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“Creator’s Corner” helps ministries create timeless content and charts a course for future media efforts. The exhibit hall buzzed with activity, but inside the plexiglass-walled booth, the noise was muffled. Tucked among the bustling displays at the 62nd General Conference Session, this compact room stood out. Outfitted with cameras, lighting, and audio gear, it was



A quiet yet impactful movement continues to unfold at GC sessions — one not shaped by spoken words but by hands in motion. As thousands gathered for this global event of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, a spirit of inclusivity was clearly present through the work of American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters from the North American Division (NAD) and the

clear to any passerby: this was a content creation studio. [MORE](#)



Visitors to the North American Division exhibit at the General Conference Session found practical resources aimed at meeting the needs of local churches. From grief support to financial literacy, and from Sabbath School curriculum to evangelistic campaign planning, ministries showcased tools designed to equip leaders and members to share biblical principles in their communities. [MORE](#)

dedicated advocates who supported them behind the scenes. [MORE](#)



Multiple levels of Adventist Community Services are joining forces with impact! st. louis, an initiative of the GC Youth Ministries department, to offer some relief to those still wrestling with the ramifications of the May 16 tornado. This and other community service efforts are running concurrent with the 62nd GC Session taking place downtown on July 3-12, 2025. [MORE](#)



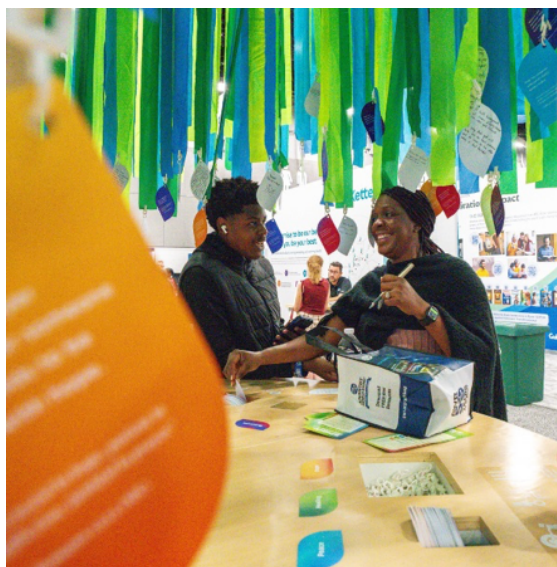
The spiritual energy sweeping across the St. Louis metro area in Mo., U.S., continues in the wake of Breath of Life's Hope Rally 2025, a two-week citywide revival that brought together churches, pastors, and community members under the theme of Almost Home. [MORE](#)



At the 2025 GC Session, Walla Walla University wowed visitors with Phil and Paul — student-designed robots demonstrating real bioengineering research. The booth was one of several highlighting how science, faith, and service intersect through cutting-edge tissue regeneration technology. [MORE](#)



For the first time, Adventist camp ministry is being featured with a dedicated exhibit at the GC Session, highlighting 100 years of



At the heart of the Seventh-day Adventist Church's mission lies a deep commitment to healing — not

summer camps shaping young lives. Tracy Wood, Youth Ministries director for the North American Division, said this year marks a century since Adventist camps began in 1925 in Australia, with the second recorded camp held a year later in Michigan. [MORE](#)



“When people are hurting, God calls us to be His hands and feet in showing others His love and care in tangible ways,” says Laura Racovita, dean of Southern Adventist University’s School of Social Work, who coordinates disaster relief efforts for the university. When she learned about the needs of a mobile home community in Prestonsburg, Ky., affected by disastrous flooding last February, she gathered a team to answer the call. [MORE](#)

just of the body, but of the whole person. That commitment was on display at the 2025 GC Session in St. Louis, Mo., where the five healthcare systems in the NAD united to present a compelling witness to medical ministry as an extension of gospel work. [MORE](#)



La Sierra University’s newly-approved multi-year budget calls for annual increases in academic years 2026 through 2028; goals which leaders expect to exceed, as the university targets ‘long-game’ objectives and renews its institutional strategy. The La Sierra University Board of Trustees approved a four-year university budget through the 2028-2029 school year based on aggressive growth in freshman enrollment in years two and three. [MORE](#)

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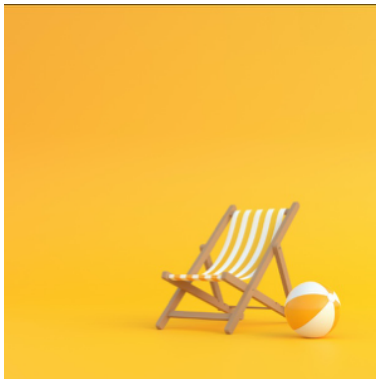
[Free Sports Physicals and Backpacks for Ukiah Kids this Saturday \(Calif.\)](#)

[Vacation Bible School at Hernando SDA School \(Fla.\)](#)

[What the Big Beautiful Bill Could Mean for Some Hospitals in the San Joaquin Valley \(Calif.\)](#)

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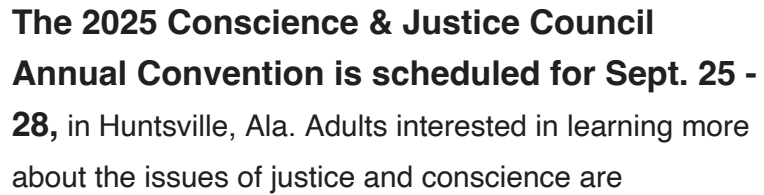


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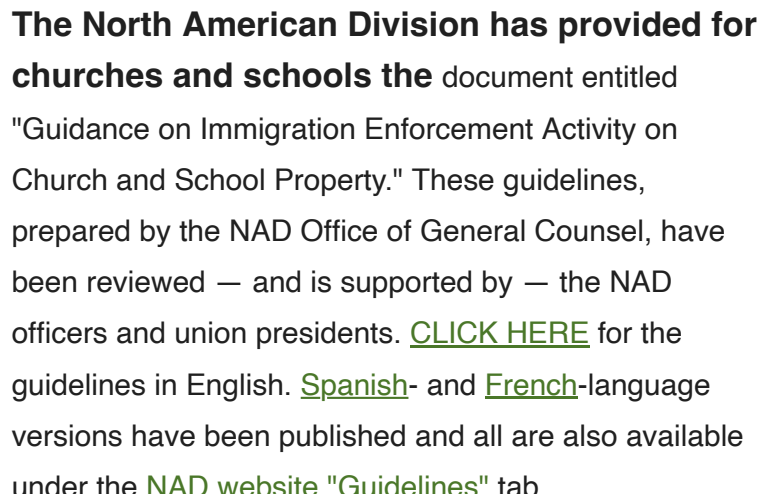


Planning a vacation this summer? LifeTalk Radio makes a great travel companion.

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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.



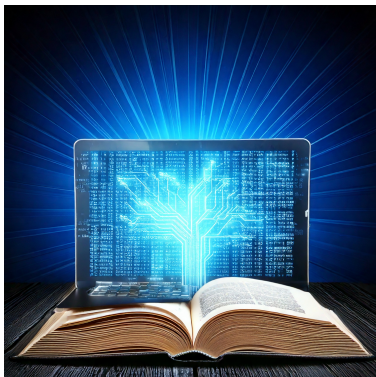


Creation Moments on LifeTalk Radio! In public educational institutions around the U.S., children and youth are taught that evolution is fact with no mention of any alternative views including the biblical perspective of creation held by many Christians. In a world bombarded by false messages about origins, Creation Moments provides accurate, up-to-date information about new discoveries in God's creation and how they relate to the Bible. Creation Moments airs twice a day every Monday through Friday on [LifeTalk.net](https://www.lifetalk.net). Discover a complete program schedule for your time zone at:

[lifetalk.net/program-schedule](https://www.lifetalk.net/program-schedule).



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!



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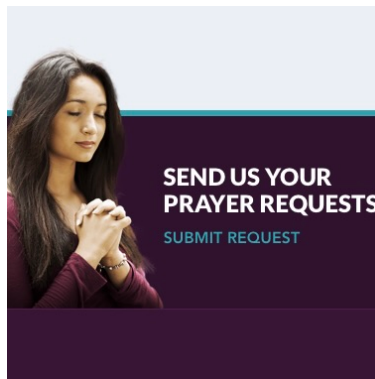
course, you'll have the skills and confidence to combine AI technologies with creative strategies—amplifying your message, reaching new audiences, and spreading the gospel far beyond your local community. [LEARN MORE](#).

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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](#).



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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.

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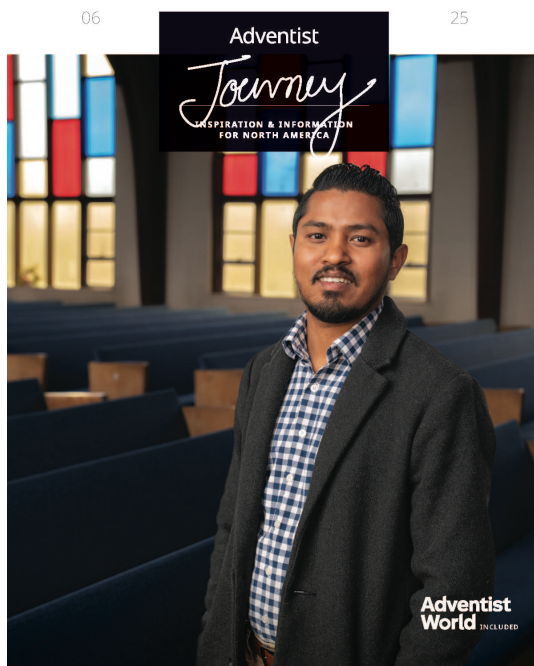
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"Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase
your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness."

— *2 Corinthians 9:10, NIV*

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