here to explore the</u> latest episodes and stories from Discovery Mountain.

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. <u>Click here to learn more and view our resources</u>.

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

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: <u>www.lifestyle.org</u>.

Season 9 of Authentic is in full swing! Join

host Shawn Boonstra as he cuts to the core of our fallen human nature and heaven's radical remedy. He digs into the deep meaning of God's moral law, the powerful relevancy of each of His commandments, and the failure of human philosophy to capture the truth about His character. New episodes come out every Friday at 7 ET—catch them on our <u>Facebook</u>, <u>YouTube</u>, and at <u>vop.com/authentic</u>.

Every seven minutes, someone in the U.S. begins to lose their sight. Just as Christ

ministered to the individual needs of each person He met, Christian Record Services strives to bring hope, encouragement, and spiritual growth to all who are navigating vision loss — wherever they are on their journey. Thank you for partnering with us to make a difference. Learn more at <u>ChristianRecord.org</u>

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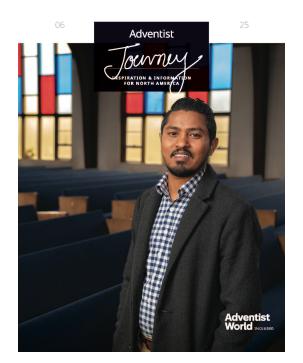
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NAD Update: "At Retreat, Children's Ministry Leaders Called to a "Reckless" Pursuit of God and Ministry " by Christelle Agboka, pp. 08-10

NAD News Briefs: "Center for Youth Evangelism to Become North American Division Entity;" "Oakwood University Announces the Selection of Its Twelfth President," p. 11

Perspective: "A God of Big Things" by Melissa Reid, p. 13

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VIEWPOINTS



Set on High Places

"It is God who arms me with strength and keeps my way secure. He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; he causes me to stand on the heights."

- Psalm 18:32-33, NIV

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