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Presidents Day 2021

Presidents Day is a federal holiday celebrated on the third Monday in February. Originally established in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington, the holiday became popularly known as Presidents Day after the date was moved as part of 1971's Uniform Monday Holiday Act, an attempt to create more three-day weekends for the nation's workers. While several states still have individual holidays honoring the birthdays of Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and other figures, Presidents Day is now popularly viewed as a day to celebrate all U.S. presidents, past and present.



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It is certainly a good day to pray for our leaders and remember the history of Presidents Day.

Presidents Day History

Comfort for the Day: New Video from Church Support Services

As the death toll from the coronavirus in the U.S. surpasses 465,000, the collective grief of our nation is off the charts. As we hear of more and more friends, church members, and family members who are sick and dying, how do we comfort them? How do we know what to do for the best?

Out of their own loss, Steve and Karen Nicola have forged a ministry for bereavement. The Church Support Services department of the Pacific Union Conference recently released the video “Comfort for the Day” as a resource for you and for your local church. View links to the video is below, along with other resources on grief recovery.

Watch the Video

Resources to Support Families during Covid-19

Beyond Loss - A Bereavement Ministry

Life after Loss

Less Stress, More Worship: A Collaborative Worship Seminar

On Sunday, January 24, three of our conferences collaborated on a Worship Seminar. Northern, Southeastern, and Central California conferences livestreamed “Less Stress, More Worship.” Pastors and church media teams from all three conferences learned about best practices and new technologies to improve livestreaming events with limited resources.

The entire training event was broadcast simultaneously on multiple Facebook pages and YouTube channels. You can



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watch it on the NCC YouTube channel or Facebook page.

[NCC YouTube](#)

[NCC Facebook](#)

February Recorder 2021

The February Recorder is in your homes and available online. As February is Black History Month, it’s an appropriate time for us to begin an important series on Social Justice that will extend over the next few months. Articles for both adults and children begin on pg. 10. The theme this month is “Serve” and the Recorder is filled with stories from local churches, schools, and members around the Pacific Union who are faithful in service. The brand new Spanish Recorder is also available online.

[Recorder Online](#)

“Listen to Each Other” – NAD President’s Black History Month message for 2021

North American Division president G. Alexander Bryant shared his reflections on Black History Month recently. Entitled “Listen to Each Other,” Pastor Bryant invites Adventists in North America to share their own personal story with people from other communities as they seek to better understand the diversity in the church.

[Watch Video](#)

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May we listen to each other and hear each other with open hearts—hearts softened by the word of Christ.

“So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.”
– Romans 10:17

“Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom in the future.”
– Proverbs 19:20