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NEWSPOINTS

May 14, 2025



Christian Record Services is thrilled to announce the appointment of Tandi Perkins as

the new director of development. Perkins brings a wealth of experience in the non-profit sector, having served with distinction for over five years as the director of development for the Alaska Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

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The Pacific Union Conference has elected James P. Willis II as its new vice president for education,

effective July 1, 2025. He will succeed Dr. Berit von Pohle, who is retiring after a distinguished career spanning 46 years in Adventist education. [MORE](#)



During its regular spring meeting, the Mid-America Union Executive Committee voted to approve a recommendation by MAUC's administrative team outlining a leadership transition for the union's communication department. Following the vote, then-director Brenda Dickerson became the associate director, and then-associate director/digital media manager Hugh Davis became the new director, effective May 1. [MORE](#)



From March 22-30, a team of 19 students and five nursing faculty



It was oboist Afonso Bittencourt Brito's first time back in his native Brazil since leaving 18 months earlier to study at La Sierra University. During spring break, he toured the South American nation and visited his hometown as a member of a La Sierra University Chamber Winds quintet that gave performances and master classes. [MORE](#)



Andrews University hosted the third annual North American Hyve International Conference from March 27–29, a gathering where students, entrepreneurs, ministry leaders and

and staff from Pacific Union

College provided physicals, well visits, and regular physician office and dental care to 311 patients in Mana, Fiji. [MORE](#)

businesspeople networked with fellow innovators and pitched their ideas. Through various workshops and programs, practicing entrepreneurs shared their experiences and advice on how to cultivate a strong business in a way that glorifies God. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Vietnamese Refugees Mark 50 Years Since Arriving at Loma Linda University Medical Center and New Lives in America](#)

[Meet FOX54 Top Teacher Carla Drake from Oakwood Adventist Academy \[Video\] \(Ala.\)](#)

[Advanced Wound Care Treatment: Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy at Adventist Health Bakersfield \(Calif.\)](#)

[Comptroller Brooke Lierman Visits Howard County, Atholton Adventist Academy \(Md.\)](#)

[Newnan First Seventh-day Adventist Church celebrates mothers \(Ga.\)](#)

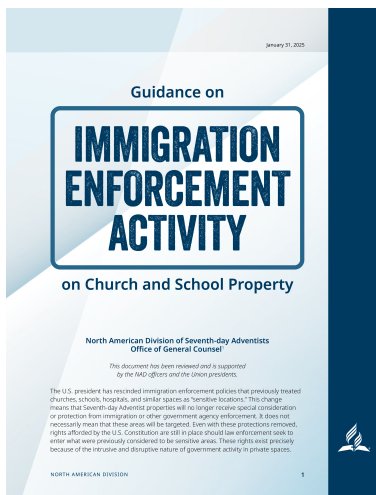
[Mendocino College Students Help Stage Fake Crash at Ukiah Hospital \(Calif.\)](#)

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

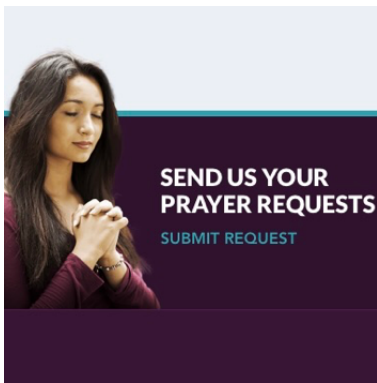


Pathways of the Pioneers is a rich historical program featuring stories of the men and women who founded the Seventh-day Adventist Church. It's a captivating radio series that delves into the inspiring stories of the early pioneers. This program takes listeners on a transformative journey through the lives and experiences of the individuals who played a pivotal role in the formation and growth of the Adventist movement. The program airs every Sabbath on LifeTalk Kids. [Check the kids program schedule](#) for your time zone!



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 eye-catching 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. [LEARN MORE](#).

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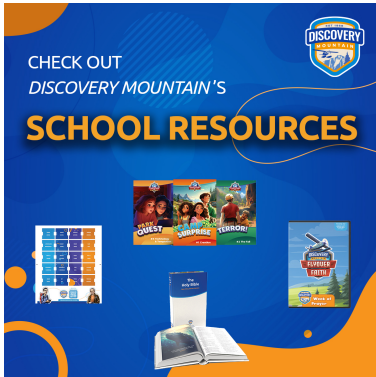
This quarter on It Is Written Sabbath School, join host Eric Flickinger and study author

Shawn Boonstra as they discuss allusions, images, symbols, and their role in Bible prophecy. A new half-hour program is released every Saturday at 3:00 p.m. EDT. Watch on [YouTube](#) or [It Is Written TV](#).

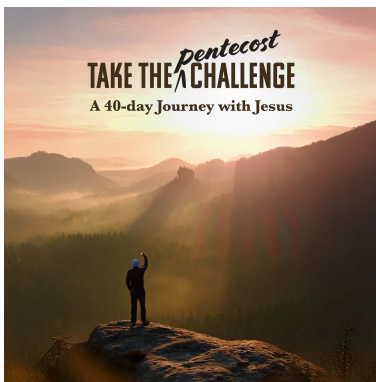
“Chasing Hope,” an all-new season of Discovery Mountain, begins May 8! Summer camp has started—and so has a new mystery! Missing



items and a new Ranger Station Camp push campers to chase something more enduring than fun: hope. Listen along and exercise your faith. [Click here to explore the 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. [Click here to learn more and view our resources.](#)



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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.



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.



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VIEWPOINTS



An Anchor for the Soul

"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf."

— *Romans 6:19-20a, NIV*

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