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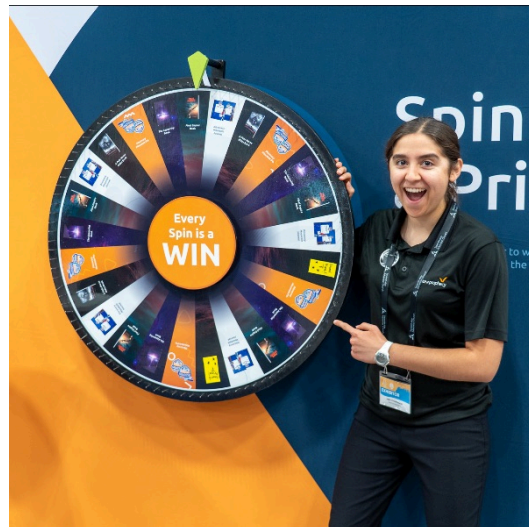
News and Information from the North American Division

# NEWSPOINTS

July 17, 2025



**On Saturday evening, July 5, the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America (NAD) presented** the first division report at the 2025 GC Session. NAD president G. Alexander Bryant, executive secretary Kyoshin Ahn, and treasurer Judy R. Glass introduced the video, which focused on the division's ministry activities and accomplishments during the past three years. [MORE](#)



**God has appointed His followers to proliferate the everlasting gospel and the three angels' messages throughout the world.** One way to diminish this daunting task is to utilize various technological advancements to achieve a more extensive reach. Voice of Prophecy and It Is Written have done this effectively for many decades. [MORE](#)



**From June 22 to July 5, the city of St. Louis experienced a spiritual revival as Hope Rally 2025 swept** through the city, bringing hope, restoration, and renewed faith in God. Hosted at Northside Seventh-day Adventist Church and co-sponsored by Breath of Life Ministries and the Central States Conference, the two-week-long evangelistic series was led by Pastor Debleaire Snell, Breath of Life speaker/director. [MORE](#)



**The NAD's five media ministries exhibit a striking paradox: unity built through** personal vision, and spiritual impact through tangible, earthly tools. The ministries have carved out their own legacy, occasionally joining forces. Each has embraced the use of modern technology to augment its mission. Individually and collectively, they have accomplished impressive feats extending Christ's invitation to life eternal across the globe. [MORE](#)



**In addition to a selection of vegetarian treats and drinks from around the world, along with** books, pens and other giveaways, attendees exploring the North American



**Realizing he would be attending the General Conference Session, Anees Abdelnour, a GC employee** and Sligo church (Md.) member who leads the church's refugee ministry, expressed



Division (NAD) exhibit space will leave with fresh ideas, valuable resources, and helpful information. [MORE](#)



**From Newborn to Delegate: A Family Legacy at GC Session.** Three generations of the Fogelquist family caravanned to St. Louis to attend the 62nd General Conference Session. Gary and Debbie Fogelquist (left) began the tradition 40 years ago, bringing their newborn son to the 1985 session in New Orleans. That newborn, Jeff Fogelquist (center), now serves as the North Pacific Union's chief financial officer and a first-time GC session delegate, continuing the family legacy. [MORE](#)

his desire to expand that ministry in St. Louis. This week, Sligo church and Abdelnour teamed up with Potomac Conference's Hyattsville, Md., church to support the Central States Conference's Agape church in St. Louis. Together, they distributed groceries along with hygiene and cleaning supplies to eight Haitian refugee families living in the area. [MORE](#)



**Overwhelmed and Empowered: A New Delegate's Experience.** The moment I stepped into America's Center Convention Complex for the 62nd General Conference Session, I was swept into a current of humanity — so many people from so many places filling the facility. But this crowd felt different. [MORE](#)

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## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Immigrant-grown Produce Stand Provides Fresh Food to East Portland \(Ore.\)](#)

[Newly Elected Seventh-day Adventist Church Leader Reflects on Challenges and Faith's Healthy Living \(Mo.\)](#)

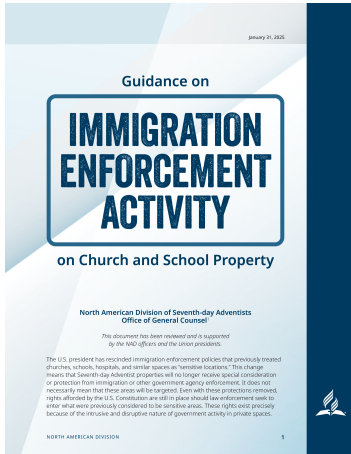
[Produce-stand Tuesday's at Adventist Health \(Calif.\)](#)

[Hospital Leaders to Discuss Impact of Federal Budget Cuts](#)

[Adventist Health to Host Free Back-to-school Health Fair in Corcoran \(Calif.\)](#)

[Armies of Texas Volunteers Dig Out, Clean up, After Fatal Floods \(Texas\)](#)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



**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.



**Mark your calendar for Aug. 9, 2025 — the** [Annual Day of Giving for Christian Record Services](#) (CRS). To prepare, watch our short video, "Shotgun Blast to Forgiveness." It tells Liz's story of losing her sight after a shotgun blast as a teen. Through CRS, she found faith, friendship, and the strength to live her life. Her journey shows how healing begins with Christ-centered support. Your gift helps others like Liz. [Watch the video](#), pray, and consider how you can be part of this mission.



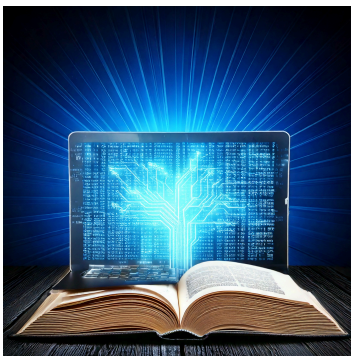
**Passionate Leader is a dynamic leadership event (held Sept. 4-6) for any woman** who wants to grow in faith and influence — whether you're leading women's ministries or a woman who simply feels called to invest in the lives of other women. At the Passionate Leader Summit, you'll be equipped with the tools you need to lead with confidence—from discipling women and ministering with a trauma-informed perspective, to creating a budget, mentoring future leaders, and connecting across generations. You'll



also gain valuable tools in using social media and marketing to extend your reach. [Register](#) today!



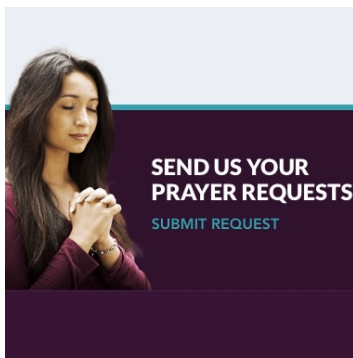
**Just because summer is here and school is out, does not mean that learning needs to stop.** Discover how to help your kids continue to learn through home school activities. *Homeschool Companion* is dedicated to home-based education by making the most of the learning experience through student centeredness and differentiated instruction. Hosted by Rose Gamblin, the programs focus on educational strategies, techniques and inspirational themes. *Homeschool Companion* airs weekly on LifeTalk Radio. Check the program schedule for your time zone at: [lifetalk.net/program-schedule](http://lifetalk.net/program-schedule). It is also available as a podcast at: [lifetalk.net/podcast-lineup](http://lifetalk.net/podcast-lineup)



**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.](#)



**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 [faithandpolitics.tv](http://faithandpolitics.tv) today!



**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 [here](#) to submit your prayer request online.



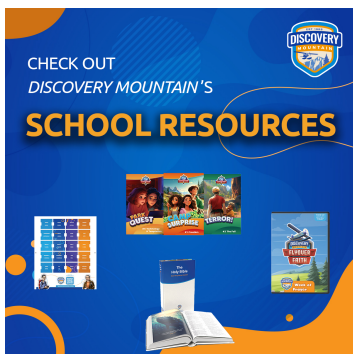
## **New quarter of It Is Written Sabbath**

**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](#).



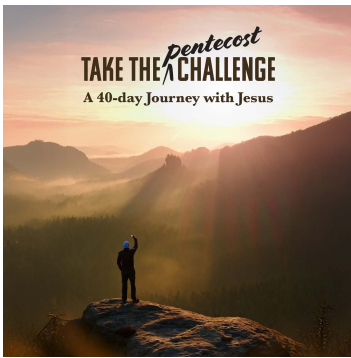
## **Jesus 101 has the perfect daily devotional podcast to help you connect to God daily.**

*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.



## **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.



**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.



**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 Arngim, 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).

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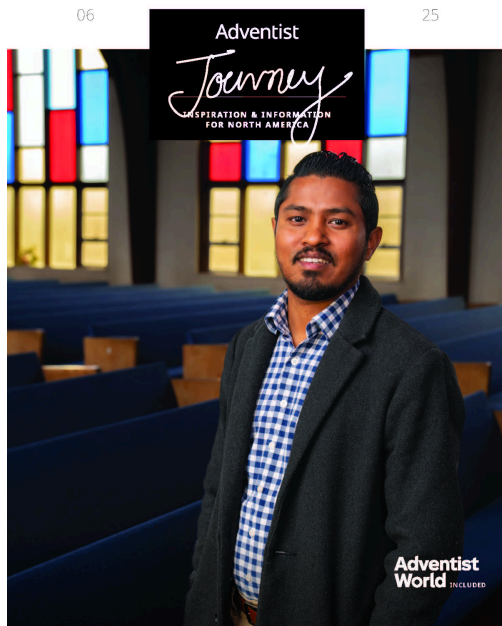
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## VIEWPOINTS



## **A Hopeless World Needs a Hopeful Church**

"We cannot forget that a hopeless world is in desperate need of a hopeful church."

— *Erton C. Köhler, on July 12, 2025, during his Sabbath sermon at the General Conference Session [Photo: Melvin Donadelle for North American Division]*

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