

## Encyclopedia of Seventh-day Adventists (ESDA)

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A brand-new online *Encyclopedia of Seventh-day Adventists* (ESDA) was launched on July 1, 2020. This incredibly valuable resource is the Seventh-day Adventist Church's first online reference work. The ESDA currently contains more than 2,100 articles on Adventist history, crucial events and themes, organizations, entities, institutions, beliefs, and people, more than 3,600 photographs, and a growing collection of videos. Hundreds of new articles and photographs will be added to the ESDA in the upcoming weeks and months, with thousands being added in the months and years ahead. The ESDA draws on the expertise of hundreds of authors and editors worldwide, from many cultures and ethnicities. It is a great tool, not only for those seeking to

learn more about the Adventist Church, but also for those looking to witness to others. Check out the *Encyclopedia of Seventh-day Adventists* at <http://encyclopedia.adventist.org>.

All ESDA articles include bylines for their authors as well as notes and a list of sources. The goal of each article is to provide a primary source-based, honest, open, comprehensive, and rigorous representative of the diversity and richness of Adventism that will be fully understandable to both church members and the public.

We hope that teachers and students will enjoy using the ESDA for research and preparing devotional messages for classes and prayer meetings as well as for sharing about our church's heritage with parents and friends. One of the goals of this encyclopedia is to strengthen the Adventist identity as a fast-growing, worldwide movement. Adventist educators can use this resource as a missional tool to reach

both their students and their communities with the Adventist message.

Look for articles about your school and renowned educators—or you can volunteer to write articles about them if they have not been written yet. We welcome members from all walks of life with expertise on a given subject, not only scholars specializing in history or theology, to contribute articles to the ESDA and to suggest new topics. Browse the **Article** list on the ESDA website and to consider the following suggestions: What are some other topics that merit inclusion in the *Encyclopedia of Seventh-day Adventists*? Is there a largely forgotten person or series of events that you think people should know about? It may be the Adventist work in the country or city in which you were born or live. You may want to suggest an article on a school or ministry or write about Adventists' engagement with an issue such as social activism, religious freedom, or the environment. If you want to suggest a new topic or contribute a new article, please check the **Get Involved** page (<https://encyclopedia.adventist.org/author-materials>) for author's guidelines, and send an e-mail to [encyclopedia@gc.adventist.org](mailto:encyclopedia@gc.adventist.org) or leave a message at the ESDA website (<https://encyclopedia.adventist.org/contact-us>).

We hope you enjoy perusing the new *Encyclopedia of Seventh-day Adventists* at <https://encyclopedia.adventist.org>! ✍️

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