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The NAD's 19th annual Religious Liberty dinner, held on April 22, in the James Madison Memorial Building at the Library of Congress, championed freedom of conscience as a core human right. Overlooking the gathering, a statue honoring Madison, the fourth U.S. president and key architect of constitutional religious freedom rights, visually



Washington Adventist University has been officially recognized as an Opportunity College and University (OCU) in the latest Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education, a distinction awarded to only 16 percent of more than 3,000 colleges and universities nationwide.

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reinforced the evening's theme.

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The jubilee year, a cornerstone of the Old Testament faith, as described in Leviticus 25, represented a divinely mandated period of release and restoration for the Israelites. This significant observance served as a powerful reminder of God's just, merciful, and compassionate nature. The word "jubilee" derives from the Hebrew word *yobel*, referring to a ram's horn or trumpet. [READ MORE](#)



Pacific Union College has achieved success in its Paramedic to RN program, allowing up to nine EMT-P students annually to join its already well-established LVN/Med-Tech-to-RN program, and will graduate the third cohort this June. Since the program's launch in 2022 and enrollment increase in 2023, it has filled a need in the job market, enabled PUC to expand its services, and also bridged the gap for paramedics looking to advance their education and careers. [MORE](#)

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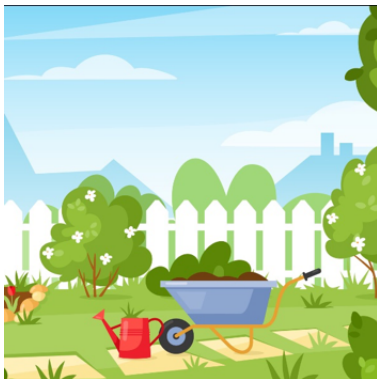
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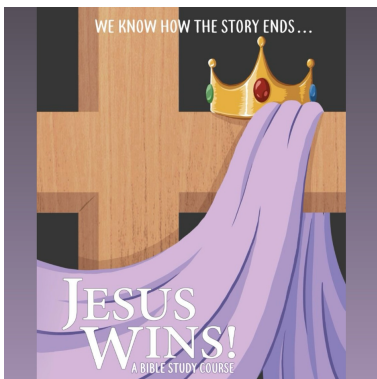


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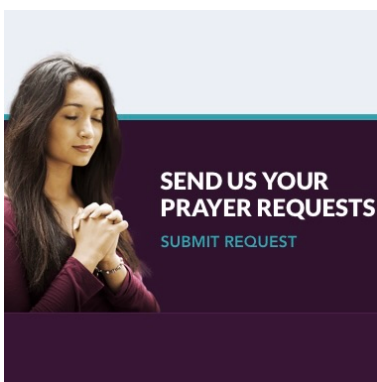


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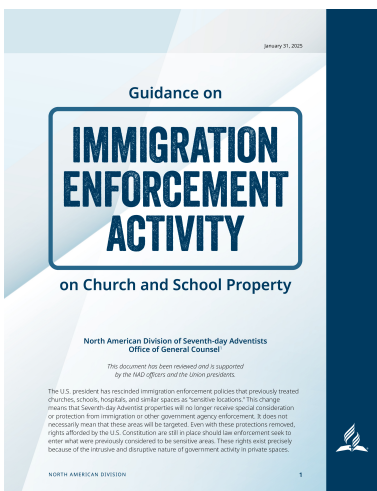
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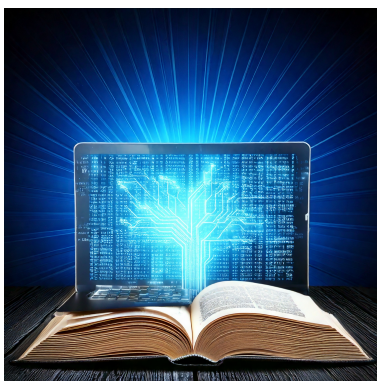
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— *John 15:13, NIV*

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