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NEWSPOINTS

April 23, 2026



From March 22-24, 2026, financial leaders from around the North American Division and beyond gathered in Orlando, Fla., for the Beyond the Bottom Line conference, a biennial event focused on mission-driven impact.

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The Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees has voted to appoint Anthony Hilliard, M.D., FACC, to serve as president of Loma Linda University Health (LLUH), effective July 1. Hilliard will continue to serve concurrently as chief executive officer of the Loma Linda University Health hospitals, a role he has held since Oct. 2024. Hilliard will serve as president-elect



During the North American Division’s HeSaidGoXP Conference on March 12-14, at Southwestern Adventist University in Keene, Texas, the words "I will go. I will go. He said, 'Go.' So I will go!" were more than a refrain — they became a commitment. More than 200 attendees were invited to “come and see” mission firsthand, then respond to Jesus’ call to go. [MORE](#)



It started with a seat assignment.

through June 30, partnering closely with current president Richard Hart, M.D., DrPH, who will remain in office through the transition. [MORE](#)



The NAD Office of Volunteer Ministries HeSaidGoXP conference, hosted at Southwestern Adventist University in Keene, Texas, on March 12-14, took a practical approach to engaging members of Generation Z in mission through local community service opportunities. On Sabbath, March 13, a small group of attendees volunteered at the Tarrant Area Food Bank. [MORE](#)

In 2019, Edward Martin Allen boarded a flight from Omaha, Neb., to San Diego, Calif., settled in, and realized his seatmate happened to work for major Christian publisher Wm. B. Eerdmans. Two and a half hours later, Allen had a business card and an invitation to bring his co-author, Michael W. Campbell, to discuss publishing the book on the history of Adventists that Allen and Campbell had been working on together. Close to a decade of research, writing, and collaboration later, *A Global History of Seventh-day Adventists* is now available worldwide. [MORE](#)



The Washington Adventist University board of trustees voted overwhelmingly to move forward with vision 2030, a bold strategic redevelopment initiative that will modernize the university's 122-year-old campus and secure its financial sustainability for the next century. [MORE](#)



During the past few years Pacific Union College has expanded its graduate degree programs in education, nursing, communication, and business, offering flexibility, small class sizes, experiential learning, and, most important, a Christian environment that empowers students with opportunities within the Seventh-day Adventist world and beyond. [MORE](#)



The senior capstone papers of four Spring 2025 graduates from

the Southern Adventist University School of Computing were presented at the Fall 2025 Future Technologies Conference in Munich, Germany. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Mendocino County Leads the Way With a New Surgical System at Adventist Health \(Calif.\)](#)

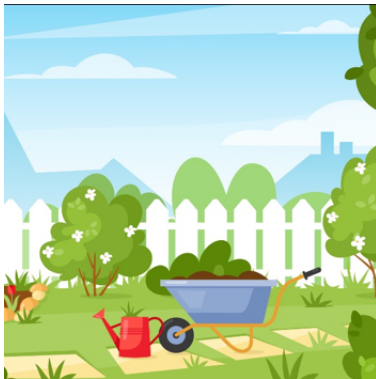
[Honoring the Gift of Life: Organ Donor Heroes Remembered Across Central Florida \(Fla.\)](#)

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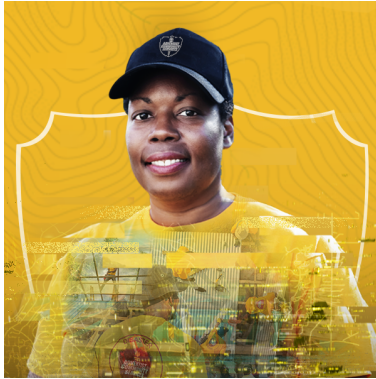
[AdventHealth Expands Infusion Services to South Overland Park \(Kansas\)](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



NAD NewsPoints will be not be published next week. We hope to get back on our weekly schedule, and until we do 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. [Click here](#) to read/watch *Adventist Journey* magazine stories and videos.

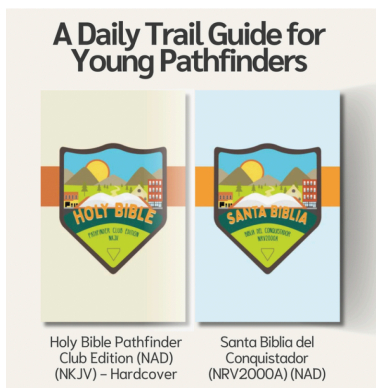
On May 9, the Disaster and Famine Relief Offering gives you the opportunity to make a difference when it matters most. When disasters strike and lives are upended, Adventist Community Services (ACS) Disaster Response is there—providing practical help, compassionate care, and hope. Your support helps



ensure trained volunteers can respond quickly and effectively across the North American Division. Give at your church or online and be part of restoring communities in Christ's name. Click [here](#) for more information.

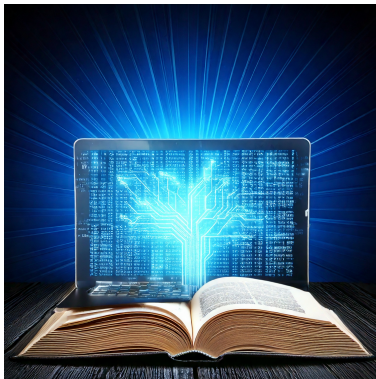
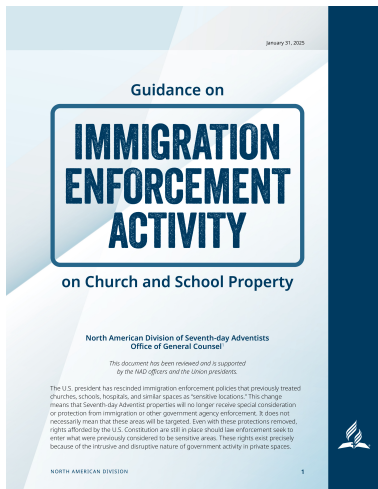
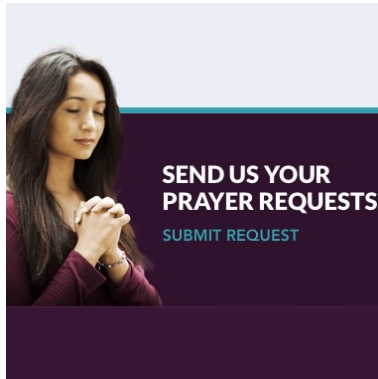


The entire Bible can be summed up in two words: Jesus Wins! This short daily devotional program presented by Elizabeth Talbot, Ph.D., is bound to revitalize your spiritual life. It could help you experience Jesus in a whole new light. One of love and not fear, hope and not despair! Listen to this short 3 minute daily program on LifeTalk Radio. Discover a complete program schedule for your time zone at: lifetalk.net/program-schedule. Listen on our LifeTalk app, a free download at: lifetalk.net/connect



Empower your Pathfinders and Adventurers with a Bible built for their journey! The NAD Youth Ministries, Pacific Press, and AdventSource have teamed up to release these special Bible editions in English (NKJV) and, for the first time ever, Spanish (Nueva-Reina Valera)! Designed to withstand campouts and study sessions alike, these Bibles are the official resource for the Pathfinder Bible Experience. [Click here](#) for both Pathfinder and Adventure Bibles from Adventist Book Center. [AdventSource](#) link for the Pathfinder English version; [Spanish](#) version.

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.



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.

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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Nothing to Fear

“There is a promise that, at times, is ignored even though it is found right within the Great Commission. We pay attention to the Great Commission and we forget the very end of the last. ... We talk about the Great Commission, ‘go and make disciples ... baptize and teach.’ But then we forget this last part where Jesus says, ‘I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’

“I am with you here this morning, today, just to remind you, we might be going through difficult times at times, some things can be even be scary. ... But the world will come to an end when the gospel is preached. We’re going to preach the gospel, and He’s going to be with us to the end as we preach the gospel and make disciples. Jesus is going to be with

us, so we have nothing to fear.”

— Jose Cortes Jr., NAD Ministerial Association associate director, at NAD staff worship, April 20, 2026, referencing Matthew 28:19, 20.

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