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News in Brief: I Will Stick Around

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“We must act. My prayer is that we can muster the strength to return to the early days of Adventism when we as a people were active—in-deed, leaders—in the public square. We as a people fought against the evils of slavery, racism, and the marginalization of minorities.”

—General Conference vice president Ella Simmons in an extensive online commentary focused on the reality of racism in the wake of the death of George Floyd.

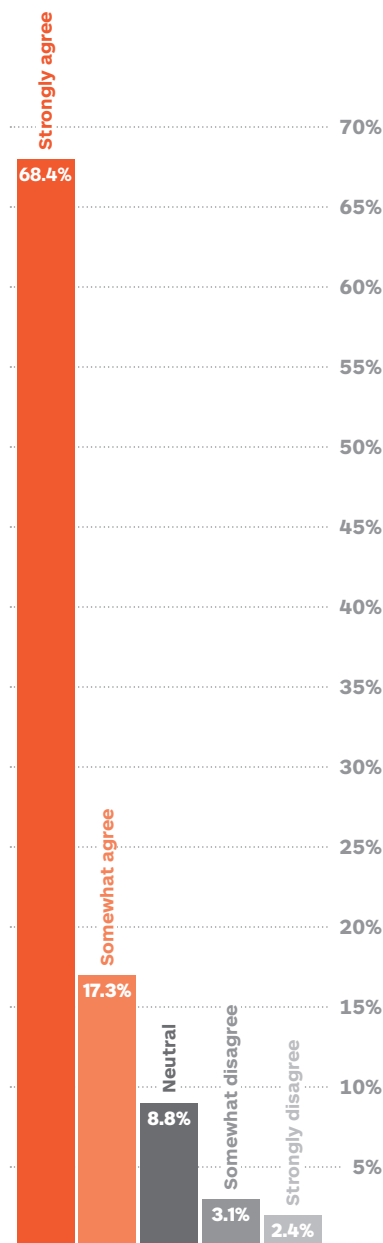
US\$350,000

The amount of pledges and donations raised during a one-day mediathon on May 24, 2020. Held on the Mandeville, Jamaica, campus of Northern Caribbean University (NCU), its goal was to build a US\$1 million scholarship fund by July 1, 2020. The fund is designed to extend financial support to students unable to work during the COVID-19 pandemic.

I Will Stick Around

During the 2019 International Camporee in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, 993 Pathfinders responded in a survey to the statement: “I intend to remain an active Adventist when I am on my own.”

Source: ASTR Research and Evaluation Team in collaboration with Institute of Church Ministry, n = 993



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The percentage of Millennials in the United States who consider regular church attendance important. While attending a brick-and-mortar church has become less important, Millennials (in general) are searching for answers to their existential questions online. Digital evangelism offers a way to connect with people where they are. The *Digital Discipleship and Evangelism* guidebook, published by the North American Division, offers practical suggestions and steps. More training material and ideas are available at CenterforOnlineEvangelism.org.

“The Andrews Bible Commentary is a monumental work produced by outstanding theologians and scholars in a readable, inspirational style that is understandable for the average person.”

—Adventist evangelist Mark Finley, about the new two-volume commentary whose first volume appeared in June 2020. Under the editorial leadership of former Biblical Research Institute (BRI) director Ángel Manuel Rodríguez, 60 international Adventist scholars produced a comprehensive up-to-date resource focusing on the blessed hope.