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In 2020, the NAD voted “Together in Mission” as its strategic focus for the next five years: a call for every entity, ministry, and department to work together to share the gospel. Five years later, at the 2025 General Conference Session in St. Louis, Mo., visitors to the NAD’s exhibit space were met with a striking visual representation of this theme. The first stop, and perhaps clearest showcase of this unity, in the NAD’s GC Session home was a first-ever combined ministries booth. [MORE](#)



Before the 62nd General Conference Session convened in St. Louis, Mo., the Youth Ministries department of the world church recognized a prime opportunity to demonstrate God’s love locally. Once the July 3-12 church meeting was under way, dozens of young people worked with leaders through the impact! st. louis initiative to tangibly tell the Arch City how valuable it is in the Savior’s eyes. [MORE](#)



The heartbeat of Adventist education pulsed through the vibrant exhibit hall at the 2025 GC Session in St. Louis, where a panoramic education pavilion showcased the breadth and depth of one of the world's largest Protestant education systems. With colorful displays, engaging demonstrations, and the presence of passionate educators and students, the pavilion powerfully highlighted the global mission of Adventist education, including its renowned universities within the NAD. [MORE](#)



As lead photographer for the *Adventist Review*, Sherwin is responsible for capturing all the



In the hush of early morning, long before most delegates file into the cavernous America's Center for the GC Session, Ken Logan is already seated at the organ. He begins most days at 7:15 a.m., offering a prelude that acts as a bridge to worship. It is a quiet ritual that soon swells into something far larger, a soundtrack for the more than 2,000 delegates expected each day. [MORE](#)



Henry Lowery was on a Detroit basketball court in May when he got a call from the Lake Region Conference Pathfinder coordinator, asking if his Pathfinder drum corps could perform during the GC Session in St. Louis on

official portraits of newly elected leaders, often just minutes after their lives have been upended by a vote. It is a role that demands both technical skill and a gentle respect for the weight of the moment.

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In the wake of the June 11 wildfire that swept through Rowena, Oregon, Adventist Health Global Mission partnered with the Adventist Health Columbia Gorge team, organizing relief efforts to support affected community members and Adventist Health employees. [MORE](#)



Tucked away in a secure area of the NAD headquarters, the

Saturday, July 12. It was an opportunity he almost missed. [MORE](#)



“I had rehearsal right up until three days before I gave birth,” she said without much fanfare.

Koo is the director and co-founder of the Emmanuel Missionary Choir, a group made up of children ages five to 19, mostly from the Living Word Fellowship Church in Berrien Springs, Mich. Since 2022, the choir has grown from 18 to 47 members, representing youth from 16 countries including South Korea, Indonesia, the Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Brazil, Romania, Peru, Russia, Israel, Pakistan, Venezuela, Mexico, Taiwan, Samoa, and the U.S. [MORE](#)

Adventist Retirement team is hard

at work. They are constantly looking for innovative ways to help 74,000 participants — current and former employees of the NAD — retire with confidence and peace of mind. In recent years, their efforts have made waves on the world stage. In 2024, Adventist Retirement earned four internationally recognized honors, including a Viddy Award, an Eddy Award, and two Gold MarCom Awards. [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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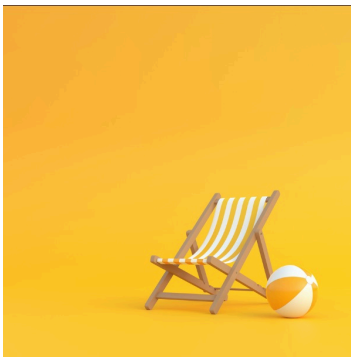
[California Couple Cancels Wedding After Groom Suffers Stroke, Gets Married in Hospital Instead \(Calif.\)](#)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



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A new school year is just around the corner. While you're busy getting school supplies, new school clothes and a sturdy new backpack for your students, don't forget that kids grow better with radio. Research shows that excessive TV viewing causes kids to have trouble paying attention and thinking clearly. But radio can fuel their imagination. [LifeTalkKids.net](#) has dozens of excellent programs to expand young minds. Encourage your children to listen and learn. LifeTalk Kids is available 24/7 online and on our LifeTalk App (free at [lifetalk.net/connect](#)). Enjoy adventure tales, Bible stories, science, history, nature and more.



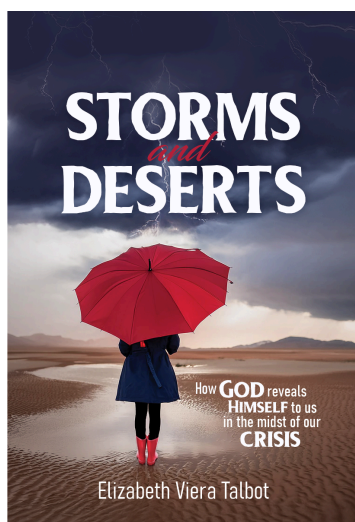
Mark your calendar for Aug. 9, 2025 — the [Annual Day of Giving for Christian Record Services](#) (CRS). To prepare, watch our short video, "Shotgun Blast to Forgiveness." It tells Liz's story of losing her sight after a shotgun blast as a teen. Through CRS, she found faith, friendship, and the strength 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.



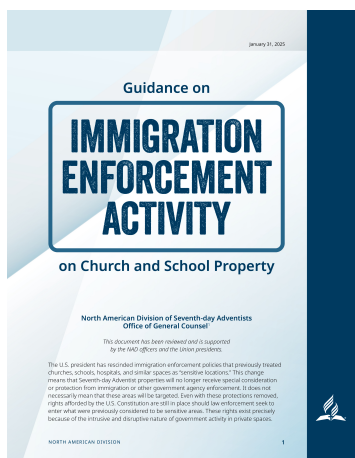
Medical, dental, and lay volunteers needed for an upcoming FREE Clinic in Baltimore, MD, in partnership with It Is Written, AMEN, Chesapeake Conference, Allegheny East Conference, and NAD. Out-of-state medical/dental licensing available for those who apply early. Your help is needed for this Reach Baltimore initiative, September 24-28. Register at <https://amenfreeclinic.org/application/?clinic=baltimore>



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!



Jesus 101 has released *Storms and Deserts* by Dr. Elizabeth Talbot, a new book that discusses how God reveals Himself to us in the midst of our worst crisis. *Storms and Deserts* revisits biblical stories where people went through emotional and spiritual turmoil and how God revealed himself to them with compassion and grace in their darkest hour. It is also Dr. Talbot's most personal and vulnerable book to date. To pre-order your free copy, download the Jesus 101 mobile app, click on "Book Offers", and enter code "Storms825". Jesus 101 will send this completely free (US and Canada, one per household). Code valid thru August 31.



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.



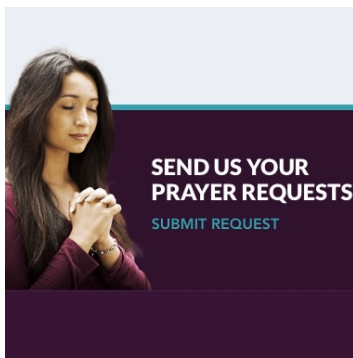
The 2025 Conscience & Justice Council Annual Convention is scheduled for Sept. 25 - 28, in Huntsville, Ala. Adults interested in learning more about the issues of justice and conscience are encouraged to attend. Come and discover ways to overcome oppression through the power of the Word of God. Through plenary sessions, workshops, and best practices, we'll identify the abuses of power that subjugate the oppressed and the biblical solutions to resolve them. What's included in registration fee: All event materials, full access to general and breakout sessions, meals, and best practices tour. [Click here](#) to register/for more information.



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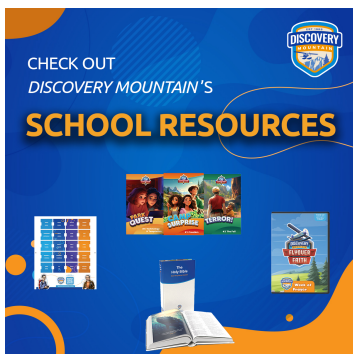
Are you in need of encouragement, hope, or prayer? Jesus 101's prayer warriors would be honored to pray for your specific request. Our prayer team meets every Wednesday to pray over received prayer requests. Click [here](#) to submit your prayer request online.



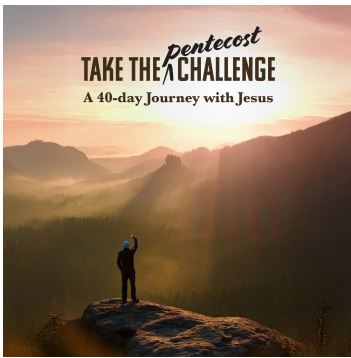
New quarter of It Is Written Sabbath School! This quarter (starting June 28) on It Is Written Sabbath School, join host Eric Flickinger and study author Dr. Jiří Moskala as they dig into this quarter's study, "Exodus," and shed light on Moses' life and the God of the Old Testament. A new half-hour program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

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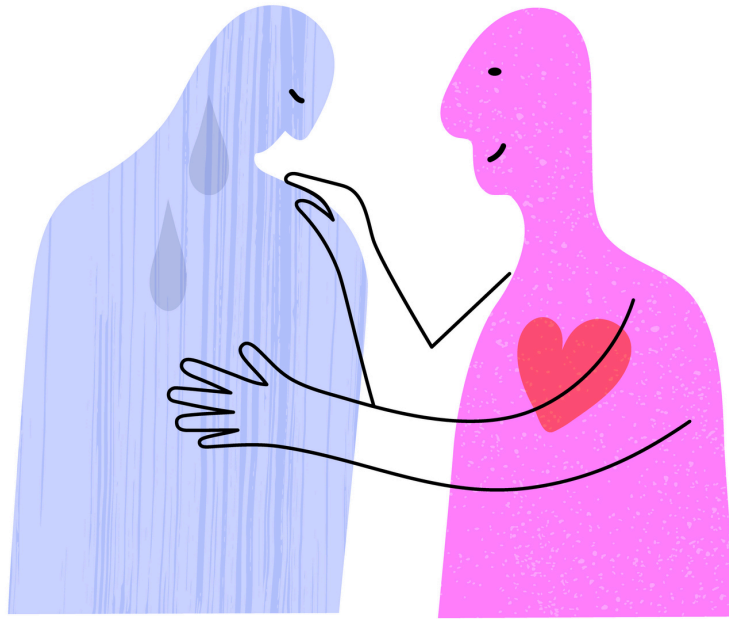
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"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

— *Ephesians 4:32, NIV*

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