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At the 2025 General Conference Session, NAD Secretary and Treasurer Elected to Serve New Term

Kyoshin Ahn and Judy R. Glass will join G. Alexander Bryant in serving the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America for the 2025-2030 term.

During the morning business meeting on July 8, at the 2025 General Conference Session in St. Louis, Missouri, North American Division (NAD) executive secretary

Kyoshin Ahn and treasurer Judy R. Glass were elected to serve another term when session delegates voted to approve the nominating committee recommendations for all 13 division secretaries and treasurers. Ahn and Glass are set to serve the 2025-2030 term.

"I consider it a privilege and honor to serve my NAD family over the next five years," said Ahn.

When asked what the next quinquennium might look like, Ahn shared that prayerfully the NAD "has been carrying out these 3M's strategies — mentorship, media, and multiply — and we are going to continue our efforts in accomplishing what we have envisioned for this decade."

"It's an honor to be elected and to serve the North American Division. It's a big responsibility, but I know that God will be with me on every step," said Glass after being elected.

Glass added, "My main priority going forward is to keep the division in good financial condition and continue to be a good steward of the money that we've been entrusted with — and to look at the ways that we can build the division and make it stronger. We [want to continue to] support our entities and organizations throughout [the NAD]."

[CLICK HERE](#) to read more about the NAD secretary and treasurer in the full story on the NAD website. Watch the interview below.



Reporter Herma Percy talks with elected NAD secretary Kyoshin Ahn and NAD treasurer Judy R. Glass after the General Conference Session vote on Tuesday, July



Reporter Julio Muñoz, associate director of communication for the North American Division, asks G. Alexander Bryant, NAD president, what it means to Bryant to toss the first pitch at the St. Louis Cardinals' game on July 10, 2025.

"Pitching" It Forward

G. Alexander Bryant, president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America, throws first pitch at St. Louis Cardinals' game, recognizing both the organization's generosity in his youth and the church members who helped transform his life.

[On Thursday, July 10, 2025](#), as the General Conference Session was winding down, G. Alexander Bryant wound up his pitching arm as he chose a different dinner venue—and experience—than the rest of the week. At 6:45 p.m. CT he threw out the first pitch at the St. Louis Cardinals game. It was a rare and deeply meaningful opportunity for the president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America (NAD).

At age 9, Bryant and his family moved from Arkansas to St. Louis for his father's job. Bryant attended St. Louis schools Columbia Elementary School and Sumner High School. In his youth the Cardinals' community schools access program gave tickets to straight A students. A baseball fan, Bryant worked hard and received tickets to more than 20 regular season games during the course of several years.

“This generosity allowed me to see a world beyond my school, beyond my neighborhood,” said Bryant, who, while in his 30s, was one of the youngest on record to serve as a conference president in the Adventist Church. “During a pivotal time in my development, it gave me a glimpse of opportunities and possibilities for my future that I would not have had access to if it weren’t for going to those games.”

Simultaneously in those formative years Adventist neighbors visited Bryant’s home. These laypeople shared some materials with the family and asked if the Bryants would be interested in Bible studies. A 14-year-old Bryant took them up on the offer and ended up being the first in his family to be baptized.

“The reason I’m so passionate about things like [Pentecost 2025](#) is that I am a recipient of someone going out, knocking on a door, and asking a family if they want to do Bible studies,” Bryant shared. “They were not pastors and not preachers. They were not paid. They were doing it because they wanted to spread the love of Christ. I would not be here were it not for someone having that type of passion.”

And those members did more than give Bible studies. In the growing up years that followed, they provided him a place to keep the Sabbath — away from the TV and distractions at home — and he rotated spending Sabbaths after church with several families.

“They poured into me at that time. ... Different families kind of adopted me and every Sabbath they would take turns inviting me home so that I didn’t have to go back to a non-Adventist atmosphere,” said Bryant. “Later on, my family did become Adventist. My heart is here in this city because of what they’ve done for me.”

“I had remarkable opportunities growing up here in St. Louis, and it’s been a remarkable opportunity to be able to see how God’s church works from a close up perspective all those years ago — it’s been very impactful in my life,” he said.

“My story would not be possible were not for faithful members of the Northside Seventh-day Adventist Church who nurtured me,” added Bryant. “I’m grateful for the experience today. But more than that, I am grateful for our message of hope. Let’s go and tell the world.”

— *The above is an excerpt; [CLICK HERE](#) to read the full story on the NAD website.*



Pentecost 2025 Takes Center Stage: A Vision for Evangelism at the GC Session

Ken Sharpe stands at the bustling North American Division booth inside the General Conference Session exhibit hall, eager to share a message that's taking hold across thousands of churches. As project manager for Pentecost 2025, Sharpe is helping steer an ambitious initiative designed to spark spiritual revival, community engagement, and ultimately, evangelistic growth.

"Pentecost 2025 is the evangelism outreach program for the North American Division in 2025," Sharpe explains. "We actually began last year, encouraging our people to pray for the Holy Spirit and experience what the apostles did in the upper room. Once you truly have the Holy Spirit, you can't sit still any longer."

The initiative follows a simple but powerful progression: first, personal revival through prayer; then community involvement; next, Bible studies; and finally, what Sharpe calls "harvest events," or public evangelistic meetings, and discipling new members. "We're trying to train our people in the complete cycle of evangelism," he says.

The response so far has exceeded expectations. More than 5,200 churches and schools across the division have signed on to participate. "It's for the entire North American Division," Sharpe emphasizes. "That includes more than 5,000 churches and schools that have volunteered to be part of this."

Most of these churches have yet to hold their primary evangelistic meetings, making the timing of the General Conference Session ideal. Sharpe and his team are using

the event to encourage pastors and lay leaders to keep the momentum going. “We’re here to let people know what’s happening and to urge them to continue. We’re also telling the rest of the world that North America is alive, that we want Jesus to come, and that we’re praying for the Holy Spirit to work here.”

Already, the early results are inspiring. From just the first 400 churches that reported back, 15 to 17 percent have seen membership growth of more than 10 percent. “It’s absolutely incredible,” Sharpe says. “And that’s not us. That’s the Holy Spirit working.”

This interest is sowing seeds for a global movement. Sharpe believes that before long, Pentecost 2025 won’t be just in North America as there are many division wide initiatives that have the same goal as Pentecost 2025. “We’re thankful for that and extremely thankful that the Holy Spirit is pouring itself out here in North America.”

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