

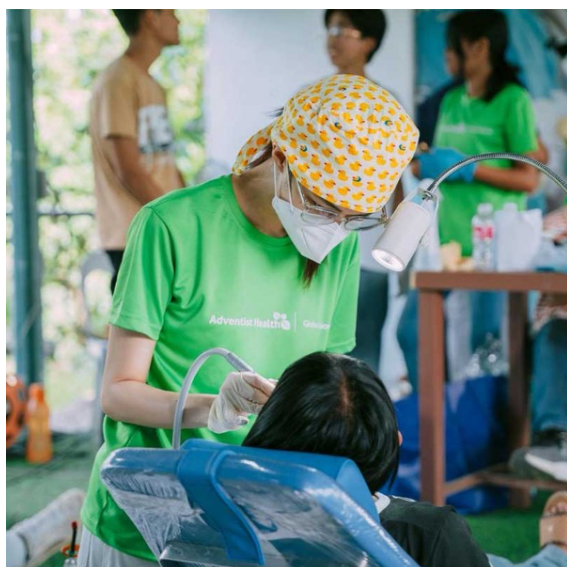
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News and Information from the North American Division

NEWSPOINTS

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A team of 27 Adventist Health volunteers partnered with local medical providers to care for 2,366 patients on the Philippine island of Mindoro during an Adventist Health Global Mission trip in late February 2026. By the time the last patient was seen, the impact was measured not only in numbers of patients served, but in the abundance of prayer, laughter, and high-fives. [MORE](#)



Patients diagnosed with brain tumors once considered unreachable now have an accessible treatment option at Loma Linda University Health. The medical center is currently the only facility in the Inland Empire offering laser interstitial thermal therapy (LITT), a minimally invasive procedure that allows neurosurgeons to treat tumors deep within the brain. [MORE](#)



The smell of campfire smoke. The giddy squeals and then the splash of a group of kids jumping off the dock together. The snick of an arrow hitting the target. Biscuits and gravy. The smell of horses. Guitars and cowboy hats and singing “Let Us Come Together” with the hand motions. ... Adventist summer camps in North America turn 100 this year! [READ](#) the story.



Bradford C. Newton, president of the Pacific Union Conference, has announced that he will step down from the presidency at the upcoming Union Constituency Session on August 17, 2026, and will not seek renomination for another term. Newton has served the church in pastoral and administrative roles for more than 43 years and plans to formally retire from denominational employment later in the fall. [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](#)

At the Ethnan Temple Seventh-day Adventist Church, the SNAP initiative is not a new program; it's a rebrand of what the church members have been faithfully doing every week for years. SNAP — Sabbath Nourishment and Provision — was born out of conviction, not crisis. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Church Plan for \\$1.7m Gym and Ministry Center in Bethel Part of Larger Vision for a Christian School \(Conn.\)](#)

[AdventHealth Breaks Ground on New Hospital in Weaverville \(N.C.\)](#)

[Port Orange Man Has Specialized Adventhealth Heart Valve Procedure \(Fla.\)](#)

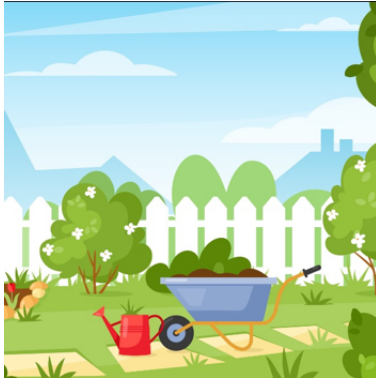
[New Care Center in Development at Adventist Health St. Helena \(Calif.\)](#)

[Two Adventist Health Leaders Were Honored by the Tulare Kings Hispanic Chamber of Commerce \(Calif.\)](#)

[Adventist Health to Offer Free Children's Immunizations in Bakersfield Throughout April \(Calif.\)](#)

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.



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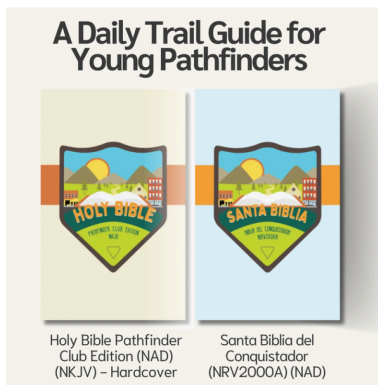


Through service, we become a wellspring of the mercy, grace, and love we have received from God (John 4:14). The ACS Convention brings together individuals who are passionate about making a meaningful difference in their communities. Whether you've been serving for years or are just beginning your journey with Adventist Community Services, you'll be inspired by dynamic speakers, encouraged by fellow servants, and equipped through practical, skill-building sessions. Join us in Greenville, SC, April 16-18, 2026! [Register today and be part of the impact.](#)

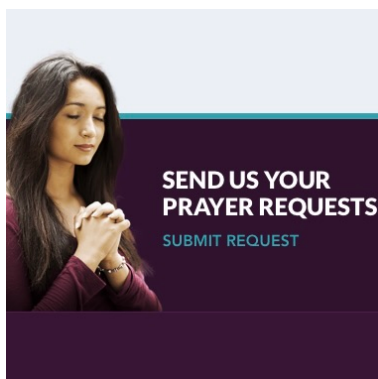


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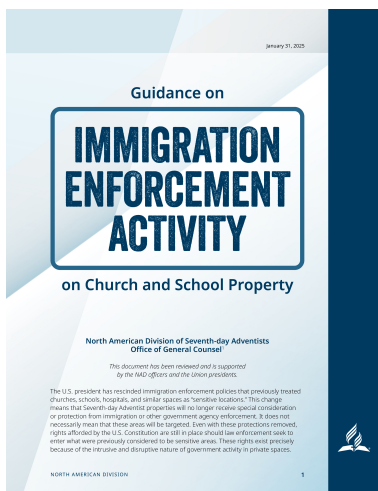
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The North American Division has provided for churches and schools the document entitled "Guidance on Immigration Enforcement Activity on Church and School Property." These guidelines, prepared by the NAD Office of General Counsel, have been reviewed — 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.

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neighborhoods, and in our families. Now, the story is finally being told. To find out more, watch the interview with Christian Record Services and 3ABN found here: <https://bit.ly/quietcrisisinterview>

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“Teach me your way, Lord,
that I may rely on your faithfulness;
give me an undivided heart,
that I may fear your name.
I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart;
I will glorify your name forever.”

— *Psalm 86:11-12, NIV*

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